



**Board of
Elections**

What's Changed in New York's Election Procedures?

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Public Information

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Voter Registration

Online Registration

- Online registration has launched in New York State.
 - nyovr.elections.ny.gov
- Uses NY.gov platform.
 - Also used by DMV, OTDA, Dept. Of Tax, and Dept. of Labor
 - Using platform to ensure security.
- Voter can upload their signature or use signature on file.
- Registrations are still processed by County Boards Of Election.
- New York City Voters have separate portal.



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Online Voter Registration

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I have a DMV ID or License

I am a Resident of New York City

I Live Outside NYC without a DMV ID

Register as an Organ Donor Here

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Register to vote

With this application, you may register to vote in elections in New York State.

Voters with a DMV issued driver license, permit or Non-Driver ID should use the DMV Electronic Voter Registration Application to register to vote or to update their voter information.

The DMV Electronic Voter Registration Application can be accessed at voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter/

If you do not have a DMV issued driver license, permit or Non-Driver ID, you may continue with this application to:

- register to vote for the first time
- 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 (you may pre-register at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until you are 18)
- not be in prison for a felony conviction
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- not found to be incompetent by a court

Verifying your identity

We'll try to check your identity before Election Day, through the DMV number (driver license number, permit or Non-Driver ID number), or the last four digits of your social security number, which you'll fill in this application.

If you do not have a DMV or social security number, your application will be accepted for processing, but it will be flagged requiring you to provide additional identification the first time you vote. You may bring a valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or some other government document that shows your name and address.

If we are unable to verify your identity before Election Day, you will be asked for ID when you vote for the first time.

Submit this application

Fill out the application below. Once complete, your registration information will be transmitted to your County Board of Elections for processing and verification.

By signing the voter registration portion of the application, you will be attesting to the following information:

- I am a citizen of the United States.
- I will have lived in my county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.
- I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State.
- The signature or mark provided is my own (if provided).
- 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.

Register to become an organ, eye, and tissue donor at donatelife.ny.gov/register/

This form must be RECEIVED no later than 10 days before the election you want to vote in.



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Online Voter Registration

Mandatory Fields are indicated by *

Qualifications

1. Are you a citizen of the U.S.? * (If you answer No, you cannot register to vote.)

- Yes
- No

2. Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before election day? *

- Yes
- No

If you answer NO to either of the prior questions, you cannot register to vote online

It is a crime to procure a false registration or to furnish false information to the Board of Elections.

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Personal Information

* Last Name

* First Name

Middle Name

Suffix

* Date of Birth

Gender

Contact Information (Optional)

Phone

Email

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The address where you receive mail - Skip if same as the address where you live as stated above

Address 1

Address 2

City/Town/Village

Zip code

State

Select State ▼

Voting History

Have you voted before?

Yes, I have voted before

No, I have not voted before

Please provide the year in which you last voted

Voting information that has changed - Skip if this has not changed or you have not voted before.

Your name was

Your address was

Your Previous New York

State County was

Select County ▼

Your Previous State was

Select State ▼

Identification - Please see the Verifying Your Identity section in the instructions at the beginning of this form for more information.

You must make 1 selection

New York State DMV number

Last four digits of your Social Security number XXX-XX-

I do not have a New York State driver's license or a Social Security number.

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Online Voter Registration

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Political Party Information -

Political party enrollment is optional but, in order to vote in a primary election of a political party, a voter must enroll in that political party, unless state party rules allow otherwise.

You must make 1 selection *

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party
- Conservative Party
- Working Families Party
- Other
- I DO NOT WISH TO ENROLL IN A PARTY

Optional questions

- I need to apply for an Absentee ballot
- I would like to be an Election Day worker

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Online Voter Registration

Signature Information -

You may submit your signature online following the instructions below. If you do not provide one, or your signature is inadequate, your County Board of Elections will contact you to submit your signature. If you do not submit your signature, you will be entitled to vote via an affidavit ballot at your polling location. Here are a few tips for providing your signature:

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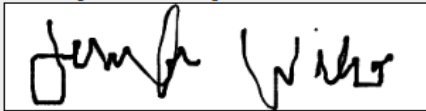
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Online Voter Registration

Signature Information -

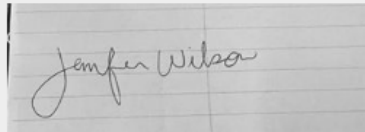
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Upload Signature

File types accepted: Image only, Maximum size allowed: [5 MB]

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Zip code :

State :

Voting History

Have you voted before? :

Voting information that has changed - Skip if this has not changed or you have not voted before.

Your name was :

Your address was :

Your Previous New York State County was :

Your Previous State was :

Identification

I do not have a New York State driver's license or a Social Security number.

Political Party Information

I DO NOT WISH TO ENROLL IN A PARTY

Optional questions

I need to apply for an Absentee ballot :

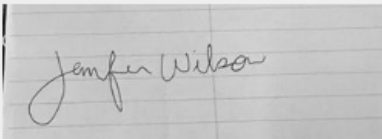
I would like to be an Election Day worker :

Affidavit *

By selecting this check box, I swear or affirm that

- I am a citizen of the United States.
- I will have lived in my county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.
- I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State.
- This is my signature or mark in the box below.
- 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.

Signature

A photograph of a handwritten signature, "Jennifer Wilson", written in black ink on a piece of lined paper. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Online Voter Registration Application

Welcome to the Online Voter Registration System for the City of New York

Who can use this application

- This application is intended for New York City residents only.
- If you live in New York State but not in New York City, you must use the [New York State Board of Elections website](#) to register to vote or update your voter information.
- If you have a valid New York State Driver's License, Permit or Non-Driver ID, you may use the [New York State DMV's Electronic Voter Registration Application](#) to register to vote or update your voter information.

What you can do with this application

- Register to vote for the first time
- 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 (you may pre-register at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until you are 18)
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1 of 6 Qualifications

(*) Indicates Required Field

Do you reside in New York City? *

New York State voters living outside of the City of New York must register with the [New York State Board of Elections](#)

- Yes, I live within New York City
- No, I do not live within New York City

Do you have a valid NYS Driver's License, Permit or Non-Driver ID? *

You may register to vote using the [NYS DMV website](#).

- Yes, I have a DMV Number
- No, I do not have a DMV Number

Are you a citizen of the United States? *

You must be a United States citizen to register to vote.

- Yes, I am a citizen of the U.S.
- No, I am not a citizen of the U.S.



Qualifications

Personal Information

Address

Voting Information

Signature

Review & Submit

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Your Name

First Name *

Last Name *

Middle Initial

Suffix

More Information

Date of Birth *

Gender (Optional)

Phone Number (Optional)

Email Address (Optional)

Identification *

You must make one selection.

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

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Qualifications

Personal Information

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3 of 6 **Address**

Address where you live

House Number *

Street Name *

Apartment

Borough *

Zip Code *

Address where you receive mail *

- Same address as above
- Different mailing address

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Qualifications

Personal Information

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Voting Information

Signature

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Voting History

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- Yes
- No

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Review & Submit

5 of 6 **Signature**

Signature *

To provide a signature you may either use the signature pad or upload a clear image of your signature. If you do not provide one, or your signature is inadequate, the Board of Elections will contact you to submit your signature.

Choose one of the signature options below:

Signature Pad

Please sign in the box below.

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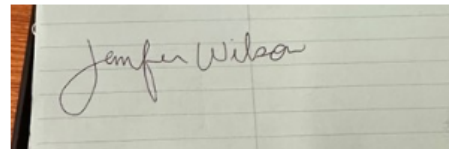
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Use the button below to upload and crop your signature.

For best results, please follow these guidelines:

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Identification

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 :

True

Political Party

Political Party :

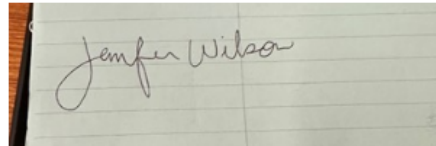
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Signature



Verification *

Please verify with reCAPTCHA below.

I'm not a robot



10 Day Registration Deadline

- Voters now have until the 10th day ahead of the election to register to vote.
- Still determining impact from Online Voter Registration.
- Voters can vote on first day of early voting by affidavit ballot if they are not already registered.
 - Counties will review voter's qualification first, then count the ballot.

Confidential Registration

- Victims of domestic violence are no longer required to have a court order to have their registration sealed.
- Any voter that is a victim of domestic violence can submit a form requesting to have their registration record sealed.
- Voter will work with County Board to determine voting method moving forward.



New York State Statement of Confidential Voter

1. Personal Information

Full Name

Date of Birth

2. Address Information

Address

City State Zip Code

County where you live

3. Affirmation

By signing this document, I do hereby swear or affirm that I am a victim of domestic violence, and further that because of the threat of physical or emotional harm to myself or to family or household members, I wish to have my voter registration record kept confidential.

Signature

Date

Instructions:

Complete this form by providing the information requested and submit it to the Board of Elections in the county in which you are registered to vote. If you are not already registered to vote, you must first complete a voter registration form.

Upon processing your completed form, the Board of Elections shall ensure that any registration record maintained by them be kept separate and apart from other such records and not be made available for inspection or copying by the public or any other person, except election officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties and only as pertinent and necessary.

The confidentiality of such registration records shall begin upon the Board's acceptance of your application and will continue for four years from such date.

A new application may be made prior to the expiration of such four year period.

Under a separate section of Election Law, you can also be excused from going to your polling place to vote and receive a special ballot. For further information, please contact your local Board of Elections for their special ballot procedures.



Absentee Changes

Counting Of Absentee Ballots

- Ballots are now counted upon receipt.
 - Counties set timelines of when ballots are opened and canvassed.
- Voters are no longer permitted to vote on a machine if they have requested an absentee ballot.
- The voter's first received ballot will be counted.

Accessible Absentee Ballots

- Voters with print disabilities can request an accessible absentee ballot.
- The voter will receive the ballot electronically.
 - The ballot can be marked using a software that is screen reader accessible.
- Voters are sent an affirmation envelope and return envelope with a tactile mark of where to sign.

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Voter Accessible Absentee Ballot Application Request

To use this application you must be a registered voter in New York State.
This online application for an accessible absentee ballot is designed for use ONLY by VOTERS WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES TO OBTAIN A PDF BALLOT WITH ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES.
Do not use this online form if your registration residence address is not your current residence address. To update your address, submit a new voter registration form or contact your board of elections for assistance.

* Mandatory Fields

English Español

* County

* Last Name

* First Name

* Date of Birth

* Zip code

Pre-Paid Absentee Postage

- All absentee ballots now include pre-paid return postage.
- The state received funding to provide postage.
- Voters who request an absentee ballot application will also receive a return envelope with pre-paid postage.



Absentee Tracker

- Built into the Voter Look Up.
- Look Up will show whether a ballot has been requested, the request received, the ballot application approved or denied, the ballot sent, and the ballot received by the Board.

Ballot Tracking Information

Your most recent Application for an Absentee Ballot was received and is Approved.

At this time, no absentee ballot has yet been sent because there is no upcoming election or absentee ballots have not yet been prepared by your County Board of Elections. Counties typically begin mailing absentee ballots 30-45 days before an election. If you believe there may be an issue with an absentee ballot being sent to you for an upcoming election, please contact your [County Board of Elections](#).

New Search

Revocation of Absentee Excuse Expansion

- The temporary illness excuse no longer includes fear of a communicable disease such as COVID.
- Voters can still request an absentee ballot if they are temporarily ill or disabled or for any of the other statutory reasons.

Deadline Change

- The deadline to request an absentee ballot was moved to 15 days ahead of an election in 2020.
- The deadline to return an absentee ballot was also permanently set as the date of the election.

Poll Site Changes

Extended Early Voting Hours

- Weekend early voting hours were extended in 2022 to include additional weekend hours.
- Sites must be open on the weekend for 8 hours between 8:00 am and 9:00 pm.
- Sites must also stay open until 8:00 pm at least two weekdays.

Poll Sites on College Campuses

- Colleges or universities with 300 or more registered voters on a contiguous property must have a poll site on the campus or at a nearby location.
- Boards of Election work with the university itself to determine location of the site.
- Only applies to Election Day sites.

Public Campaign Finance

Public Campaign Finance

- Passed in 2019
- The program provides a multiple match on small contributions from NYS residents to candidates who opt in, allowing candidates the opportunity to raise competitive amounts based on eligible contributions from constituents.
- Amplify voice of New York voters with a matching rate of anywhere between \$12-to-\$1 to \$6-to-\$1.
- Contributors can contribute up to \$250 during the election cycle if they seek to have their contribution matched.

Public Campaign Finance

- The NYS Public Campaign Finance Program will be the largest such program in the Nation covering 217 offices.
- Statewide Offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller.
- State Senate (63 offices)
- State Assembly (150 offices)

Public Campaign Finance

Statewide Offices

Match Formula

\$6-to-\$1

Example

\$100 contribution gets \$600 public matching funds for a total of \$700

Maximum Match

\$250 contribution gets \$1,500 public matching funds for a maximum of \$1,750

State Legislative Offices

Match Formula

\$12-to-\$1 for first \$50

\$9-to-\$1 for next \$100

\$8-to-\$1 for next \$100

Example

\$100 contribution gets \$1,050 public matching funds (\$600 for first \$50 + \$450 for next \$50) for a total of \$1,150

Maximum Match

\$250 contribution gets \$2,300 public matching funds for a maximum of \$2,550

Public Campaign Finance

- Candidates may begin raising matchable contributions on November 9, 2022.
 - Currently 34 candidates registered.
- The first implementation of the public matching program for State Senate and State Assembly candidates will be in 2024.
- The first implementation of the public matching program for statewide office (Governor, Lt. Governor, State Attorney General, and State Comptroller) candidates will be in 2026.

Public Campaign Finance

- Eligibility requirements include:
 - Be a candidate in a covered election (Primary/General/Special) for a covered office;
 - Be opposed by a candidate (not including write-ins);
 - Not make expenditures from personal funds;
 - Meet threshold requirements for number of matchable contributions received and total monetary contributions received; and
 - Adhere to all program requirements (disclosure, contribution limits, etc.)

Public Campaign Finance

- More information visit www.pcfb.ny.gov

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The schedule of Treasurer Training sessions has been published under the [Training tab](#).

New York State Public Campaign Finance Program

Program Start Date: November 9, 2022

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New York Voting Rights Act

New York State Voting Rights Act

- Still awaiting effectuation.
 - Many components have an effective date three years after signing.
 - Others are effective one year after signing.
 - Others will be effective after Attorney General's Office confirms they are prepared to implement.
 - Currently active legislative to further alter implementation date (S.818/A.7431)

New York State Voting Rights Act

- Most components will be implemented by Attorney General's Civil Rights Bureau, not Board of Elections.
 - Pre-clearance and other discrimination and voter protection measures are within the Attorney General's purview.
- BOE Specific components include:
 - Additional language access and assistance for minority language groups (will not take effect for 3 years)

New York State Voting Rights Act

- Components of act include:
 - Redistricting protections
 - Defining minority groups
 - Defining political subdivisions
 - Prohibiting voter intimidation
 - Gives AG authority to issue subpoenas

New York State Voting Rights Act

- Proposes remedies for voter suppression if violations are identified.
- Remedies are not defined but broadly include:
 - Voter education
 - Expanding registration
 - Altering the dates of voting
 - Adding voting hours
 - Additional poll sites
 - Additional means of voting by mail

Questions?