Voter Registration in New York: Quick Guide

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The LWVNYC is a non-partisan organization. This information is provided to help you register yourself or other voters on your own. If you wish to conduct a voter registration drive working with the LWVNYC using our materials, please contact us at office@lwvnyc.org to enroll in our training.
How to Register

- Online through the DMV with a valid NYS driver's license or NY state ID.

- Partially online through TurboVote

- Use the paper application
  - Download and print at vote.nyc
  - Pick up at your county Board of Elections
How to Register

- **Quick checks**
  - Am I *registered*?
  - Where is my *poll site*?

- **Update registration** if name or address has changed, or to switch parties
Who Can Vote in New York City

- **US citizen** living in New York for at least 30 days before the election.
- Must be **18 on or before election day** to vote in the upcoming election.
- You can **pre-register 16 and 17-year-olds**, but they can't vote until they're 18.
- A person **convicted of a felony in the State of New York** may register or vote in any election under certain circumstances. Click **here** for that information.
- A person who is not adjudged by a court to be **mentally incompetent** to vote.
- A person who is **not claiming the right to vote elsewhere** (outside New York City).
Special Cases

- Prisoners or convicted felons
  - People in jail **awaiting trial or for a misdemeanor** can vote
  - People convicted of a felony and **currently on parole** can vote
  - Felons who have **completed their sentences** can vote
- Persons experiencing homelessness can register
  - Using a **street corner, park, or other public space** as their physical address
  - Using a **friend's, family member's, or shelter's address** for their physical or mailing address
- Survivors of abuse **can request their registration remain confidential**; more info [here](#)
- College students can register using **their dorm** as their residence and mailing address
Completing the Form: Required Questions

1. US citizen?
2. 16 or older (at least 18 to vote)?
3. Name
4. Date of Birth
8. Address where you live (no PO boxes)
9. Address where you get mail, if different
10. Have you voted before?
11. If yes to 10, what year was the last time?
12. If yes to 10, complete if any change to
   - Name
   - Address
   - State or NYS County
13. ID - don't need to show it, just fill it in
   - NYS driver's license or state ID #; or
   - Last 4 digits of SSN; or
   - No ID? No problem, bring ID the first time you vote. The voter registration form has a list of acceptable IDs.
14. Political party
   - Choose a party to vote in a primary
   - Choose "No Party" to be independent
Completing the Form: Optional Questions

5. **Gender**
6. **Phone number**
7. **Email**

**Questions 6 or 7** are helpful if completed, in case the **Board of Elections needs to verify** any information.
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Have Questions?
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Access to Detailed Step-by-Step Guides

- The following step-by-step guides are available at the LWVNYC website.
  - How to register to vote using the paper form (English and Spanish)
  - How to check your registration (English and Spanish)
  - How to register to vote using the DMV (English)
  - How to apply for an absentee ballot (English and Spanish)
Important Dates - 2021

General election is on Nov. 2nd

- The last day to register to vote for the general election in NYC is Oct. 8th
- Last day to request a general election absentee ballot by mail is Oct. 18th and in person is Nov. 1st
- Last day to postmark general election absentee ballot or drop off in person is Nov. 2nd
- Early voting for general election starts on Oct. 23rd and ends on Oct. 31st
- All key dates are here, including special elections

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