



The 2025-2026 LWV-VA Challenge for High School Voter Registration Has Started!

The deadline for the 2025-2026 Challenge to end is May 29, 2026.

The LWV-VA Challenge for High School Voter Registration began in 2016

To recognize those Virginia high schools that have established the most robust programs to register the most students!

- The 2025-2026 program will recognize every high school across the Commonwealth that meets a set of criteria established to assist a high school develop a robust program to register their students.
- Students can participate in the Challenge by using their school's unique URL found here: <https://my.lwv.org/virginia/voting/high-school-voter-registration>. Students without a DMV ID (driver's license, learner's permit or other ID) need to apply on paper forms. For information on the recognition criteria, as well as how to obtain and return paper forms, email voterservices@lwv-va.org.
- Virginia law requires that schools must assist eligible students to register. Again, we can help you accomplish that – just email us!

What Are the Prerequisites for Registering to Vote in Virginia?

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of Virginia.
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.
- Be at least 18 years of age by the next general election
 - Seventeen-year-olds who turn 18 years of age on or before the next general election (November 3, 2026) can register now.
 - Seventeen-year-olds who are registered to vote can vote in any intervening primary or special election in Virginia!
 - Sixteen-year-olds can preregister now and will automatically be registered to vote as soon as they reach the qualified age.
- Have had voting rights restored if ever convicted of a felony.
- Have had capacity restored if ever declared mentally incapacitated in a Circuit Court