



## REGISTERING TO VOTE:

## GETTING READY FOR ELECTION DAY

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### Qualifications to Register to Vote

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In order to be able to register to vote, you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be 16 years old for early registration, and be 18 years old to register and actively vote.
- Be a resident of New York State and a county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election
- Not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction (unless pardoned or restored rights of citizenship)
- Not be deemed mentally incompetent by a court
- Not be registered to vote elsewhere

You will need to fill out a **voter registration form** that is available in English and Spanish and submit it through one of the methods listed below. The forms also allow you to change your name and/or address, enroll in a political party, and change your enrollment. For more info > [citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote](https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote)

### Information to Consider Before You Register

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Before you register to vote, decide whether you want to belong to a political party or be an independent voter.

- Political parties allow you to participate in primary elections to select their candidate(s) if you register with them.
- Independent voters cannot participate in primary elections because they are non-partisan and therefore do not associate themselves to one political party over the other preferring to vote based on values about issues.

Deadlines that are important to know for [county elections](#) and [general elections](#) are listed on this website.

Great resources to compare where candidates stand on issues include surveys such as [WCA's annual candidate survey](#).

### How to Register to Vote

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Not sure if you are registered to vote? Check your status with the New York State Voter Lookup Tool > [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/](https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/)

#### Registration Forms

Fill out the following New York State Voter Registration Form available in English or Spanish:

- English: [elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/voteform\\_enterable.pdf](https://elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/voteform_enterable.pdf)
- Spanish: [elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/spanishvoteform\\_enterable.pdf](https://elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/spanishvoteform_enterable.pdf)

## Register In-Person

- Westchester County Board of Elections , 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601
- Any Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Office
- Any of 15 New York State agencies such as the Westchester County Department of Social Services (DSS) : [www.elections.ny.gov/NVRA.html](http://www.elections.ny.gov/NVRA.html)

Requires ONE of the following documents:

- NYS driver license, permit, or non-driver ID card
- Social security number
- Or, another form of identifying document stated at the top of the Voter Registration Form

## Register by Mail

Mail your registration form to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601 with one (1) of the following documents:

- NYS driver license, permit, or non-driver ID card
- Social security number card
- Or, another form of identifying document stated at the top of the [Voter Registration Form](#).

## Register Online

Registration link: <https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter/>

Requires ALL of the following documents:

1. NYS driver license, permit, or non-driver ID card
2. ZIP Code currently on record with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
3. Social security number card