

How to Register to Vote in New York City

League of Women Voters of the City of New York

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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.)

- The NY State BOE does provide both a fillable form: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/voteregform-eng-fillable.pdf> and an Accessible form: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSVoterRegistrationFormEnglish.html>. 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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- 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 pardoned or restored rights of citizenship);
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere;
- not found to be incompetent by a court.

Send or deliver this form

Fill out the form below and send it to **your county's address** on the back of this form, or take this form to the office of your County Board of Elections.

Mail or deliver this form at least **25 days before** the election you want to vote in. Your county will notify you that you are registered to vote.

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

Verifying your identity

We'll try to check your identity before Election Day, through the **DMV number (driver's license number or non-driver ID number)**, or the **last four digits of your social security number**, which you'll fill in below.

If you do not have a DMV or social security number, you may use a valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or some other government document that shows your name and address. You may include a copy of one of those types of ID with this form—be sure to tape the sides of the form closed.

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

Información en español: si le interesa obtener este formulario en español, llame al 1-800-367-8683

中文資料: 若您有興趣索取中文資料表格, 請電: 1-800-367-8683

한국어: 한국어 양식을 원하시면 1-800-367-8683 으로 전화 하십시오.

বাংলা: আপনি এই ফর্মটি বাংলায় পূরণ করতে চান, তাহলে 1-800-367-8683 নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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.donatelifenys.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.



Last name	
First name	
Middle Initial	Suffix
Address	
Apt. Number	Zip code
City	
Birth date	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Eye color	Height <input type="text"/> Ft. <input type="text"/> In.
Email	DMV or ID NYC #

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
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Answering the questions on the 2020 form

! It is a crime to procure a false registration or to furnish false information to the Board of Elections. Please print in blue or black ink.

! Qualifications	1	Are you a citizen of the U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answer <i>No</i> , you cannot register to vote.	For board use only
	2	A) Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No B) 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 will be eighteen years of age at the time of such election your registration will be marked "pending" and you will be unable to cast a ballot in any election. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answer No to both of the prior questions, you cannot register to vote.	
Your name	3	Last name First name	Suffix Middle Initial
More information Items 5, 6 & 7 are optional	4	Birth date <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y	5 Gender <input type="text"/>
	6	Phone <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	7 Email <input type="text"/>

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.

Addresses

The address where you live	8	Address (not P.O. box)	
		Apt. Number	Zip code
		City/Town/Village	
		New York State County	Select your New York State County
The address where you receive mail <small>Skip if same as above</small>	9	Address or P.O. box	
		P.O. Box	Zip code
		City/Town/Village	

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

Voting history	10	Have you voted before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	11	What year?	
Voting information that has changed Skip if this has not changed or you have not voted before	12	Your name was _____			
		Your address was _____			
		Your previous state or New York State County was _____			
Identification You must make 1 selection For questions, please refer to Verifying your identity above.	13	<input type="checkbox"/> New York State DMV number _____			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Last four digits of your Social Security number x x x - x x - _____			
		<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a New York State driver's license or a Social Security number.			

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.

Political Parties and Optional Questions

Political party You must make 1 selection Political party enrollment is optional but that, in order to vote in a primary election of a political party, a voter must enroll in that political party, unless state party rules allow otherwise.	14 I wish to enroll in a political party <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican party <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative party <input type="checkbox"/> Working Families party <input type="checkbox"/> Green party <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian party <input type="checkbox"/> Independence party <input type="checkbox"/> SAM party <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ I do not want to enroll in any political party and wish to be an independent voter <input type="checkbox"/> No party	16 Affidavit: I swear or affirm that <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> Date <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
Optional questions 15 <input type="checkbox"/> I need to apply for an Absentee ballot. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be an Election Day worker.		

Q14. We at the LWWNYC 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 LWWNYC 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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3	Last name	Suffix
	First name	Middle Initial
4	Birth date	MM / DD / YY
	Gender	
5	Phone	
6	Email	

8	Address (not P.O. box)	
	Apt. Number	Zip code
	City/Town/Village	
	New York State County	

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	P.O. Box	Zip code
	City/Town/Village	

10	Have you voted before?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	11	What year?	
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12	Your name was
	Your address was
	Your previous state or New York State County was

13	<input type="checkbox"/> New York State DMV number	
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	I do not want to enroll in any political party and wish to be an independent voter		Sign
	<input type="checkbox"/> No party		Date

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Date Sign

DMV or ID NYC #

Height Ft. In.

Gender ☐ M ☐ F

City

Apt. Number

Address

Middle Initial

Suffix

First name

Last name

Birth date

Eye color

Email

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Borough Offices

Manhattan
200 Varick Street, 10 Fl
New York, NY 10014
Tel: 1.212.886.2100

Brooklyn
345 Adams Street, 4 Fl
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 1.718.797.8800

Staten Island
1 Edgewater Plaza, 4 Fl
Staten Island, NY 10305
Tel: 1.718.876.0079

Bronx
1780 Grand Concourse, 5 Fl
Bronx, NY 10457
Tel: 1.718.299.9017

Queens
118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Fl
Forest Hills, NY 11375
Tel: 1.718.730.6730

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