2016 Registration Deadlines and Election Dates
Voter Registration Deadline: 30 Days Before Election Day
Registration Deadline: October 11
Election Day: November 8

Voter registration forms, polling place locations, and more information can be found at www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/Voters.aspx

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

School address:
- Students attending college in Ohio may register at their school address. You must plan to return after temporary absences, like summer break, but do not have to plan to reside at that address permanently.

Permanent address:
- Students may choose to register or remain registered at a permanent address in Ohio or outside the state. In this case, students may need to vote by absentee ballot.

You may only be registered and vote in one location.

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

What Type of ID Do I Need to Vote?
Those who vote early in person are required to provide the last four digits of their social security number if they lack an Ohio driver’s license or non-driver ID card.

Those who vote at the polls on Election Day must show one of the following types of ID:
- Current and valid photo ID issued by the federal government or the State of Ohio (driver’s licenses and non-driver photo IDs issued by the Ohio BMV are acceptable even if the address does not match the address on the voter’s registration).
- Military ID that shows the voter’s name.
- A copy or original of a current utility bill (including a cell phone bill), bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document (including those issued by a public college or university) that shows the voter’s name and current address (but not a notice of an election or a voter registration notification sent by a Board of Elections).

Colleges and universities may issue students living on campus a current utility bill with a current address that students can use as voter ID. A zero-balance bill indicating that the student has already paid for utilities is acceptable.

A voter without ID can cast a provisional ballot after swearing to her identity, but must bring ID to the county board of elections within seven days.

What Type of ID Do I Need to Register?
Ohio’s voter registration form asks for your Ohio driver’s license or ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Make sure you have it when completing your registration form.

www.campusvoteproject.org
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Where Do I Vote?
Make a plan. Look up your polling location and hours at: voterlookup.sos.state.oh.us/voterlookup.aspx

How Can I Vote?

Early In-Person
Registered voters have the right to vote early in-person or absentee by mail without an excuse. Early in-person voting begins the day after the close of voter registration until the day before Election Day. Check with your local board of elections for specific days and hours.

You can check the early in-person voting schedule here: www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/Voters/VotingEarlyInPerson.aspx

Absentee By Mail
- An electronic application to vote absentee by mail and a PDF application that may be printed are available at the Secretary of State’s website.
- Mailed applications must be received by your county board of elections by noon on the third day before the election.
- The completed absentee ballot must be returned to your local board of elections by the close of polls on Election Day.

On Election Day
The polls are open between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Common Questions

Will voting in Ohio 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 Ohio?
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 Ohio will not affect your eligibility.

Will registering to vote in Ohio affect my driver’s license or car registration?
No. Simply registering to vote in Ohio does not mean you must obtain a driver’s license and register your vehicle in the state.

Will registering to vote in Ohio 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 out-of-state student for tuition purposes affect my right to vote in my college community?
No. You may choose to vote in your college community or back home regardless of your tuition status.