



NEW YORK CITY CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

A GUIDE TO **VOTER REGISTRATION**



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ABOUT **NYC VOTES**

- ◆ NYC Votes is the nonpartisan voter engagement initiative of the New York City Campaign Finance Board (CFB). NYC Votes engages all city voters through voter education and registration, youth programs, and advocacy with the Vote Better NY campaign, which promotes election reforms for the state of New York.



AGENDA

- ◆ Important Dates and Deadlines
- ◆ Why Registering Matters
- ◆ Voter Registration Do's and Don'ts
- ◆ Understanding the Voter Registration Form





IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

PRIMARY

- ◆ **August 19**
Last day to register
to vote in the primary
(by mail and in person)
- ◆ **September 13**
Primary Election

GENERAL

- ◆ **October 12**
Last day to register
to vote in the general
(by mail and in person)
- ◆ **November 6**
General Election



WHY REGISTERING MATTERS

- ◆ In the 2016 general election, only 52% of citizens who were of voting age showed up at the polls.
- ◆ Registration is the first step to voting and makes a real difference.



VOTER REGISTRATION DO'S AND DON'TS

DO

- ◆ Offer to help the applicant fill out the registration form.
- ◆ Let the applicant know you can accept their completed form or they can put it in the mail.
- ◆ Let the applicant know they will receive confirmation from the BOE in 2–4 weeks.
- ◆ Let the client know that voter forms are available in the following languages **(but must be completed in English)**:
 - Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Bengali.
 - Albanian, Arabic, French, Greek, Haitian-Creole, Italian, Polish, Russian, Tagalog, Urdu, and Yiddish (these forms are available online at www.nyccfb.info/nyc-votes/registering).



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VOTER REGISTRATION **DO'S AND DON'TS**

DON'T

- ◆ Influence an applicant's party enrollment choice.
- ◆ Make statements supporting or opposing a political candidate, party, or PAC.
- ◆ Sign any voter registration form other than your own.



UNDERSTANDING THE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

- ◆ You must be a citizen to register to vote.

! 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.	<small>For District Line only</small>
	2	Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answer <i>No</i> , you cannot register to vote unless you will be 18 by the end of the year.	

- ◆ You may **register to vote** at age 17 as long as you will be 18 by the end of the year. You may only **vote** in an election if you will 18 on Election Day.



UNDERSTANDING THE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

- ◆ Write legibly in blue or black ink!

Your name	3	Last name		Suffix				
		First name		Middle Initial				
More information <small>Items 5, 6 & 7 are optional</small>	4	Birth date			5	Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> F
	6	Phone			7	Email		

- ◆ Your name must match the name on your ID.
- ◆ Providing your phone number and/or email, while not required, allows the BOE to contact you if there are any problems with your registration form.



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The address where you live	8	Address (not P.O. box)	
		Apt. Number	Zip code
		City/Town/Village	
		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	

◆ Write your home address in Box 8. If you receive mail at a different address, write it in Box 9.

If you are homeless:

- ◆ Write a location where you can be found, such as “Bench on Central Park on 86th Street,” in Box 8.
- ◆ Write an address where you can receive mail, such as a shelter or P.O. Box in Box 9.



UNDERSTANDING THE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

Voting history	10	Have you voted before?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	11	What year?	
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- ◆ If you are updating your voter registration, this information will help the BOE locate your voting record. It is not required.

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	

- ◆ If you are updating your voter registration, fill in your previous name, address, or county/state to help the BOE find your existing registration.



UNDERSTANDING THE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

A screenshot of the 'Identification' section of a voter registration form. It includes a header 'Identification', a note 'You must make 1 selection', and a reference to a guide for verifying identity. A purple box with the number '13' is on the left. Three options are listed with checkboxes: 'New York State DMV number' (with a 10-digit input field), 'Last four digits of your Social Security number' (with a 4-digit input field and 'x' placeholders), and 'I do not have a New York State driver's license or a Social Security number.'

Identification
You must make 1 selection
For questions, please refer to
Verifying your identity above.

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☐ New York State DMV number

☐ Last four digits of your Social Security number x x x - x x -

☐ I do not have a New York State driver's license or a Social Security number.

- ◆ Provide either a New York State ID number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number.
- ◆ If you don't have either, check the third box. The first time you vote, you will need to present one of the following forms of identification at the poll site: (1) a photo ID or (2) a proof of address, such as an electric or gas bill that shows your name and address.



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<p>Political party</p> <p>You must make 1 selection</p> <p>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.</p>	14	<p>I wish to enroll in a political party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Democratic party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Republican party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conservative party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Green party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Working Families party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Independence party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women's Equality party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reform party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>I do not wish to enroll in a political party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No party</p>
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◆ You can choose one of the parties listed, write in the name of a party, or choose not to enroll in any party.

- ◆ You must enroll in one of the listed parties to vote in that party's primary elections, unless state party rules allow otherwise.
- ◆ You may change your party enrollment by completing this form before the general election registration deadline. The change will **not** take effect until the following year.



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Optional questions 15

☐ I need to apply for an Absentee ballot

☐ I would like to be an Election Day worker

- ◆ If you will need to vote by Absentee Ballot, check the box to receive an application for an absentee ballot.

You may also request an Absentee Ballot from the BOE after registering to vote, whether or not you check this box.

16 **Affidavit: I swear or affirm that**

- 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 _____

Date _____

- ◆ Please read the terms of the affidavit carefully before you sign and date to validate your form.

Someone can assist you with filling out the rest of the form, but **you must sign it yourself.**



HOW TO **WRAP UP**

- ◆ Congratulate the applicant on registering to vote.
- ◆ Offer to send their form to the BOE, or let them know they can drop it in the nearest mailbox.
- ◆ Let them know that they will receive a voter confirmation card and info about their poll site location in the mail in 2–4 weeks.



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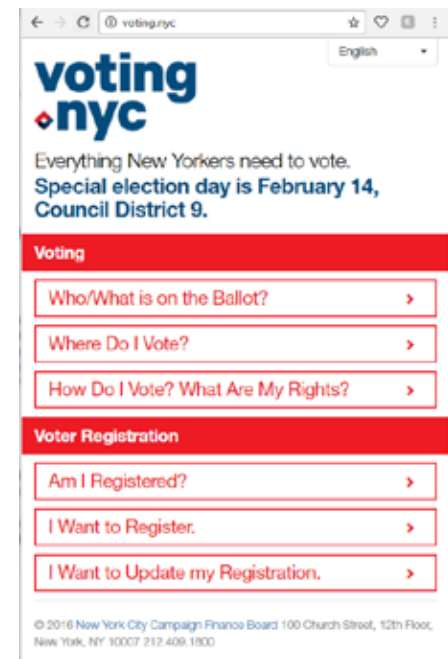
RECRUITING **POLL WORKERS AND INTERPRETERS**

- ◆ Poll workers and interpreters are needed across the city.
- ◆ Poll workers may earn up to \$575.
- ◆ Poll workers must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old, and registered to vote in NYC.
- ◆ Interpreters must be permanent U.S. residents, NYC residents, and fluent in English and Spanish, Chinese, or Korean.
- ◆ Find out more and receive an application by calling 866-VOTE-NYC or visiting www.vote.nyc.ny.us.



VOTING.NYC

- ◆ Voting.nyc is New Yorkers' go-to nonpartisan source for voting information.





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Thank you!

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