



**EMPOWER YOURSELF,
EMPOWER OTHERS!**

**you can
vote**

WHAT IS YOU CAN VOTE?

- ▶ We increase **voting literacy** and **civic engagement** of North Carolinians.
- ▶ The people we educate are often turned off by partisan politics, are disengaged, or are new to voting. **We help citizens use their voice and build their power.**
- ▶ We are volunteer-based and community-driven. We build the leadership and community partners to **help our neighbors vote every year.**



OUR VISION & MISSION

We envision a representative democracy that reflects the diversity of our state, includes all voices, and aims to serve all North Carolinians.

Our mission to **EDUCATE, REGISTER** and **EMPOWER** all eligible NC voters gets us closer to our vision.

HOW DOES YCV WORK?

Public Education, Training and Leadership:

We train, develop and deploy volunteers to educate voters on the **critical information** they need to become voters:

- ▶ *What* elections are coming up
- ▶ *Why* you should vote
- ▶ *Who* is eligible to vote
- ▶ *When* you can vote
- ▶ *Where* you can vote
- ▶ *How* to make your vote count and be a lifelong, informed voter



VOTER EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT



**#1
PRIORITY NOW
THROUGH
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
OCTOBER 9TH!**

**Get registered at your
current address!**

- ▶ Be sure you are registered at your current address!
- ▶ **Moved since you last voted?** Look yourself up to **confirm, update** or **get registered TODAY** at youcanvote.org/register
- ▶ **Missed the deadline?** You can register and vote at any early voting site in your county.

youcanvote.org/register

- ▶ Distributing Champions Materials & Signing up Champions!
 - ▶ Fridge cards, posters, flow charts, yard signs
- ▶ Social toolkit online
- ▶ Text and phonebanks
- ▶ Voter Registration virtual couch parties for students to register your peers
- ▶ In drive up distribution lines outdoors

**#2
NOW
THROUGH
SEPTEMBER
30TH**

**Complete the census for
your household!**

- ▶ Only 60% of NC has been counted!
- ▶ Billions of dollars in funding for our health, education, safety, and community needs!
- ▶ Additional representation in Congress!

my2020census.gov

Use the fridge card! Phone numbers to call it in both English and Spanish!

**#3
NOW THROUGH
ELECTION DAY**

Education: There are three ways to vote in NC!

- 1. At any early voting site in your county,** even if you missed registration deadline!
- 2. On Election Day** but only at your polling site and only IF you are registered by Oct. 9th.
- 3. Any registered voter can request and submit an absentee ballot,** rules need to be followed exactly and it *needs to be delivered on time.*

youcanvote.org/voting

Help voters make a plan, but know their options.

- ▶ On all of our Champions Materials, posters, fridge cards.
- ▶ Repeat, repeat, repeat!

**#4
NOW THROUGH
ELECTION DAY**

Education: What's on the ballot

- ▶ **Why vote?** The issues you care about are on the ballot locally, statewide and federally.
- ▶ Includes link to VOTE411.org for nonpartisan candidates side-by-sides
- ▶ To look up YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT:
youcanvote.org/lookup

youcanvote.org/wob

- ▶ Social share
- ▶ Classroom share
- ▶ “Class raps”
- ▶ “Zoom” speaking engagements
- ▶ On our Champions materials!

**#5
KNOW YOUR
RIGHTS
NOW - THROUGH
ELECTION DAY**

**Empower Yourself,
Empower Others**

Know Your Rights Guides:
Seniors, military, LGBTQ
people with disabilities,
students, incarcerated, new
citizens/non-English speakers

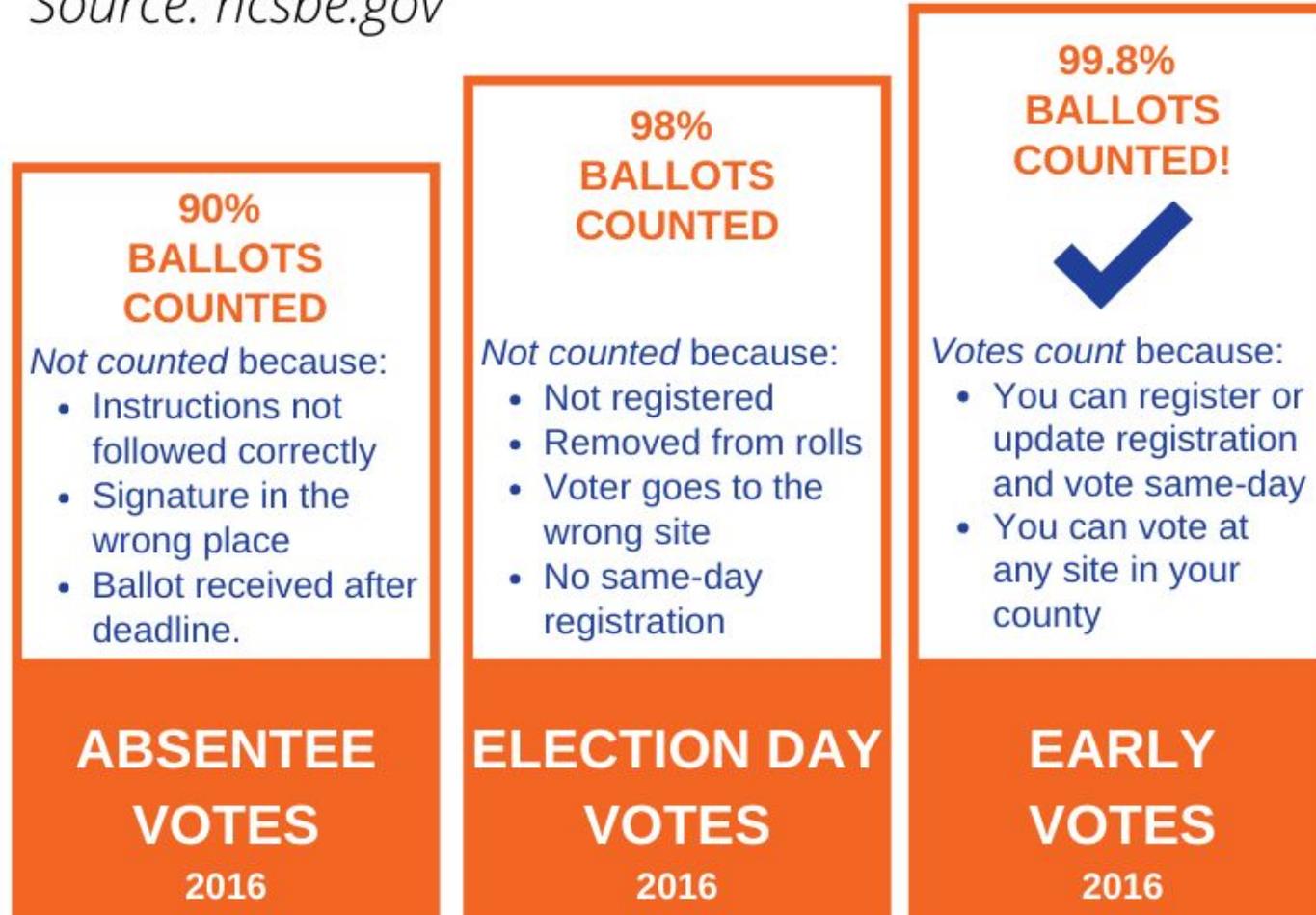


youcanvote.org/trainingdocs

- ▶ Attend a Voter Empowerment Training
- ▶ Social share
- ▶ Partner agencies/constituencies
- ▶ In detention centers, senior centers
- ▶ “Zoom” speaking engagements
- ▶ Download/online training provided

Ballots counted in North Carolina 2016 General Election by voting method

Source: ncsbe.gov



Help voters understand the importance of **MAKING A PLAN TO VOTE EARLY**

- ★ Hours on nights and weekends
- ★ Can fix any problems with registration
- ★ Get registered and vote same day
- ★ Make sure your vote counts!



Vote at any Early Voting site in your county!
youcanvote.org/voting



You can register and vote at any Early Voting site in your county.

**YOU CAN
VOTE
EARLY**

OCTOBER 15-31



★ **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED** to vote on Election Day

★ **YOU MUST GO TO YOUR ASSIGNED POLLING SITE** to vote on Election Day

★ **LOOKUP YOUR REGISTRATION** during Early Voting to make sure you are registered.

Share: youcanvote.org/register



Vote only at your assigned polling site from 6:30am-7:30pm.



Find your site and your ballot: youcanvote.org/lookup

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**2020
ELECTION
DAY**



Voter Hotline for Questions or Problems:
1-888-OUR-VOTE

NO PHOTO ID REQUIRED IN 2020!



- ▶ For voters using same day registration at Early Voting, bring a proof of residency document:

A photo ID, bill, government check, or bank statement that includes your name and your registration address.



HOW TO MOVE BEYOND APATHY & MISCONCEPTIONS

- ▶ **Your voice MATTERS.** Choose candidates who share your values! Local elections are decided by just a few votes.
- ▶ **What do YOU care about?** It is on the ballot in 2020 and in the future. When everyone votes, better decisions are made for our communities.
- ▶ **The Eligible 8 Responses:** Use our tested methods to respectfully help voters understand their right to vote!
 - ▶ youcanvote.org/trainingdocs

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Touch Free at
youcanvote.org/register



WHO CAN REGISTER & VOTE IN NC?

REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶ Be a US citizen.
- ▶ Be 16-years-old to pre-register and 18 by **Election Day to vote.**
- ▶ Live at your residence for at least 30 days before Election Day.
- ▶ Not currently serving a felony sentence or on probation or parole for a felony.



**EVERY TIME YOU
MOVE YOU NEED TO
FILL OUT THE
REGISTRATION FORM**



HOW CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE IN NC?



1. Visit youcanvote.org/register
2. You can **confirm, update, and register to vote**
3. **Fill out and submit** the required information for your voter registration application.
4. **Only voters without an NC ID or Drivers License will be mailed:**
 - Your filled out voter application
 - A stamped envelope that is already addressed
5. **Sign and date your application.**
6. **Put the application back in the envelope, and then into the mailbox.**

*Note: Updated information only applies to your voter registration, NOT your voter ID!

VOTERS WHO HAVE NC DMV ID AND FULL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

- ▶ Everything can be done online, except for name change.
- ▶ No signature required
- ▶ Follow steps carefully!

1. Select "NC VOTER REGISTRATION"



Registration Options

Great news! Your state offers online voter registration! If you have a valid state driver's license or DMV-issued ID then use the state website to register:

[NC VOTER REGISTRATION](#)

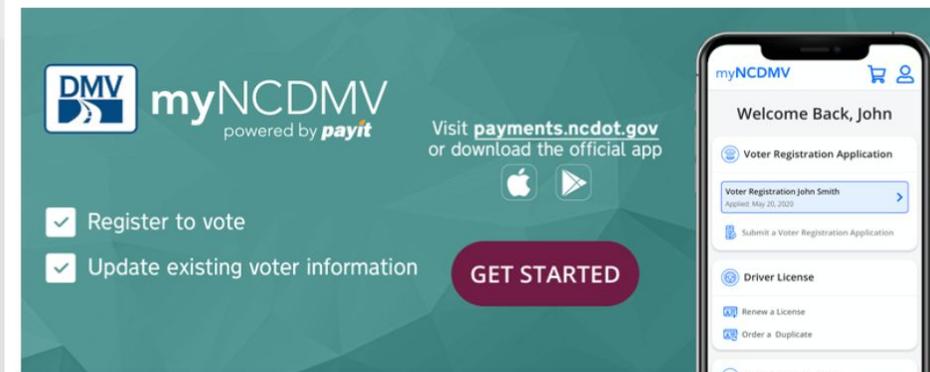
If not, we can still help you register:

[CONTINUE](#)

[go back](#)

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Voter Registration Application



You may apply to register to vote online. Click the button below to complete an application for new voter registration or to update your address or party affiliation. Updated information will only apply to your voter registration.

Please note: There is no fee to apply for voter registration through the PayIt online service and you do not need to create an account with PayIt. Select "Continue as a guest" to bypass creating an account.

Once the online application is complete, it is sent to the N.C. State Board of Elections, which handles voter registrations.

If there are any issues with the application or if more information is needed, your county board of elections will contact you to complete the process. Voter registration applications submitted fewer than 25 days before an election will not be processed until after the election. You may still register to vote in person using same-day registration in your county during the early voting period.



[Go to Voter Registration Application](#) →

2. Select "Go to Voter Registration Application"



Welcome to myNCDMV.

An official app of the North Carolina
Division of Motor Vehicles

Continue to myNCDMV Services

-  Renew a Vehicle Registration
-  Pay Limited Registration Taxes
-  Order a Duplicate Registration,
Change of Address
-  Order a Special or Personalized Plate
-  Driver License Renewals
-  Duplicate License & ID Cards
-  Submit Voter Registration Application

3. Select “Continue to myNCDMV Services”

Continue with your email

Sign in with Apple



Continue with Facebook



Continue with Google



Don't want to sign up? [Continue as a guest](#)

4. Select “Continue as Guest”

Let's get started.

Select a service below to find your accounts and pay your bills.



Driver License



Renew a License



Order a Duplicate



Vehicle Registration



Renew Registration & Pay
Property Tax



Pay Property Tax-New
Vehicle



Order a Duplicate
Registration, Change
Address



Order a Special or
Personalized Plate



Voter Registration Application



Submit a Voter Registration
Application



Please enter your North Carolina Driver License or DMV-issued ID Card number, Social Security number (SSN), and date of birth.

If you do not have a valid North Carolina Driver License or DMV-issued ID Card, you can download a voter registration application and submit it to the State Board of Elections.

Download Voter Registration Application



Cancel

Record Look-Up

Submit

North Carolina Driver License or DMV-Issued ID Card Number

Social Security Number

Date of Birth



5. Select “Submit Voter Registration Application”

6. Enter your NC ID Card, Social Security number and your voter registration information.

Changes only applies to your registration, not your ID!

VOTERS WHO DO NOT HAVE NC ID OR FULL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Great news! Your state offers online voter registration!
If you have a valid state driver's license or DMV-issued ID then use the state website to register:

[NC VOTER REGISTRATION](#)

If not, we can still help you register:

CONTINUE

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1. Select "CONTINUE"

2. Submit your info

3. Check your mail!

How to Use This Registration Form

1. Fill out and submit the required information for your voter registration application. 
2. Only voters without an NC ID or Drivers License will be mailed:
 - Your filled out voter application 
 - A stamped envelope that is already addressed
3. Sign and date your application. 
4. Put the application back in the envelope, and then into the mailbox. 

[IF YOU'RE A STUDENT, CLICK HERE FOR CAMPUS-SPECIFIC INFO](#)



VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGES

- ▶ NOW is the time to **make sure you are registered to vote!**
 - ▶ EVERY TIME YOU MOVE you need to re-register.
 - ▶ Voters with NC Driver's License or DMV-issued ID card can use 100% online option to update address, change party affiliation, or register for the first time.
 - ▶ Voters without ID can begin form online and will be mailed a form to sign and a pre-addressed stamped envelope!
 - ▶ It is an easy, free and quick process.
- ▶ TARGET LINK: youcanvote.org/getregistered



PAPER VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

1. Visit youcanvote.org/paper-registration
2. Download the **voter registration application**.
3. Complete ALL pink required sections and provide EITHER your driver's license number OR last four digits of social security number if you are able to.
4. Mail or deliver registration to your local county board of elections: youcanvote.org/BOE



VOTER REGISTRATION LAWS

It is illegal to in any way alter or forge a voter registration application. Examples:

- ▶ Never fill out missing information after the voter has signed the form.
- ▶ Neither you nor voter can sign a form on behalf of another person.
- ▶ Neither you nor voter can make up information.
- ▶ You can never offer anything of value to complete an application.

ABSENTEE VOTING (Vote-By-Mail) Overview & Process





ABSENTEE VOTING (Vote-By-Mail)

- ▶ **Any registered voter in NC can request an absentee ballot.** No excuse is required. The voter's family member can also request a ballot for the voter.
 - ▶ Near Relatives: spouse, sibling, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, in-laws, step-parent, step-child can request ballot for each other, and turn in ballot for each other.
- ▶ Blank copies of the request form can be distributed, but volunteers cannot submit those forms.
- ▶ **You are allowed to request ballot, but not use it.** Either disregard it or complete and drop off at EV site, to your County Board of Elections. *Cannot vote both methods in the same election!
- ▶ **2-STEP PAPERWORK PROCESS: Request** the Ballot then **Return** the Ballot.
 - ▶ **Request yours now.** Read instructions carefully!
 - ▶ youcanvote.org/mail



If you plan to vote by mail, plan ahead.

Voter Information Required	1	Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Suffix (Jr, Sr, II, III, IV) _____ Former Name (If name has changed) _____
Voter Identification Required	2	Date of Birth _____ ALSO: Either NC Driver's License/NC DMV ID Number _____ Or Last four digits of voter's Social Security number _____
Your NC Residential Address Required	3	If you have lived at this address less than 30 days, when did you move here? (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Street _____ City _____ State NC Zip Code _____ County _____ If you do not receive mail at this address, provide your full mailing address: Mailing Address _____
Where do you want your ballot mailed?	4	If you leave this section blank, your ballot will be sent to your mailing address, or if none is listed, to your residential address above. Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Information	5	We will use your contact information if we have a question about this request. Phone _____ Email _____
Requesting an absentee ballot for a relative? If yes, provide the information required	6	If you are a voter's near relative or legal guardian and are requesting an absentee ballot for that voter, provide your name, address and relationship to the voter (see instructions). Also, you must sign in Section 9 below. Near relative or Legal Guardian's name (print) _____ Relationship to Voter _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Are you helping a voter complete this form? If yes, you are required by law to complete this section.	7	Complete this section if you are assisting a voter who is blind, disabled, or unable to read or write, but are not a near relative or legal guardian. The voter must sign or make their mark. (If a MAT assisted, complete this section.) Assistant's full name (print below): _____ Assistant's address: _____ _____ If the voter is a patient in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home and the voter needs assistance with voting and returning the ballot, provide the name and address of the hospital or facility here: _____
If you are Military and/or Overseas (UOCAVA)	8	Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or eligible spouse/dependent <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. citizen outside the United States <input type="checkbox"/> Address where you are stationed or living overseas: _____ I would like my ballot delivered to my: Email or Online <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing address <input type="checkbox"/> Fax number: <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Signature Required	9	Voter sign and date here Near relative or Legal Guardian (if applicable) sign and date here X _____ Date _____ x _____ Date _____
Continued Request	10	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you would like to request absentee ballots for other possible elections in 2020 due to your continued or expected illness or disability.

1. The name will be used to update your voter record. Suffix is not required if you don't have one.

2. One of the following identification numbers needed:
 North Carolina driver's license or ID card
 Last four digits of social security number

3. This is your registration address, where you are a registered voter and have lived for 30 days prior to November 3rd.
 Enter mailing address if you don't get mail where you live.

2020 ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM

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Voter Information Required	1	Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Suffix (Jr, Sr, II, III, IV) _____ Former Name (If name has changed) _____
Voter Identification Required	2	Date of Birth _____ ALSO: Either NC Driver's License/NC DMV ID Number _____ Or Last four digits of voter's Social Security number _____
Your NC Residential Address Required	3	If you have lived at this address less than 30 days, when did you move here? (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Street _____ City _____ State <u>NC</u> Zip Code _____ County _____ If you do not receive mail at this address, provide your full mailing address: Mailing Address _____
Where do you want your ballot mailed?	4	If you leave this section blank, your ballot will be sent to your mailing address, or if none is listed, to your residential address above. Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
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If you are Military and/or Overseas (UOCAVA)	8	Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or eligible spouse/dependent <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. citizen outside the United States Address where you are stationed or living overseas: _____ I would like my ballot delivered to my: <input type="checkbox"/> Email or Online _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing address _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fax number: _____
Signature Required	9	Voter sign and date here X _____ Date _____ Near relative or Legal Guardian (if applicable) sign and date here x _____ Date _____
Continued	10	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you would like to request absentee ballots for other possible elections in 2020 due to your

4. This is where you want your ballot sent, if different from your registration address.

5. Phone number and email if you have it are important for the Board of Elections to contact you if there are problems or questions with your request.

6. *Only* to be completed if you are a legal guardian or near relative requesting this form on behalf of the voter.

7. *Only* fill this out if you are assisting someone who is unable to complete this form and you are not the near relative or legal guardian.

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Signature Required	9	Voter sign and date here X _____ Date _____ Near relative or Legal Guardian (if applicable) sign and date here x _____ Date _____
Continued Request	10	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you would like to request absentee ballots for other possible elections in 2020 due to your continued or expected illness or disability.

VOTER OR NEAR RELATIVE / LEGAL GUARDIAN RETURNS COMPLETED FORM TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS:
By mail, email, in-person or fax.
→ youcanvote.org/BOE

Don't delay... Request yours today!

8. Only complete if you are a military or overseas voter.

9. The form must be signed by the voter OR the near relative or legal guardian. A typed signature is not allowed.



Absentee Voting Instructions 2020 General Election

[County name] County, North Carolina

**BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED
STARTING SEPTEMBER 4
Voters can expect the following**

What's inside

Your materials for the **11/3/2020 election** are enclosed.

They include the following:

- your official ballot
- these instructions
- your return envelope

Nov 3, 2020	Election Day Deadline to return your ballot in person to the county board of elections office by 5pm
Nov 6, 2020	Deadline for ballots postmarked by November 3, 2020
\$0.55	Return postage required

Oct 27th is the new advice!



Before you begin – get your witness. You must vote your ballot in the presence of a witness:

Anyone who is 18 years of age or older can be a witness except a candidate (unless the candidate is your near relative or legal guardian).

For additional requirements see **Choosing your witness** on the back side of this paper.

	Street Address 123 Main Street YourTown, NC 99999	Mailing Address PO Box 12345 YourTown, NC 99999
	CBE phone	
	[county].email	

Mark, seal, sign and return your ballot by Election Day

1 Mark your ballot

- Mark your ballot in the presence of your witness.
- You may receive assistance in marking your ballot.
- Your witness should observe that you mark the ballot, not how you vote.

2 Seal your ballot

- Put your ballot into the envelope.
- Seal the envelope.
- Don't put anything else into the envelope.

3 Sign the back of the envelope

- Sign your name on **Step 2** on the back of the envelope.

4 Witness, sign the back of the envelope

- Have your witness **print** their name and address, and sign **Step 3** on the back of the envelope.

5 Assistant, sign the back of the envelope (if necessary)

- If someone helped you mark your ballot, or due to a disability, you need someone other than you or a near relative/legal guardian to mail your ballot, they must **print** their name and address, and sign the Voter Assistant Certification on the back of the envelope.

6 Check any optional requests

- If you are voting an absentee ballot for a partisan primary or in an election that may be subject to runoff, check the box on the flap on the back of the envelope if you would like to automatically receive a ballot for a potential second primary or a runoff.

*Turn this page over for information about **returning your ballot**, who to **choose for your witness**, and **checklist** to review before you return your ballot.*





Official Ballot Return Envelope

Drop off your ballot:

- at your county board of elections by 5 pm on November 3.
- at an early voting location in your county.

Or, mail your ballot so that it is postmarked by November 3.

Board of Elections Chair
Buncombe County
P.O. Box 7468
Asheville, NC 28802-7468



First-Class
Postage
Required



- ← **Do not turn in at your Election Day polling site**
- ← **You can turn in at Early Voting, but need to go in & sign for dropping off form**
- ← **Best to get it postmarked by Oct 27th!**

County Board use only

Absentee application and certificate

Step 1: Get your witness ready.

You must have one witness who is nearby when you mark your ballot.

Anyone who is 18 years of age or older can be a witness except a candidate (unless the candidate is your near relative or legal guardian).

If you are a patient or resident in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult care home, your witness certifies they are not:

- An owner, manager, director, or employee, of a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home in which you are a patient or resident.
- A person who holds any federal, state, or local elective office.
- A person who holds office in a state, congressional district, county or precinct political party or organization, or who is a campaign manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party.

Step 2: Voter, sign and complete below.

As a Voter, my signature below means I certify that I:

- am registered to vote in this county.
- will have lived at my address listed here at least 30 days before this election.
- am a US citizen.
- am at least 18, or will be by this election.
- have not been convicted of a felony or if I have been convicted of a felony I have completed my sentence, including probation, post release supervision and parole.
- understand it is a felony to vote more than once in an election.

I marked the enclosed ballot or it was marked for me according to my instructions.

Voter, sign here.

X

Name correction (if applicable):

Step 3: Witness, sign and complete below.

As the Witness, my signature below means I certify that I:

- meet the qualifications outlined in Step 1.
- confirm the Voter marked the enclosed ballot in my presence, or caused it to be marked in my presence according to their instructions.
- respected the secrecy of the ballot and the Voter's privacy, unless I assisted the Voter at their request.

Witness, print name:

Address:

Witness signature: x

If needed, Voter assistant certification.

Only required if the Voter has received assistance in marking the ballot or needs assistance mailing the ballot.

As the Voter's Assistant, my signature below means I certify that:

- the Voter asked for my help.
- I helped mark the ballot and/or the Absentee Application and Certificate according to the Voter's instruction.
- I assisted only while in the Voter's presence.
- I am the Voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or I am providing assistance because a near relative or legal guardian is unavailable to assist the Voter and I am not disqualified from assisting the Voter.
- I understand that individuals who are disqualified from serving as a witness as described in Step 1 are also disqualified from serving as the Voter's assistant.
- If the Voter indicated they have a disability that prevents them from mailing the ballot, I will place the sealed absentee return envelope in the closest U.S. Mail depository or mailbox.

Assistant, print name:

Address:

Assistant signature: x

Before you return your ballot, make sure:

- Your ballot is marked and inside this envelope.
- You signed and completed Step 2.
- Your witness signed and completed Step 3.
- If an assistant helped with voting or mailing, they signed and completed the Voter Assistant Certification.
- If mailing, you have applied your postage stamp.

In the event that a second primary or runoff is called, please automatically mail me an absentee ballot for that election.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes. If you have questions about completing your absentee ballot, you may call 866-666-6666.

Absentee application and certificate

Step 1: Get your witness ready.

You must have one witness who is nearby when you mark your ballot.

Anyone who is 18 years of age or older can be a witness except a candidate (unless the candidate is your near relative or legal guardian).

If you are a patient or resident in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult care home, your witness certifies they are not:

- An owner, manager, director, or employee, of a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home in which you are a patient or resident.
- A person who holds any federal, state, or local elective office.
- A person who holds office in a state, congressional district, county or precinct political party or organization, or who is a campaign manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party.

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- will have lived at my address listed here at least 30 days before this election.
- am a US citizen.
- am at least 18, or will be by this election.
- have not been convicted of a felony or if I have been convicted of a felony I have completed my sentence, including probation, post release supervision and parole.
- understand it is a felony to vote more than once in an election.

I marked the enclosed ballot or it was marked for me according to my instructions.

Voter, sign here.

X

Name correction (if applicable):

WITNESS REQUIREMENTS:

Anyone over 18 who is not a candidate for office.

If the voter is a patient or resident in a facility, **witness must not be:**

- Owner, management or employee of the facility
- A person who holds elected office
- A party official or campaign treasurer, manager

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Step 1: Get your witness ready.

You must have one witness who is nearby when you mark your ballot. Anyone who is 18 years of age or older can be a witness except a candidate (unless the candidate is your near relative or legal guardian).

- An owner, manager, director, or employee, of a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home in which you are a patient or resident.
- A person who holds any federal, state, or local elective office.
- A person who holds office in a state, congressional district, county or precinct political party or organization, or who is a campaign manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party.

If you are a patient or resident in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult care home, your witness certifies they are not:

Step 2: Voter, sign and complete below.

As a Voter, my signature below means I certify that I:

- am registered to vote in this county.
- have not been convicted of a felony or if I have been convicted of a felony I have completed my sentence, including probation, post release supervision and parole.
- am a US citizen.
- am at least 18, or will be by this election.
- understand it is a felony to vote more than once in an election.

I marked the enclosed ballot or it was marked for me according to my instructions.

Voter, sign here.

X

Name correction (if applicable):

Step 3: Witness, sign and complete below.

As the Witness, my signature below means I certify that I:

- meet the qualifications outlined in Step 1.
- confirm the Voter marked the enclosed ballot in my presence, or caused it to be marked in my presence according to their instructions.
- respected the secrecy of the ballot and the Voter's privacy, unless I assisted the Voter at their request.

Witness, print name:

Address:

Witness signature: x

If needed, Voter assistant certification.

Only required if the Voter has received assistance in marking the ballot or needs assistance mailing the ballot.

As the Voter's Assistant, my signature below means I certify that:

- the Voter asked for my help.
- I helped mark the ballot and/or the Absentee Application and Certificate according to the Voter's instruction.
- I assisted only while in the Voter's presence.
- I am the Voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or I am providing assistance because a near relative or legal guardian is unavailable to assist the Voter and I am not disqualified from assisting the Voter.
- I understand that individuals who are disqualified from serving as a witness as described in Step 1 are also disqualified from serving as the Voter's assistant.
- If the Voter indicated they have a disability that prevents them from mailing the ballot, I will place the sealed absentee return envelope in the closest U.S. Mail depository or mailbox.

Assistant, print name:

Address:

Assistant signature: x

Before you return your ballot, make sure:

- Your ballot is marked and inside this envelope.
- You signed and completed Step 2.
- Your witness signed and completed Step 3.
- If an assistant helped with voting or mailing, they signed and completed the Voter Assistant Certification.
- If mailing, you have applied your postage stamp.

- In the event that a second ballot is needed, please automatically mail me an absentee ballot for that election.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under the provisions of the General Statutes. If you have questions about completing your absentee ballot, you may call xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Step 3: Witness, sign and complete below.

As the Witness, my signature below means I certify that I:

- meet the qualifications outlined in Step 1.
- confirm the Voter marked the enclosed ballot in my presence, or caused it to be marked in my presence according to their instructions.
- respected the secrecy of the ballot and the Voter's privacy, unless I assisted the Voter at their request.

Witness, print name:

Address:

Witness signature: x

If needed, Voter assistant certification.

Only required if the Voter has received assistance in marking the ballot or needs assistance mailing the ballot.

As the Voter's Assistant, my signature below means I certify that:

- the Voter asked for my help.
- I helped mark the ballot and/or the Absentee Application and Certificate according to the Voter's instruction.
- I assisted only while in the Voter's presence.
- I am the Voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or I am providing assistance because a near relative or legal guardian is unavailable to assist the Voter and I am not disqualified from assisting the Voter.
- I understand that individuals who are disqualified from serving as a witness as described in Step 1 are also disqualified from serving as the Voter's assistant.
- If the Voter indicated they have a disability that prevents them from mailing the ballot, I will place the sealed absentee return envelope in the closest U.S. Mail depository or mailbox.

Assistant, print name:

Address:

Assistant signature: x

ASSISTANT

Only required if voter receives assistant in marking the ballots or assistance in mailing the ballot

Rules for witness apply to assistant

"If the voter indicated they have a disability that prevents them from mailing the ballot, I will place in closest U.S. Mail box."



BALLOTS WILL BE TRACKED

- ▶ When your ballot arrives to BOE, your voter lookup will be updated status:
youcanvote.org/lookup
 - ▶ Received, accepted, rejected, etc.
 - ▶ Any problems, your county BOE will contact you with the opportunity to “cure” it
- ▶ **For ballots to be accepted they must:**
 - ▶ **Arrive by 5pm on Election Day or**
 - ▶ **Be postmarked by Nov. 3 and arrive by Nov. 6**
- ▶ For timely delivery, plan ahead to ensure it arrives in time. Accepted by other carriers (FedEx, UPS) but that costs money and does not include a postmark!
- ▶ **Best plan:** Vote Early in person or Vote Early by sending back your absentee ballot as soon as possible. Flatten the curve of ballots arriving to your county BOE

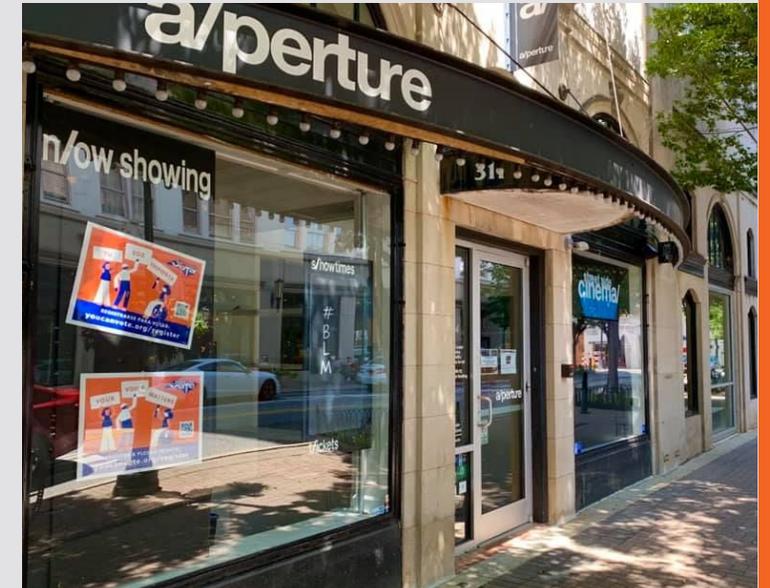
**PUTTING IT ALL
TOGETHER**



VOTING RIGHTS CHAMPIONS!



- ▶ Safe social distance education materials & virtual tools
 - ▶ youcanvote.org/champions
- ▶ Organizations need to affirm/agree on how materials will be distributed & learn basics of how to educate voters (what to say & not to say!)



UPDATED FAQ DOCUMENT—2020 YCV QUESTIONS & ANSWERS!



- ▶ Empower yourself & others! Get answers to the most common voting questions, myths, & confusion!
- ▶ Sample Questions
 - ▶ Will I have to show an ID to vote?
 - ▶ How do I vote absentee-by-mail in NC?
 - ▶ How will I know if my absentee ballot was received and counted?
 - ▶ If I'm a student registered to vote at my college and forced to return home due to COVID-19 how do I vote?
- ▶ DOWNLOAD: youcanvote.org/trainingdocs

Visit youcanvote.org/voter-guide for more info.



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EMPOWER.

QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKED

In the months leading up to elections, questions arise on all sides. The closer the election appears, the more important the offices at stake, the more questions, and the more heated their discussion. The 2020 election season promises to be very heated, and people may be reluctant to raise issues that concern them, even very important issues, because they want to avoid fights with people who are, or turn out to be, partisan.

Because You Can Vote is strictly non-partisan, people know they can count on our staff and volunteers to help them with questions, even touchy and sensitive questions, that they would not ask people who might be partisan. Here are some questions you may be asked and some suggested responses:

- 1. Will I have to show an ID to vote?**

No. Photo ID not required to vote in 2020! The only voters who need to bring identification are:

 - New voters who didn't list an ID number or last 4 digits of their Social Security Number on their registration application. Bring any photo ID or a utility bill, bank statement, online bill, pay stub or government document with your current address on it.
 - Voters who register and vote at the same time during Early Voting. If you use same-day registration, be sure to bring a document (or online bill) with your name and current address: bank statement, utility bill, pay stub, drivers license or government document.
- 2. How do I vote absentee-by-mail in NC?**
 - You need to be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot (confirm, update or get registered at youcanvote.org/register).
 - It's a two-step process. The voter or the voter's near relative or legal guardian must complete, sign, and return the NC Absentee Ballot Request Form (near relative = spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild). NOW is a good time to request your absentee ballot. The deadline for requests is October 27th, but we recommend requesting your ballot sooner rather than later.
 - Once you receive your ballot (ballots begin arriving in September), you will need 1 witness to sign your completed ballot and will need to mail it back using 55 cents in postage or hand-deliver to any early voting site.
 - Return your completed absentee ballot by mail to your county board of elections as soon as you receive it but it must be postmarked by 5PM on Election Day-November 3rd.

More Info: youcanvote.org/mail

youcanvote.org
As of July 2020

SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT



- ▶ Sample posts & graphics you can download & use on your own social media channels
- ▶ Social Media Pushes
 - ▶ Take the Pledge to Vote 2020
 - ▶ Get Registered to Vote Online
 - ▶ Become a Voting Rights Champion
 - ▶ Get Your Voter Empowerment Training
 - ▶ Know What's On Your Ballot
- ▶ DOWNLOAD: youcanvote.org/handouts

BECOME A VOTING RIGHTS CHAMPION
URL: [YOUCANVOTE.ORG/CHAMPIONS](https://youcanvote.org/champions)

NONPROFITS
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
BUSINESSES

WANT A PLEDGE TO VOTE?
youcanvote.org/register

SAMPLE POST #1
Want a stack of free YCV materials to share with your community or at your location? Sign up to become a Voting Rights Champion! #Vote2020
youcanvote.org/champions

SAMPLE POST #2
Are you a community-based organization and fired up to get your constituents the info they need to #Vote2020? We've got you covered.
Become a Voting Rights Champion and we'll stock you up!
youcanvote.org/champions

GRAPHICS DOWNLOAD

UPCOMING EVENTS





PHONE & TEXT BANKS ARE BACK!



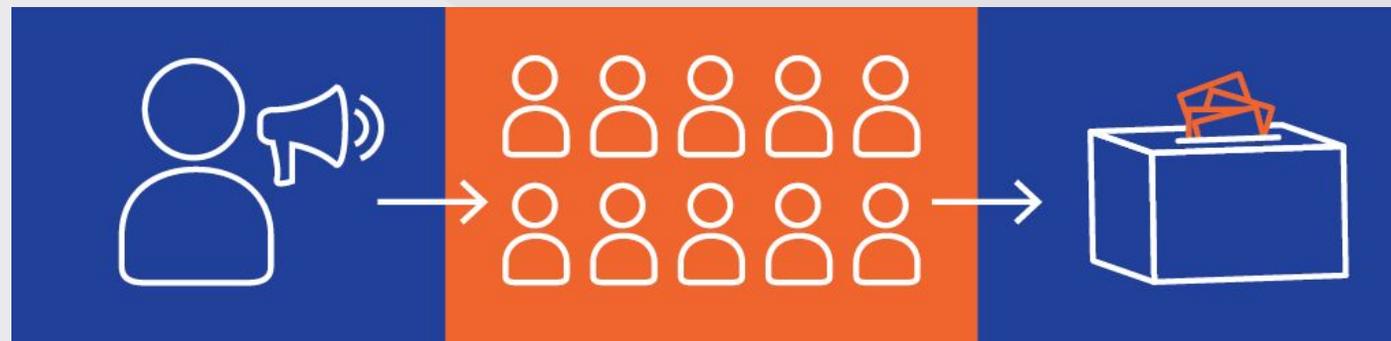
PREREQUISITE: 2020 Virtual Voter Empowerment Training

- ▶ Calls to potentially unregistered voters to share YCV registration tool
- ▶ You Can Vote “dialer” means you speak to more people & your number doesn’t show up on caller ID
- ▶ Email or text them the link to youcanvote.org/register right from the phone bank
- ▶ We can see the registrations coming in based on these calls!
- ▶ Just need a computer and a phone, from HOME!



ACTION STEPS YOU CAN TAKE!

- ▶ Invite a YCV speaker to virtual speaking engagements
- ▶ Join us for monthly #Vote2020 webinars & twice weekly trainings (encourage everyone to attend a training!)
 - ▶ youcanvote.org/events
- ▶ Sign up as staging location/materials assembly team/business outreach. **Watch for sign-ups on Weekly-Wednesday email!**
- ▶ Follow/share social media [@youcanvotenc](https://twitter.com/youcanvotenc)





REGISTER & PLEDGE TO VOTE!
youcanvote.org/register

IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?
EMAIL VOTE@YOUCANVOTE.ORG