How to Register to Vote in New York City
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- The instructions that follow are for filling out the voter registration form for New York State. This is a paper form. On-line registration is only available for those with a current driver’s license, permit, or non-drivers ID, through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). See the LWVNYC guide How to Register to Vote in New York Online through the DMV for instructions. Otherwise, you must use a paper form.

- For information about your current registration, use the Registered Voter Search, https://www.nycvotersearch.com/. See the LWVNYC guide How to Look up your Voter Registration in New York City for instructions. Also, see the NYC Board of Elections website https://vote.nyc/ for updated information on elections and deadlines, phone numbers and translations.

- The voter registration form from the NYC Board of Elections can be found at: https://vote.nyc/sites/default/files/pdf/forms/voterreg/Voter_Registration_2020_English_WEB.pdf Note that this form is legal sized, so to print it you will either need to use legal sized paper or shrink it down to letter sized using your printer settings. We have also provided a compressed letter sized version of the form at the end of this guide.

  The NYC Board of Elections voter registration form also includes a postage paid return address on the second page. (The NY State Board of Elections does not.)


  Once this form is completed, you will need to print it out (note it is also on legal sized paper), sign and date it, and mail it in.

- Completed forms should be mailed to:

  Board of Elections
  32 Broadway, 7 Fl
  New York, NY  10004-1609

  or to the Borough offices shown on second page of the form. Your form must be delivered or mailed at least 25 days before the next election for it to be effective for that election.

Note: Registration Forms are also available at the BOE Borough offices and at other locations, such as libraries, post offices and most NYC government agencies. However, stay-at-home restrictions currently mean many of these places are closed. You can also request a form by mail at https://www.elections.ny.gov/VoterRegSite/VoterRegistration, but we caution there may be delays. For assistance, please email the LWVNYC office at office@lwvnyc.org or call 212-725-3541. The LWVNYC also maintains a supply of registration forms and can mail one to you.
Instructions for Filling out the Voter Registration Form

Use Blue or Black Pen!!!
Forms filled out with any other colors, or pencil, will not be processed

Guidelines. Check the guidelines: “To register you must” on the left. Take note of “Verifying your identity” on the right.

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To register you must:
• be a US citizen;
• be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until you are 18);
• not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction (unless parole or pardon has restored rights of citizenship);
• not claim the right to vote elsewhere;
• not found to be incompetent by a court.

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Questions?
Call your County Board of Elections listed on the back of this form or 1-800-FOR-VOTE (TDD/TTY Dial 711)
Find answers or tools on our website www.elections.ny.gov

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If we are unable to verify your identity before Election Day, you will be asked for ID when you vote for the first time.

Organ Donation. On the physical form and the second page of the printed out form there is a section for Organ Donation. It is not part of the voter registration, but please consider donating!

(Optional) Register to donate your organs and tissues
If you would like to be an organ and tissue donor upon your death, you may enroll in the NYS Donate Life™Registry online at www.donatelife.ny.gov or complete the form below.
You will receive a confirmation email or letter, which will also provide you an opportunity to limit your donation.

By signing below, you certify that you are:
• 16 years of age or older;
• consenting to donate all of your organs and tissues for transplantation, research, or both;
• authorizing the Board of Elections to provide your name and identifying information to NYS Donate Life™Registry for enrollment;
• and authorizing the Registry to give access to this information to federally regulated organ procurement organizations and NYS-licensed tissue and eye banks and others approved by the NYS Commissioner of Health upon your death.

Sign
Date
Answering the questions on the 2020 form

**Qualifications**

Q1. You may only register to vote if you are a citizen.

Q2. A. If you will be at least 18 years old by election day (for 2020, either the primary held on June 23, or the general election on Nov. 3), check Yes. You must be at least 18 years old to vote in any election.

Q2. B. If you are at least 16 years old, you may pre-register to vote, and your registration will become active when you turn 18. Check Yes, if you are at least 16 currently, but note that you must be at least 18 years old to vote in any election.

**Your name and information**

Q3. You should write in your name as it appears on the form of identification that you provide for question 13.

Q4. The birthdate **IS NOT** optional.

Q5. Gender **IS** optional.

Q6 and Q7. Although phone and email are optional, we at the LWVNYC STRONGLY ADVISE people to fill out this information in case the Board of Elections needs to follow up with questions.
Q8. This is the address that determines your polling place, so it should be a permanent address of sorts. It needs to be a physical address, not a P.O. Box, but it does not need to be a conventional apartment or house (it can be a street corner, for example). Students have the option of registering either where they go to school, away from “home”, or the “home” where their family is.

Counties in New York City are as follows:

Manhattan - New York County
Bronx - Bronx County
Brooklyn - Kings County
Queens - Queens County
Staten Island - Richmond County

Only answer Q9 if you don’t get mail reliably at the address you list on Q8. Your registration will be confirmed by a mailing from the Board of Elections to this address. IF this mailing comes back “undelivered” your registration will not be active. The address provide in Q9 can be a relative, P.O. Box or community organization and does not need to be in state.
### Voting Information and Identification

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<tr>
<th><strong>Voting history</strong></th>
<th>10 Have you voted before?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
<th>11 What year?</th>
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<th><strong>Voting information that has changed</strong></th>
<th>12 Your name was</th>
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<td>Skip if this has not changed or you have not voted before</td>
<td>Your address was</td>
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### Identification

**You must make 1 selection**

For questions, please refer to **Verifying your identity above**.

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**Q10 and Q11. Voting History.** These are to help the Board of Elections locate a prior registration. If you answer NO to Q10, then skip Q11 and Q12. If you don’t remember when you voted last, make a reasonable estimate.

**Q12. Name or address changes.** Note the information provide in Q12 is the previous names or addresses (“Your name was” “Your address was”). Current information is written in Q3, Q8 and Q9. For line 3, if you moved from outside of NY State, indicate the state only, and if you moved from inside of NY State, indicate both the county and the state.

**Q13. Identification.** Answer by checking one of the first two boxes, if you have one of those two types of information, and write in either your full DMV number (driver’s license number or non-driver ID number) or the the last 4 digits of your social security number (do NOT write in your full SSN!). If you check the third box, you will be asked to verify your identity the first time you vote, as described on the blue box on the top part of the form under “Verifying your identity”. Note that NY State does not require identification to vote and that this information is to verify your identity. Anyone helping you fill out the form is not asked to review the form of identification that you provide.
Q14. We at the LWVNYC encourage you to enroll in a political party because New York State is a Closed Primary State, which means that you may only vote in a party’s primary election if you are enrolled in that party.

If you do not want to enroll in a political party, check “No party”. NOTE: The Independence Party is a particular party and by checking that box you are not saying that you are an “independent” voter. Only by checking “No party” are you indicating that you are an “independent” voter.

Q15. If you would like to apply for an Absentee ballot or be an Election Day worker, you can check these boxes, however we recommend that follow up to ensure that these requests have been processed and/or apply separately. See the LWVNYC guide How to Apply for an Absentee Ballot in New York City for instructions. For information on becoming Election Day Worker, click on Poll Workers at the top of the www.vote.nyc website.

Make sure you Sign and Date!

Write your signature as you will write it at the poll site or on an absentee ballot. The rest of the form may be filled out with assistance, but the applicant must sign and date the form him/her/themselves.

Mail the form either to the main Board of Elections office or to the Borough offices, which are both shown on the last page of this guide. The main advantage in sending it to the main office is that you can use the postage paid feature, but otherwise we recommend sending the forms directly to the Borough offices.

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There are certain cases in which your identity cannot be verified before Election Day; you will be asked for ID when you vote the first time.

## Qualifications
1. **Are you a citizen of the U.S.?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

2. **Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote, and that until you are 18 years of age at the time of such election your registration will be marked “pence” and you will be unable to cast a ballot in any election?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

If you answer No to both of the prior questions, you cannot register to vote.

## Your name
3. **First name**
4. **Last name**

5. **Suffix**

6. **Middle initial**

7. **Phone**

8. **Email**

## The address where you live
9. **Address (not P.O. box)**
   - Apt.
   - City/Town/Village
   - Zip Code
   - New York State County

10. **Have you voted before?**
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No

11. **What year?**

## Voting history
12. **Your name was**
13. **Your address was**
14. **Your previous state or New York State County was**

## Identification
15. **New York State DMV number**
16. **Last four digits of your Social Security number**
17. **I do not have a New York State driver’s license or a Social Security number.**

## Political party
18. **I wish to enroll in a political party**
   - [ ] Democratic party
   - [ ] Republican party
   - [ ] Conservative party
   - [ ] Working Families party
   - [ ] Cawan party
   - [ ] Libertarian party
   - [ ] Independent party
   - [ ] SAM party
   - [ ] Other.

19. **I do not want to enroll in any political party and wish to be an independent voter**
   - [ ] No party

## Optional questions
20. **I need to apply for an Absentee ballot.**
21. **I would like to be an Election Day worker.**

## Affidavit: I swear or affirm that
- I am a citizen of the United States.
- I will have lived in the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.
- I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State.
- This is my signature or mark as in the box below.
- The above information is true, I understand that if it is not true, I can be convicted and fined up to $5,000 and/or jailed for up to four years.

## Sign

## Date
Register to donate your organs and tissues (optional)