

# VOTER REGISTRATION 101



With the exception of North Dakota, states require a person to be registered in order to cast a vote in elections. **When you help people register, you make democracy work!**

This is a general guide for conducting voter registration drives on National Voter Registration Day. Find state-specific information and additional resources on our [website](#). All National Voter Registration Day partners commit to remaining nonpartisan and abiding by state and local laws while registering voters.

**Voting eligibility:** Everyone who registers to vote must attest (be able to prove) that they are:

- ★ A citizen of the United States (for federal elections and most state and local elections)
- ★ At least 18 years of age by Election Day (unless the state offers pre-registration); and
- ★ A legal resident of the state they register in (students may register in their school OR home state, but may only register and vote in one).

**There are two options for registering to vote:**

## Using Paper Registration Forms

- ★ No WiFi or device necessary
- ★ Accepted in every state\*
- ★ No state ID# needed to complete

**Assisting voters:** Make sure a voter has filled out all required fields

- ★ Checkbox: 18 or older
- ★ Checkbox: US Citizen
- ★ Date of birth (make sure they didn't put today's date here)
- ★ Residential address (can't be a P.O. Box)
- ★ State ID # or last 4 digits of SSN (social security number)
- ★ Signature

**Accessing paper forms:** Call your state or local election office to request forms, or print your own where allowed. The federal form may also be used.

## Registering Online

- ★ No paperwork to handle
- ★ Available in 40 states & DC
- ★ Automatic voting reminders

**Using the NVRD portal:** Our registration page is powered by tools that connect to state voter registration portals to complete registrations. Use this QR code to connect to the portal.



**Use your state portal:** Connect voters directly to your state's website for registering. Voters who use the state website may not be enrolled in automatic voting reminders.

**Assisting voters:** In most states, voters will need to have a state-issued ID # in order to register. Voters without the necessary ID can register on paper.

\*Review state laws prior to offering voter registration. Do not offer to retain and submit paper voter registration forms in Florida, New Hampshire, or Texas without proper authorization.