FILLING OUT A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM: A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

You can register to vote if you’ll turn 16 or 17 (to pre-register) or 18 by December 31st, you’re a U.S. citizen, and you’re not incarcerated for a felony conviction. (Note you’ll only be able to vote on Election Day this year if you turn 18 by November 2nd.) This year, Election Day is November 2nd. The deadline to register is October 8th. Forms must be hand delivered to the Board of Elections or postmarked by that date. This guide applies to the most recent NYS registration form.

You should print or type the information on the form in blue or black ink. No pencils or other color ink. Print clearly and legibly. Complete the form now and ask a volunteer to check for any mistakes. Your registration form may also have a section asking if you would like to be an organ donor. Your decision whether to complete the organ donor section will not affect your application to enroll to vote.

THE QUESTIONS

Box 1
Check off if you’re a U.S. citizen. If you’re not, you can’t register. Non-citizens jeopardize their immigration status by filling out the form.

Box 2
If you’ll be 18 by Dec 31st, you can fill out the form. If you are 16 or 17, you may fill out the form to pre-register. You’ll only be able to vote if you’re 18 by Election Day.

Box 3
Spell out your last name then first name and middle initial. “Suffix” means if your name has something like Jr. or Sr. at the end of it.

Box 4
Your date of birth: Month/Day/Year.

Box 5
Your sex. This question is optional to fill out.

Box 6-7
This is for your home phone or cell phone and your email address.

Box 8
Write down your address where you live — not your mailing address. In New York City, put down your borough where they ask for your county even if you did on the line above as well.

Box 9
If you get your mail someplace other than the address listed in Box 8, put it here. (For example: a P.O. Box or a relative’s home.)

Box 10
If you’ve voted before, check the “Yes” box.

Box 11
Write the year that you last voted (to the best of your recollection.)

Box 12
If your name has changed or you have moved since the last time you voted, put down your previous name and/or your previous address, and the county/borough or state where you last voted.

Box 13
Fill in your NY Driver’s License or Non Driver’s ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number here. If you don’t have a DMV or Social Security number, check that box. Providing accurate info will help avoid ID checks and possible problems at the polls.

Box 14
The only way you get to vote in a primary election is if you’re enrolled in that party (except for the Independence party which allows non-enrolled voters to participate in their primaries). You will still get to vote for whomever you want in the General Election regardless of whether you choose a party or not. If you don’t want to choose a party, make sure you check off the bottom box.

Box 15
If you need to apply for an absentee ballot, check that box. An absentee application form will be mailed to you. The Board of Elections will first mail you an absentee ballot application, and then mail an actual absentee ballot after they receive your completed application. You can also download, print and mail an absentee ballot application to the Board of Elections by visiting http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html. To be an Election Day worker, check that box.

Box 16
Don’t forget to read the affidavit and sign your form. Put today’s date underneath it.

Remember to ask a NYPIRG volunteer to do a quick check of your form for any mistakes.
New York State Voter Registration Form

Register to vote
With this form, you register to vote in elections in New York State. You can also use this form to:
• change the name or address on your voter registration
• become a member of a political party
• change your party membership

To register you must:
• be a US citizen;
• be 18 years old by the end of this year;
• not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction (unless parole pardoned or restored rights of citizenship);
• not claim the right to vote elsewhere;
• not found to be incompetent by a court.

Send or deliver this form
Fill out the form below and send it to your county’s address on the back of this form, or take this form to the office of your County Board of Elections.

Verifying your identity
We’ll try to check your identity before Election Day, through the DMV number (driver’s license number or non-driver ID number), or the last four digits of your social security number, which you’ll fill in below. If you do not have a DMV or social security number, you may use a valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or some other government document that shows your name and address. You may include a copy of one of those types of ID with this form—be sure to tape the sides of the form closed.

Questions?
Call your County Board of Elections listed on the back of this form or 1-800-FOR-VOTE (TDD/TTY Dial 711)
Find answers or tools on our website www.elections.ny.gov

It is a crime to procure a false registration or to furnish false information to the Board of Elections. Please print in blue or black ink.

Are you a citizen of the U.S.? Yes ☐ No ☐
If you answer No, you cannot register to vote.

Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before election day? Yes ☐ No ☐
If you answer No, you cannot register to vote unless you will be 18 by the end of the year.

Last name _______ Suffix _______
First name _______ Middle Initial _______

Birth date / / MM YYYY
Gender _______
Email _______

Address (not P.O. box) Apt. Number Zip code _______
City/Town/Village _______
New York State County _______
Select your New York State County _______

Address or P.O. box P.O. Box Zip code _______
City/Town/Village _______

Have you voted before? Yes ☐ No ☐
What year? _______

Your name was _______
Your address was _______
Your previous state or New York State County was _______

New York State DMV number _______
Last four digits of your Social Security number _______
I do not have a New York State driver’s license or a Social Security number.

Political party
You must make 1 selection
Democratic party • I am a citizen of the United States.
Republican party • I will have lived in the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.
Conservative party • I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State.
Working Families party • This is my signature or mark in the box below.
Green party • 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.
Libertarian party • 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.
Independence party • I do not want to enroll in any political party and wish to be an independent voter.
SAM party • I need to apply for an Absentee ballot.
Other • I would like to be an Election Day worker.

Affidavit: I swear or affirm that

Sign _______
Date _______

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