

LWV Voting Guide 2020

Most of the information that you need can be found at [Michigan Voter Information Center](#) at Michigan.gov/vote

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance, call 855-VOTE311 (855-868-3311) or email: VotingHelpline@gmail.com. A LWV-trained volunteer will respond within 24 hours.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO START TO VOTE EARLY!

If you are not registered to vote do that now!

You can also apply for an absentee ballot now!

If you plan to use USPS mail your ballot by October 19!

1. Election Date

- General Election: November 3, 2020

2. Register to vote

- Find out if you are registered [here](#)
- Register **online** [here](#) if you have both a Michigan driver's license and know the last four digits of your social security number.
- Register **with a paper form** using one form of ID: the last four numbers of your SSN, your Michigan state ID/drivers licence number **or** COPY of a current and valid photo identification (such as a driver's license or state ID card from any state) or a COPY of a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank statement or a government document that lists your name and address.
- Download a paper Voter Registration Form [here](#).
- See the **instructions for the registration form** below *
- To have a Voter Registration Form **mailed** to you with an envelope and return postage, email VotingHelpline@gmail.com (or call 855-VOTE311).
- This form must get to your [clerk's office](#) 15 days before the election, by **October 19**.

- **After October 19**, you **can only** register in person at your [clerk's office](#) and you must show proof of address.

3. Voting Absentee

An absentee ballot will be mailed to every registered voter by their clerk or the Secretary of State.

You may still want to apply for a ballot application now:

- Apply **online** if you have *both* a driver's license and the last four numbers of your social security number. [Online Absentee Ballot Application](#)
- Otherwise, apply *with a* [form](#)
- Get an absentee ballot *at your* [clerk's office](#) in person until election day

Fill out your ballot application

- See **the instructions for the absentee ballot application form** below**
- You can also choose to be on the **Permanent List** and you will get an absentee ballot application sent to you before every election

Get your absentee ballot application to your [clerk](#) early.

- **Online** absentee ballot applications will get to your clerk right away
- You can also **Mail** your form **or email a photo** of your application form to your local clerk
- You can also **drop the application off** at your clerk's office.

Your absentee ballot will be mailed to you by your clerk

VOTING WITH AN ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- Read and follow all instructions on the ballot, e.g. use a black or blue pen.
- You must remember to put your ballot in the secrecy sleeve and put your signature on the **outside** of the envelope.
- You do not have to vote for every candidate or proposal but make sure you go to the *end of the ballot* to see all your options.
- If you make a mistake you can ask the clerk for a new one.

Return your absentee ballot to [your clerk early](#) - as soon as you decide who and what you want to vote for:

- **Drop it off** at your [clerk's](#) office up to and including election day.
- **By mail:** Mail your ballot early to your [clerk's office](#). We recommend you do this by **October 19**.
- Write or call if you need stamps mailed to you at toll-free phone: 855-VOTE311 (or 855-868-3311) or email: VotingHelpline@gmail.com

4. Vote in person at the clerk's office

- Vote within 45 days of the election at the [clerk's](#) office.
- After September 19, you can do a triple play at the clerk's office: register to vote, get an absentee ballot and VOTE!

5. Voting in person on Election Day

- Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on election day. If you are in line by 8 PM you are allowed to vote.
- [Find your polling place here](#).
- You do not have to have a picture ID. Know your options: [Guide to ID at the polls](#)

6. Learn about the candidates and ballot issues at vote411.org

- vote411.org is a League of Women Voters website that provides non-partisan information about the candidates and ballot proposals that will appear on your ballot.

7. To receive a reminder before every election go to Turbovote.org

8. Questions

- [Secretary of State Voter Information Center](#)
- **If you have any further questions or need a form/stamp/envelope, call toll-free phone: 855-VOTE311 (855-868-3311) or email VotingHelpline@gmail.com.** Someone will respond within 24 hours.

Two short, concise instructional videos will show you how to [Register to Vote](#) and [Cast your Vote!](#)

*** Instructions for filling out Voter Registration Application**

The image shows a screenshot of the 'State of Michigan Voter Registration Application and Michigan Driver License/Personal Identification Card Address Change Form'. Red circles highlight several sections: the 'qualifications' section, the 'Michigan driver license/state personal ID #' field, the 'personal information' section (including name, date of birth, and address), and the 'signature' section. Blue arrows point from these highlighted areas to text on the right side of the page.

Annotations:

- These boxes must be checked.
- Identification - either one is okay
- Name and birthday must be filled in.
- Address must be complete
- If mailing address is different than home address fill this out
- Must be signed and dated.

**** Instructions for filling out Absentee Ballot Application Form**

Michigan Absent Voter Ballot Application- November 3, 2020 Election

1 Complete

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	City	County
Street Address			Township	Jurisdiction
MI		Zip	Year of Birth ()	
Email Address			Phone #	

Enter your information as it appears on your voter registration. Your home address and phone number help your clerk contact you if there is a problem with your application or ballot. They are used only for election purposes and providing them is optional.

2 Check

Future Elections: Complete to join permanent list I want to vote absentee in all future elections. Automatically send me an application for every election.

3 Sign

I certify that I am a United States citizen, a registered voter and a registered elector or the Michigan voter within listed above, and I apply for an official ballot to be voted by me in the election(s) checked above, and the statements in this application are true.

Voter's Signature (Voter must sign - power of attorney is not acceptable) _____ Date ____/____/____

4 Other

Want your ballot mailed to different address than you wrote above? [USPS won't forward it]

Date leaving for this address: ____/____/____

Street Address _____

Date to return: ____/____/____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

5 Return

Return this to your city/township clerk. Find their contact info at Michigan.gov/Vote.

Complete only if helping a voter return application

Certificate of Authorized Registered Elector Assisting in Returning Application:

I certify that my name is _____ date of birth is ____/____/____ and address is _____; that I am delivering the absent voter ballot application of _____ at his or her request; I did not solicit or request to return the application or make any markings on or alter it; I did not influence the applicant; I understand that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

X _____ Signature of person assisting the voter Date ____/____/____

Name
Address
County
City or Township
Date of Birth

Permanent list > if you would like an absentee ballot application every election

Signature and date

If you want ballot mailed to a different address. **Ballots cannot be forwarded to a different address*