2014 Registration Deadlines and Election Dates
General Election Registration Deadline: Applications must be received or postmarked by Oct. 10
General Election: November 4

What Type of ID Do I Need to Vote?
Only two classes of New York voters have to show identification (“ID”) before voting: (1) first-time voters who registered by mail or registration drive whose driver’s license numbers or the last four digits of their Social Security numbers were not verified by the state; and (2) those who did not include a copy of an eligible ID with the mailed or registration drive application.

- These voters will need to either submit a copy of one of the acceptable IDs in advance, show ID while voting in person, or mail a copy with their absentee ballot.
- For those voters, acceptable ID includes a (i) current and valid photo identification such as a student ID, or (ii) current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter’s name and address.

What Type of ID Do I Need to Register?
- New York's voter registration form asks for your New York driver’s license or ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Failure to provide this information could lead to you having to show additional identification when you vote that shows your picture or your name and address. Make sure to provide this information on the registration form so the state can verify your identity and you don’t run into problems when you cast your ballot.

Register at School or Home?
Students have a choice about where to register to vote:

School residence:
- Students have the same right to register to vote in their college community as any other citizen in that community. Students who declare their school address as a legal residence are eligible to vote even if they are classified as “out of state” by their college or university for tuition purposes.

Home residence:
- Some students may choose to register or remain registered at their home (prior) address. In this case, a student may need to vote by absentee ballot.
- New York residents who move away for college can keep their New York voting residency so long as they still consider New York the location of their primary residence and do not register or declare residency elsewhere. These students may request to vote early by mail.

For other state’s registration information visit: www.campusvoteproject.org/studentguides

Voter registration forms, polling place locations, and more information can be found at http://www.elections.ny.gov/
According to the U.S. Supreme Court, students have the right to register and vote in their college towns if they meet the same requirements as everyone else. Misinformation, such as claims that registering to vote at school may jeopardize eligibility for financial aid or insurance, are sometimes used to discourage students from voting locally.

Common Questions

Will voting in New York affect my federal financial aid?

Where you register to vote will not affect federal financial aid such as Pell Grants and Perkins or Stafford loans or your dependency status regarding FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Will I lose my scholarship if I register to vote in New York?

Generally, no. If you receive scholarship money from a state, county, town, or a private entity (i.e., an entity other than the federal government) you should confirm that residency in a particular place is not a requirement of the scholarship and/or that voter registration in New York will not affect your eligibility.

Will registering to vote in New York affect my driver’s license or car registration?

Voting in New York may be considered evidence of your residency for purposes of the motor vehicle laws. New York residents have 30 days to register their vehicles and apply for a New York driver’s license. For more information, you may wish to contact the New York Department of Motor Vehicles.

Will registering to vote in New York prevent my parents from claiming me as a dependent on their taxes?

No. Students are often told that registering to vote in a different state from their parents will make them lose their dependency status. This is not true. Where you register to vote will have no effect on your parent’s tax status.

Does being an in-state or out-of-state student for tuition purposes affect my right to vote?

No. You may choose to vote in your college community or back home regardless of your tuition status.

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