

To register to vote in New York and to find out dates for election day and early voting:

- Download the forms/check dates from the web site for the New York State Board of Elections (www.elections.ny.gov).
- Download forms/check dates from the web site for your local county Board of Elections. You can get their contact information from the NYS Board of Elections.
- Call your local League of Women Voters, or the League of Women Voters of New York State at 518-465-4162 or go to our web site at www.lwvny.org.
- To find out how to register to vote in any state go to Vote.org or to Vote411.org.

To check your voter registration status:

You should receive a card in the mail before the election that informs you of your polling place. If you do not receive it, check to see if you are registered at www.election.ny.gov

If you are not on the list at your polling place

If you believe you are registered to vote but your name does not appear on the list at the polls, ask for an “affidavit” ballot. You are legally entitled to an affidavit ballot and must be given one. If the Board of Elections later confirms your registration, your affidavit ballot will be counted. You can prevent such problems by verifying your registration status in advance.

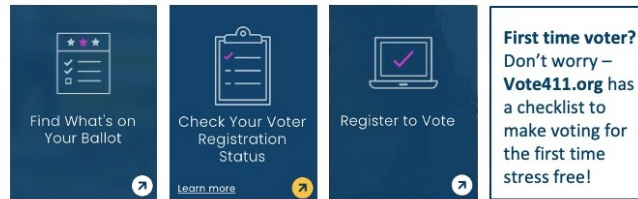
Please Join Us

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization. We work to encourage informed and active participation in government, and to protect the rights of all voters. We have chapters in all fifty states. Membership is free to students. Both men and women are welcome.

Visit www.lwvny.org and click on JOIN LWVNYS. To find a local League in your area, click on FIND A LOCAL LEAGUE.



ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED: **VOTE411.ORG**



Want to know who represents you? Here's help

For full contact info for your representatives, check the League publication, Who Represents You, on our website: LWV-RMA.org.

If you need to find out your district numbers, (Assembly District, Senate District, Legislative District, Congressional District, etc.) look up your address here: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/>

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YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN NEW YORK STATE



College Students



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The right to vote is fundamental in a democratic society. To be eligible to vote in NY, you must:

- be a United States citizen
- be 18 years old by the date of the election
- live at your present address in New York State at least 30 days before an election
- not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- not be currently adjudged mentally incompetent or incapacitated by a court order
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- **have registered to vote**

How do I register to vote?

You can find out how to register in any state at Vote.org or at Vote411.org. It usually takes only a couple of minutes. There are deadlines and registration must be completed in advance of an election.

Can I register to vote before I turn 18?

In New York, 16-and 17-year olds can pre-register to vote. You will automatically be eligible to vote when you turn 18.

Do I vote at my home or at college?

You can register and vote either at your permanent address in your home town or where you attend college. You should vote wherever you most want your vote to count. You can only vote in one place and must register with the Board of Elections for that address. To vote in your home town, you will need to travel there or request an absentee ballot.

Does my vote have the same weight at home as at school?

A vote in some states can have a greater chance of affecting an election than a vote in others. Learn more here: <https://wallethub.com/edu/how-much-is-your-vote-worth/7932>

How do I get an absentee ballot?

You must first request an absentee ballot application from your county board of elections. For NY, you can download one from the State Board of Elections website (www.elections.ny.gov).

Your application must be mailed or delivered to your county Board of Elections. Once they have received it, they will mail or give the ballot to you.

Your absentee ballot must then be mailed back to your BOE. Check with them to see when absentee ballots must be received in advance of the election.

Why should college students vote?

1. Young voters account for half of the voting population, making them a powerful political force.

If you don't vote for the issues you care about, older voters will, meaning that they will decide on issues that can have a huge impact on you for years to come.

2. Elected officials impact your future.

Policy changes and reforms in areas such as debt forgiveness, healthcare, government-funded programs and climate change could have an impact on your future, both positive and negative. To have a say, vote for candidates that will best represent your interests.

3. Your vote counts.

Many elections are close and a few votes can make a difference.

4. It's easier than ever to be an educated voter.

Feel you don't know enough about the candidates? Learn who and what is on your ballot at Vote411.org.

Find a news source you like and keep up to date, but be sure to learn what biases there might be in the reporting. Check what you hear against reputable news sources that follow ethical standard to report facts and identify opinion.

Don't let other people make the decisions that will affect your life. Vote!