



VOTING 1-2-3

For College Students



Voting laws differ from state to state. Ohio's are explained below. To look up other states' voting rules - such as voter registration, voter ID requirements, and if early or absentee voting is available - visit www.vote411.org or campusvoteproject.org/studentguides/

Step 1: Register! Decide where you want to vote – using your home address or school address – and sign up by that state's voter registration deadline.

- By law, college students may choose which address they use for voting, either their parents' home address or their address at school. Choose one.
- In deciding where to register, think about these questions: Do you have (or can you get) an acceptable voter ID for that address? If voting at home, will you be able to go home to vote in person or will you need to request an absentee ballot to vote by mail?
- **Ohio's voter registration deadline is October 11 for the Nov. 8, 2016 election.** Voter registration deadlines may differ in other states, so if you choose to vote from an address outside of Ohio, be sure to check their deadline.
- Who is eligible in Ohio? You must be a U.S. Citizen, 18-years-old or older by Election Day, an Ohio resident for at least 30 days before Election Day, not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction (people with prior convictions may register to vote), have not been declared incompetent to vote or denied the right to vote by a court.
- Check your registration online at www.MyOhioVote.com or by calling your county Board of Elections.

Step 2: Decide how you want to cast your ballot.

- Ohio gives voters a choice. Any registered voter may vote by mail-in absentee ballot, early in-person at your county Board of Elections, or on Election Day at your local polling place. Some states have different rules for absentee and early voting. Ohio's rules are explained below.
- **Vote by mail** – Fill out and send in an absentee ballot request form. This year the Secretary of State will send an absentee form to every Ohio registered voter at the address on your registration. If you would like an absentee application sent to another address (e.g., at school if you registered at home), you can request a form by calling the county Board of Elections where you are registered.
- **Vote early in-person** – Registered voters may vote early at your county Board of Elections. Depending on the outcome of an ongoing lawsuit, early voting will begin on either October 5th or 12th for the November 2016 election.
- **Vote at your polling place on Election Day** – Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Polls are open from 6:30am to 7:30pm. By law, if you are in line at 7:30pm, the polls must stay open to allow you to vote. Note that polling locations and precincts may have changed, so it's a good idea to confirm your location before you go vote by looking it up online at www.MyOhioVote.com.



Step 3: Make sure you have an acceptable form of Voter ID.

- Voter ID requirements vary from state to state. Once you choose where to vote (at home or school), be sure you have the right form of ID before you go vote. Ohio accepts the following forms of voter ID.
- If voting early in-person or absentee, you will be asked to provide your Ohio driver's license or state ID card number, or last 4-digits of your Social Security number, or a copy of one of the following. If voting on Election Day, you will be asked to show one of the following.
- Ohio driver's license or state ID card with your name and photo. The card must be current (not expired), but it can have an old address.
- U.S. Military ID with your name and photo (address not required).
- Unexpired government ID with your name, current address, and photo. Student ID is not accepted.
- Original or copy of one of the following documents with your name and current address: utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank or financial advisor statement, pay stub, government check, or other government document. Must be dated within the last year.
- If you do not have any of the above, you may use the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, but you will have to vote a provisional ballot. It will be counted so long as the number matches your voter registration. Be sure to complete all fields on the provisional ballot form.

Voter Resources:

www.Vote411.org - Look up voting rules for your state, find your polling place, and get your personalized Voter Guide from the League of Women Voters

[Ohio election text reminders](#) - Sign up for text message reminders of key election dates from the League of Women Voters of Ohio by texting "voterreminder" to 31996.

www.JudicialVotesCount.org - Learn about Ohio's courts and read profiles of candidates running for judge

www.MyOhioVote.com - The Ohio Secretary of State website where you can check your voter registration, request an absentee ballot, and look up your local Board of Elections

www.campusvoteproject.org/studentguides/ - The Campus Vote Project offers state-specific guides to help students understand their voting rights in their school or home community, as well as answering questions about how where you vote may impact your financial aid, taxes, and auto insurance.

[Election Protection](#) - This nonpartisan coalition provides a toll-free hotline for voting information or to report problems: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (English), 1-888-Ve-Y-Vota (Spanish), 1-888-API-VOTE (Asian & Pacific Island languages)

Visit the League of Women Voters of Ohio at www.lwvohio.org