

To obtain a voter registration form or absentee ballot application, or to find out dates for the elections, for registering, for filing absentee ballot applications and submitting ballots:

- Call the NYS Board of Elections at 800-367-8683, or download the forms from the web site for the New York State Board of Elections (www.elections.ny.gov).
- Contact LWV: (585)262-3730, or info@lww-rma.org
- Contact MCBOE: (585)753-1550, 39 W. Main Street, room 106, Rochester, NY 14614

To check your voter registration status:

Before an election, you should receive a card in the mail with your polling place. If you don't, check your status at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

OR

call your local board of elections and ask them your status.

If you are not on the list at your polling place

If you believe you are registered to vote and are not on the rolls, ask for an "affidavit" ballot, and ask the poll worker how to follow up on your status. You are legally entitled to an affidavit ballot and must be given one. If they are able to verify your registration, your ballot will be counted. It's wise to verify your status in advance to avoid this situation.




Please Join Us

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization which works to help people become well-informed voters. Membership is open to women and men.

Visit www.lww-rma.org to join.



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

 Find What's on Your Ballot	 Check Your Voter Registration Status <small>Learn more</small>	 Register to Vote	First time voter? Don't worry – Vote411.org has a checklist to make voting for the first time stress free!
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Want to know who represents you? Here's help

To find the name or district number of your representatives, look up your address here: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/>

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

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YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN NEW YORK STATE

Individuals with Criminal Convictions or Detained in Jail or Prison

To be eligible to vote in New York State, you must:

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

Can I vote if I have a criminal history?

YES. In New York, YOU CAN VOTE with a criminal record if you are not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction.

Note: Once you have been released from incarceration, your right to vote is restored automatically **but you need to register to vote**, even if you were previously registered.

Can I vote if I'm on probation or parole?

YES. In New York, if you are otherwise qualified to vote, **you may register and vote if you're on probation or parole, even if you were convicted of a felony.**

How do I register to vote?

Fill out and submit a voter registration form in person or by mail. Get a form from your county Board of Elections, town and city halls, post offices, political parties, various state offices, and the League of Women Voters (LWV).

- Contact LWV: (585)262-3730, or info@lwv-rma.org
- Contact MCBOE: (585)753-1550, 39 W. Main Street, room 106, Rochester, NY 14614
- Download a form from www.elections.ny.gov.
- If you have a current New York driver's license, you can register online with the New York DMV. <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.

Do I need a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities or other documentation about my criminal history in order to register to vote?

No. You do not need to any documents about your criminal history to register.

What address should I put on the voter registration form if I am in jail?

If you are in jail or prison for any reason other than a felony conviction (such as awaiting grand jury action, awaiting trial, or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor), put your permanent home address on the registration form, not the address of the facility where you are incarcerated.

How do I vote if I'm in jail?

You vote by absentee ballot.

How do I get an absentee ballot?

You can submit a request online at: <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/>

Fill in your name and the permanent address where you are registered to vote and fill in the appropriate information in section E. Write the jail or prison address as the location where the ballot should be mailed, or designate a person to pick it up, or a person's address to receive it in the mail for you.

Or you can send a letter to the Board of Elections of the county where you are registered, with the following information.

- the address where you are registered
- the address where the ballot is to be sent
- the reason for the request
- the signature of the voter

When you receive your absentee ballot, follow the directions very carefully. Your ballot must be postmarked no later than the day before the election.

If you will not be able to receive your ballot through the mail on time, you have the right to designate someone to pick your ballot up for you as late as the day before the election. Only the person designated on your application may pick up and deliver your ballot.

