



# REGISTERING TO VOTE: GETTING READY FOR ELECTION DAY

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## Qualifications to Register to Vote

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In order to register to vote, you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be 18 years of age by the date of the general, primary or other election
- 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

For more info, see the following County page: <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote>

## Information to Consider Before You Register

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Before you register to vote, think about issues that impact you and your community, social and political topics your care about, and 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 your party's candidate. Independent voters cannot participate in primary elections because they do not attach themselves to one political party over the other—they are non-partisan—preferring to vote more on issues than partisan lines.

You will want to spend some time to reflect on your personal and political views, research your priorities as well as partisan beliefs, and have conversations with friends, family, and people you know who have registered to vote before. Great resources include non-partisan voter guides and candidate surveys.

## How to Register to Vote

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Use one of the following methods to register to vote if you are not already registered to vote according to the New York State Voter Lookup Tool, <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

### Register In-Person

- ✓ Westchester County Board of Elections  
25 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, NY 10601
- ✓ Any Department of Motor Vehicles
- ✓ Any of 15 New York State agencies, which includes Westchester's own Department of Social Services:  
<https://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

1) Fill out the following New York State Voter Registration Form:

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

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

2) Mail your registration form to the Westchester County Board of Elections

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 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