

IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO ...

Start registering NC voters ahead of the
2018 Primary and General Elections!

REGISTRATION BASICS

Of course, one of the goals is to help new voters to completely and accurately fill out a one-page voter application. But it's also an opportunity to educate and empower people in your community.

- Have you registered voters before? Great, but it's always good practice to refresh what you already know, and learn what's new!
- Have you never registered voters before? That's fine, it's really not hard, but there are some basics you need to know before you grab that clipboard!

Prepare to register

- Do NOT wear ANY partisan clothing or insignia (e.g., buttons, caps)
- Have plenty of NC Voter Registration Application Forms, a clipboard, and a black pen
- Bring your cell phone (be sure it's charged!)
- Practice approaching voters: SMILE, know your opening lines and follow-up questions
- After your opening line, don't forget to ask voters who are already registered if they have moved since their last registration

Know who you can register

Voters MUST...

- Be a US Citizen
- Be 16 years old to pre-register, and 18 by Election Day to vote
- Have lived at their residence for at least 30 days before Election Day
- NOT be currently serving a felony sentence, be on probation or parole

Complete the Registration Application

- You may fill out the form for the voter (usually faster and more accurate), but the voter MUST sign and date it.

- Section 1 –three simple questions, but make sure all three are answered, otherwise the application will be declined. If all of the questions are answered “NO”, stop - the application cannot go forward.
- Section 2 – the middle name is required.
- Section 3 – the date of birth is required. The NC driver’s license and the last four digits of the social security number are not required, but to help the Board of Elections identify the voter, ask for one or the other.
- Section 4 – the address must be a physical place, not a PO Box. This is where registered voters who have moved need to update their address. Although optional, ask the voter to provide a phone number in case the Board of Elections needs help processing the application.
- Section 5 – the mailing address is often used for a PO Box or for college students.
- Section 6 – demographic info is optional, but is useful for districting and funding allocations. If the voter does not choose a Political Party Affiliation, they will be assigned as “Unaffiliated”. Unaffiliated voters can vote in primaries and are given their choice of a party ballot.
- Section 7 – is not necessary because the new application automatically cancels prior registrations. It is helpful if the voter supplies previous county and previous state.
- Sign and Date – only the voter can sign and date. An “X” is acceptable as a signature.

Keep It Legal

- It is illegal to in any way alter or forge a voter registration application.
- Never fill out missing information after the voter has signed the form.
- Neither you nor voter can sign a form on behalf of another person.
- Neither you nor voter can make up information.
- You can never offer anything of value to complete an application.

Keep It Confidential

The information you collect is confidential; you may not retain any information from the registration forms once they are completed. You may not disclose records to anyone unless required to do so under the law.

Keep It NON-PARTISAN !!!

Always keep in mind that registering voters is a very serious activity and while registering voters...

- You can NOT express any opinion in favor or opposition to a candidate, a party, an election or an issue to anyone.
- You can NOT refuse to offer an eligible voter an application.
- You can NOT refuse to accept an application of an eligible voter.

For More Information, Tips, and Q&As

Visit a non-partisan NC-based organization that is focused on voting...

- Democracy NC: <https://democracync.org/resources/>
- You Can Vote: <http://www.youcanvote.org/resources>

Important Dates in 2018

- April 13 Registration books for Statewide Primary Election close
- April 19 One-stop early voting for Statewide Primary Election begins
- May 5 One-stop early voting for Statewide Primary Election ends
- May 8 ELECTION DAY – Statewide Primary

- Oct 12 Registration books for Statewide General Election close
- Oct 18 One-stop early voting for Statewide General Election begins
- Nov 3 One-stop early voting for Statewide General Election ends
- Nov 6 ELECTION DAY – Statewide General