



Youth Voter Registration

In order to register to vote in Ohio, you must meet these requirements

- You have to be a citizen of the United States
- You have to be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election
- You have to be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote

Can 17-year-olds vote?

- In Ohio, 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the General Election can register and vote in special circumstances
- So long as you are registered at least 30 days before the primary, this allows you to do two cool things:
 - Vote in a primary election on candidates only (not issues)
 - Sign petitions to place issues and candidates on the ballot

Where can I register to vote?

- Online through the Ohio Secretary of State website olvr.ohiosos.gov. You will need a state ID or a driver's license and the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. Once you have registered online you will receive confirmation of your voter status in the mail through the U.S. Postal Service in the form of a letter from the county board of elections. If you don't have an Ohio driver's license you may want to register by mail or in person.
- At the Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- At most public libraries, post offices, and social service agencies in Ohio
- At voter registration drives in your area held by organizations like the League of Women Voters

Once registered, where do I vote?

If voting in person you must vote at your assigned polling location or your vote will not count. For early voting in person, you can go to the Franklin County Board of Elections to vote absentee or by mail.

How do I declare or change my party affiliation?

- Choosing a party's ballot at the primary makes you a member of that party. You can change that affiliation by choosing a different party's ballot at the next primary.
- No matter how you vote in the primary election—as a member of a specific party, issues only, or not at all—you are free to vote for any candidates of any party in the General Election.

Are you too young to register?

- You can go to the Ohio Election Center at vote.org and pledge to register and sign up to receive a reminder text message on your 18th birthday. You can register when you are 17 years old and will turn 18 before the next general election.

To check your polling location
and confirm your voter status, contact:

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