

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Celebrating a Century

Voting in 2020

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The League of Women Voters in New York City Is...

- Neighbors helping neighbors find their voices to shape our future
- 100 years old, beginning with the Women's Suffrage Movement
- Encouraging informed & active participation in government
- Non-partisan focus on Issues, not parties or political candidates
 - LWV neither supports nor opposes political candidates or parties
- Using education and advocacy to influence public policy
- Membership-based Join us! Go to wwnyc.org to learn more



Agenda

- Who is the League of Women Voters of NYC?
- Important Dates
- Useful Resources for NYC Voting
- Registering to Vote
- Absentee Voting
- Early Voting
- Your Voting Plan
- Affidavit Ballot
- Census2020





2020 General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

- Voter Registration Deadlines:
 - Postmarked by 10/09 (25 days prior), received by 10/14
- Early Voting: nine (9) days before every election in NY
 - Saturday 10/24 Sunday 11/01; times differ each day
- Deadline to request Absentee Ballot:
 - By mail: 10/27 7 days before Election Day
 - In-person: 11/02 1 day before Election Day
- Deadline to return an Absentee Ballot
 - By mail: postmarked by 11/03, received by 11/10
 - In person: by 9:00pm on Election Day, Tuesday 11/03

Useful Resources for Voting in USA

Basics (register to vote, check your poll site):

Rock the Vote: www.rockthevote.org

Headcount: www.headcount.org/

Look up who is on your ballot:

Vote411: www.vote411.org/

Who's on the Ballot http://whosontheballot.org/

Ballotpedia: <u>ballotpedia.org/Main_Page</u>

has a wealth of election information



Useful Resources for NYC Voting

NYC Board of Elections:

vote.nyc & 1-866-VOTE-NYC

- Voter lookup: <u>www.vote.nyc/page/am-i-registered</u>
 - Or call 1-866-868-3692
- How to register to vote
- Apply for an absentee ballot
- Find your Election Day poll site and hours, your early voting poll site and hours, look up your elected officials: nyc.pollsitelocator.com/
- View election results
- And much more



You are required to wear a mask/face covering and maintain 6 feet of distance when entering any Board of Elections facility







Useful Resources for Voting in NYC

NY State Board of Elections: www.elections.ny.gov

NYC Campaign Finance Board - NYCvotes: www.nyccfb.info/nyc-votes

League of Women Voters of NYC: www.lwvnyc.org

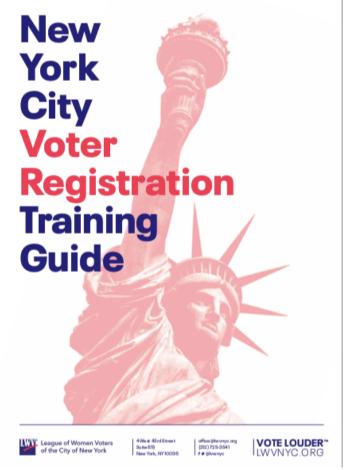
- Telephone Information Service 212-725-3541
- Education, information, including any ballot initiatives
 - E.g. 2021 Ranked Choice Voting for city offices



LWVNYC's Voter Education Toolkit: Iwvnyc.org New

- Voter Registration Training Guide
- How to register to vote in NYC*
- Guide to voting by absentee ballot in NYC
- How to register to vote through the DMV
- How to check your registration*
 - *In both English and Spanish

https://my.lwv.org/new-york/city-new-york/tool-kits/voter-education-tool-kit





Starting Point: Look up your registration - is it current?

NYC Board of Elections: vote.nyc

or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC

Voter lookup: <u>www.vote.nyc/page/am-i-registered</u>

or call 1-866-868-3692

If not, register with your current information



2 Ways to Register to Vote in NYC

- NYC Votes Turbovote: <u>nycvotes.turbovote.org</u>
- Fully online: currently, only online way is through the DMV: <u>dmv.ny.gov/mydmv/</u>
 - Requires having updated NYS drivers' license, permit, or non-drivers ID
- Paper Form most common
 - Download and print your own from NYC Board of Elections: vote.nyc
 - Pick up from a BOE office



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NY Voter Registration Form

Catch-all form for all purposes:

- Register to vote for the first time ever OR first time anywhere in NY state
- Update your name OR address for your voter registration
- Become a member of a political party
- Change your political party affiliation
- 'Pre-register' to vote if you are 16 or 17 years of age

NY State Eligibility Requirements

- Citizen of the United States
- 18 years old by election day to vote
 - 18 before the end of the year to register
 - Pre-registration for 16- and 17-year olds
- Not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction (unless parole pardoned or restored rights of citizenship)
- Not claim a right to vote elsewhere
- Not found to be incompetent by a court



Registering to vote



New York State Voter Registration Form

Register to vote

With this form, you register to vote in elections in New York State. You can also use this form to:

- · change the name or address on your voter registration
- · become a member of a political party
- · change your party membership
- · pre-register to vote if you are 16 or 17 years of age

To register you must:

- be a US citizen;
- be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until you are 18);
- not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction (unless parole pardoned or restored rights of citizenship);
- · not claim the right to vote elsewhere;
- · not found to be incompetent by a court.

Send or deliver this form

Fill out the form below and send it to your county's address on the back of this form, or take this form to the office of your County Board of Elections.

Mail or deliver this form at least 25 days before the election you want to vote in. Your county will notify you that you are registered to vote.

Questions?

Call your County Board of Elections listed on the back of this form or 1-800-FOR-VOTE (TDD/TTY Dial 711)

Find answers or tools on our website WWW.elections.ny.gov

Verifying your identity

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

If you do not have a DMV or social security number, you may use a valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or some other government document that shows your name and address. You may include a copy of one of those types of ID with this form—be sure to tape the sides of the form closed.

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

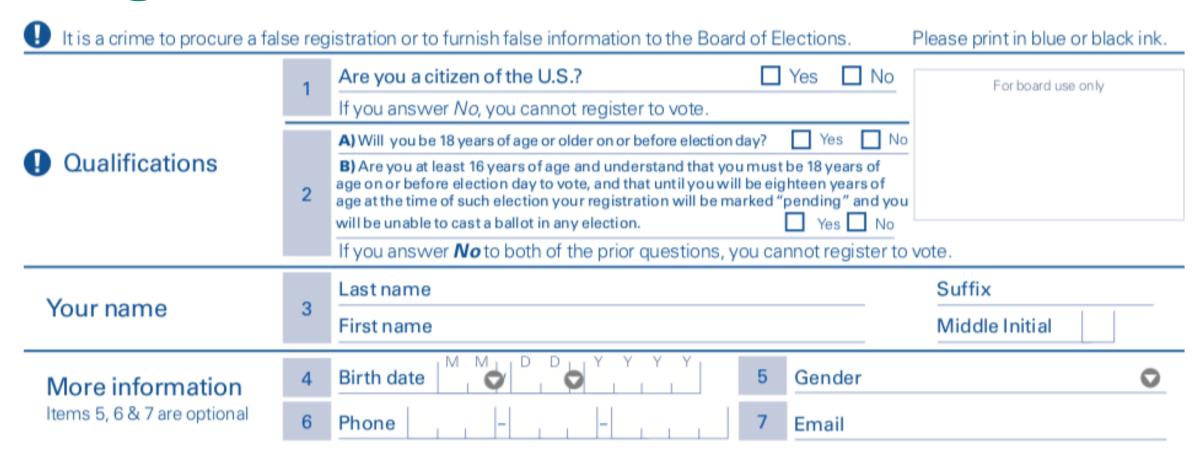
Información en español: si le interesa obtener este formulario en español, llame al 1-800-367-8683

中文資料:若您有興趣索取中文資料表格, 請電: 1-800-367-8683 한국어: 한국어 양식을 원하시면 1-800-367-8683 으로 전화 하십시오. বদি আপনি এই অনটি বাংলাতে গেতে চান ভারলে 1-800-367-8683 নম্বারে ভোন কর্মন

 Use it to register anywhere in NYS, but for fastest processing take form to Central NYC BOE office:
 32 Broadway, Manhattan



Registration Form: Questions 1-7



- If there is an error, do not cross it out → start a NEW form
- Encourage people to give at least one: email or phone #



Registration Form: Questions 8 & 9

Manhattan - New York County
Bronx - Bronx County
Brooklyn - Kings County
Queens - Queens County
Staten Island - Richmond County



 If BOE registration confirmation postcard comes back to the BOE undeliverable, the individual is not registered and must call 1-866-VOTE-NYC



Registration Form: Questions 10-13

Voting history	10	Have you voted before?
Voting information that has changed Skip if this has not changed or you have not voted before	12	Your name was Your address was Your previous state or New York State County was
Identification You must make 1 selection For questions, please refer to Verifying your identity above.	13	□ New York State DMV number □ Last four digits of your Social Security number x x x - x x - □ Ido not have a New York State driver's license or a Social Security number.

- Voters who miss last 5 years of voting will be made "inactive" and must reregister
 - If unsure, fill it out no penalty for duplicate registrations!
- Qu. #13: avoid problems later by using one of 1st two options (DMV or SSN)

Registration Form: Choosing a Political Party – Question 14

- LWV urges all NY voters to enroll in the political party of their choice
 - New York state has a 'closed primary' system = you have to be a member of that party to vote in its primary elections
 - Registering with one of the two main parties that hold primaries allows voters to vote twice as much each year because they can vote in that party's primary elections
 - Primary elections are where many of the real electoral choices and voter influence are in NYC!

Vote and the Choice is Yours; Don't Vote and the Choice is Theirs.



Registration Form: Questions 14, 15, 16

Political party You must make 1 selection Political party enrollment is optional but that, 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.	14	Democratic party Republican party Conservative party Working Families party Green party Libertarian party Independence party SAM party Other Ot want to enroll in any political party vish to be an independent voter	16		 Affidavit: I swear or affirm the lam a citizen of the United States. I will have lived in the 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 if it is not true, I can be convicted and fined to \$5,000 and/or jailed for up to four years.
Optional questions	15	eed to apply for an Absentee ballot. ould like to be an Election Day worker.		Date	

- Qu. #14: Independence Party ≠ No party
- Qu. #16: voter must sign and date in own hand



Back of the Form

- NYC Board of Election offices
- Postage is prepaid and already addressed



Board of Elections Borough Offices

General Office

32 Broadway, 7 Fl New York, NY 10004-1609 Tel: 1.212.487.5300 / 1.212.487.5400 Phone Bank: 1.866.VOTE.NYC E-mail: electioninfo@boe.nyc.ny.us Web Page: www.vote.nyc.ny.us

Borough Offices

Manhattan

200 Varick Street, 10 Fl New York, NY 10014 Tel: 1.212.886.2100

Bronx

1780 Grand Concourse, 5 Fl Bronx, NY 10457 Tel: 1.718.299.9017

Brooklyn

345 Adams Street, 4 Fl Brooklyn, NY 11201 Tel: 1.718.797.8800

Queens

118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Fl Forest Hills, NY 11375 Tel: 1.718.730.6730

Staten Island

1 Edgewater Plaza, 4 Fl Staten Island, NY 10305 Tel: 1.718.876.0079

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Absentee Voting

- Apply for an absentee ballot with the BOE: deadline 10/27 via mail, 11/2 in person
- On-line, by email or using a paper form vote.nyc OR call 1-866-VOTE-NYC

New York State Absentee Ballot Application	BOARD USE ONLY:		
Please print clearly. See detailed instructions.	Town/City/Ward/Dist:		
This application must either be personally delivered to your county board of elections not later than the day before the election, or postmarked by a governmental postal service not later than 7th day before election day. The ballot itself must either be personally delivered to the board of elections no later than the close of polls on election day, or postmarked by a governmental postal service not later than the day before the election and received no later than the 7th day after the election.	Registration No: Party: □ voted in office		
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this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and if it contains a material false

(address of witness to mark)

(signature of witness to mark)



Absentee Voting

- Ballots will be mailed out beginning 9/18
- When you receive the ballot, complete it and then either
 - Mail it via USPS to the BOE in your borough, postmarked by 11/03 OR
 - Hand deliver it to the BOE in your borough (yourself or through a trusted source) OR
 - Hand deliver it to a poll site in your borough during Early Voting or on Election Day (yourself or through a trusted source) –
 - New! Dropboxes



Absentee Voting – Tracking

- After you apply for an absentee ballot, you can track it
- Search by confirmation code or by voter information
- Works for both paper and electronic applications





Absentee Voting – New Legislation on Challenges

- Voters must receive notice if their ballot is being challenged because of an issue with their signature or witness declaration
- Voters would be alerted by email, phone and/or mail depending on the ability of personal information
- Voters have 5 days to respond to address the challenge in the 2020 election, 7 days after that



Early Voting

- First used in NY in November 2019 election
- When to vote early:
 - Any of the nine (9) scheduled days prior to each Election Day:
 - Before every Election Day: two weekends plus the week in between OR The 10 days before minus the Monday before E-Day
- Early Voting poll sites differ from Election Day poll sites!
 - Look up your poll site and hours: nyc.pollsitelocator.com
 - Just like on Election Day, you may only vote at your designated poll site
 - Times vary by day: early morning, daytime, and evening hours all available but on different days
- Early voting = socially distanced voting

Voting Plan: Which option is best for you?

- You definitely need to vote by absentee ballot
- You are not sure if you will need to vote by absentee ballot it will depend on your situation and local public health conditions.
- You prefer to go to the polls in person, and feel confident that you will be able to do so, consider voting early.
- You want or need to vote in person on Election Day

Let's take a look at each of these in detail



1. You need to vote by absentee ballot

- Apply for an absentee ballot ASAP (before October 27th)
 - Call 1-866-VOTE-NYC or online: https://nycabsentee.com/
 - For COVID-19, even if you have never been sick, use "Temporary Illness"
- When you get the absentee ballot in the mail
 - Follow the instructions carefully (ask questions as you need to)
 - Fill it out, sign and date it, and and seal it (NO glue or tape)
- Return the completed ballot:
 - NOTE: Someone else can mail or hand-deliver your ballot for you
 - Schedule this in advance with a trusted person
 - Hand-Delivery to either
 - Board of Elections office in your borough/county
 - Poll site, including early voting poll sites, in your borough/county
 - Mail (postage is not included)
 - Must be postmarked by Monday, November 2nd



2. You are unsure if you will need to vote by absentee ballot

For you, it will depend on your situation and local public health conditions.

Follow all the absentee instructions previous slide, but if:

- 1. The absentee ballot is slow in coming, and/or
- 2. You are uncomfortable with the process for completing and/or returning the ballot, AND
- 3. You feel able...

Consider voting early!



3. Vote Early: you prefer to go to the polls inperson, but want to avoid crowds

Early Voting is much less crowded than voting on Election Day

- Early voting is available nine days before Election Day the two weekends before and the week in between, but not the Monday before Election Day
 - For 2020: October 24th November 1st
- Information is on the BOE website <u>vote.nyc</u>
 - Hours vary by day, with early morning and evening hours
 - Early Voting poll sites usually differ from Election Day poll sites
- Must wear a mask inside all BOE poll sites & offices



4. In-Person on Election Day

- Make sure your registration is current; if not re-register with the current information
- Look up your poll site
 - Information is on the BOE website <u>vote.nyc</u>
- Polls are open 6:00am 9:00pm
- Must wear a mask inside all BOE poll sites and offices
- Leave extra time lines can get long!
- Never leave without voting, even if it's after the poll closing time



Affidavit Ballots (Just in Case)

- For registered voters who go to the correct poll site BUT for some reason they are not provided a paper ballot, never leave without voting
 - $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ Ask to vote on an affidavit ballot $\leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow$
- Saying this term is legally triggering: poll workers must allow you to cast your vote via affidavit





One more thing: Census 2020

- The Census population count is what determines how much of the ~ \$1 trillion in Federal funding for critical social, health, education, and infrastructure programs each state gets for the next ten years
- Determines allocation of representatives in Congress and state and local offices
- Answers are completely confidential as revealing any information is a felony
- To respond go to <u>My2020census.gov</u> or 844-330-2020
 - Anyone who left NYC temporarily should respond to the census based on their "usual residence" – where they normally would have been on April 1st, 2020
 - Use your address if you don't have a CensusID
 - Some households received a paper form, but everyone can do it online
- Follow up door-knocking begin August 11; count ends September 30, 2020

LWVNYC Census & Redistricting Committee: census@lwvnyc.org



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