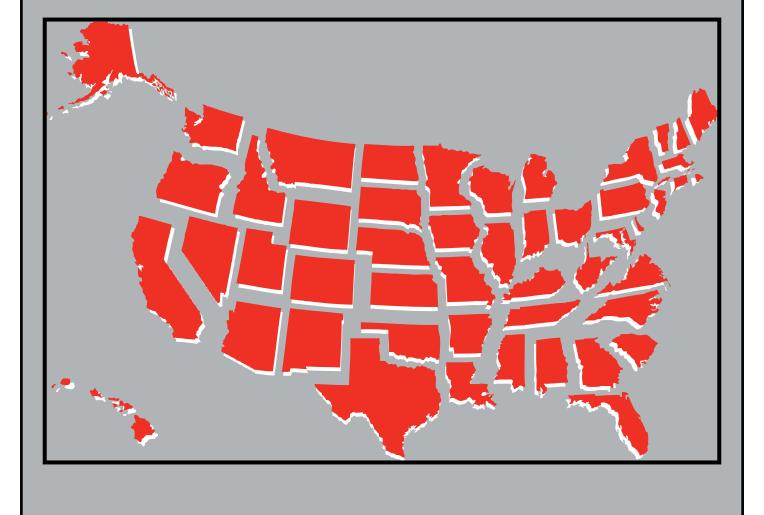
# Register To Vote In Your State By Using This Postcard Form and Guide



# For U.S. Citizens

# Who Can Use this Application

If you are a U.S. citizen who lives or has an address within the United States, you can use the application in this booklet to:

- Register to vote in your State,
- Report a change of name to your voter registration office,
- Report a change of address to your voter registration office, or
- Register with a political party.

### Exceptions

Please do not use this application if you live outside the United States and its territories and have no home (legal) address in this country, *or* if you are in the military stationed away from home. Use the Federal Postcard Application available to you from military bases, American embassies, or consular offices.

**New Hampshire** town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form.

North Dakota does not have voter registration. Wyoming law does not permit mail registration.

# How to Find Out If You Are Eligible to Register to Vote in Your State

Each State has its own laws about who may register and vote. Check the information under your State in the State Instructions. All States require that you be a United States citizen by birth or naturalization to register to vote in federal and State elections. Federal law makes it illegal to falsely claim U.S. citizenship to register to vote in any federal, State, or local election. You **cannot** be registered to vote in more than one place at a time.

## How to Fill Out this Application

Use both the Application Instructions and State Instructions to guide you in filling out the application.

- First, read the Application Instructions. These instructions will give you important information that applies to everyone using this application.
- Next, find your State under the State Instructions. Use these instructions to fill out Boxes 6, 7, and refer to these instructions for information about voter eligibility and any oath required for Box 9.

### When to Register to Vote

Each State has its own deadline for registering to vote. Check the deadline for your State on the last page of this booklet.

## How to Submit Your Application

Mail your application to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. Or, deliver the application in person to your local voter registration office. The States that are required to accept the national form will accept copies of the application printed from the computer image on regular paper stock, signed by the applicant, and mailed in an envelope with the correct postage.

### First Time Voters Who Register by Mail

If you are registering to vote for the first time in your jurisdiction and are mailing this registration application, Federal law requires you to show proof of identification the first time you vote. Proof of identification includes:

- A current and valid photo identification or
- A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows your name and address.

Voters may be exempt from this requirement if they submit a **COPY** of this identification with their mail in voter registration form. If you wish to submit a **COPY**, please keep the following in mind:

- Your state may have additional identification requirements which may mandate you show identification at the polling place even if you meet the Federal proof of identification.
- Do not submit original documents with this application, only **COPIES.**

# If You Were Given this Application in a State Agency or Public Office

If you have been given this application in a State agency or public office, it is your choice to use the application. If you decide to use this application to register to vote, you can fill it out and leave it with the State agency or public office. The application will be submitted for you. Or, you can take it with you to mail to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. You also may take it with you to deliver in person to your local voter registration office.

Note: The name and location of the State agency or public office where you received the application will remain confidential. It will not appear on your application. Also, if you decide not to use this application to register to vote, that decision will remain confidential. It will not affect the service you receive from the agency or office.

# **Application Instructions**

Before filling out the body of the form, please answer the questions on the top of the form as to whether you are a United States citizen and whether you will be 18 years old on or before Election Day. If you answer no to either of these questions, you may not use this form to register to vote. However, state specific instructions may provide additional information on eligibility to register to vote prior to age 18.

### Box 1 — Name

Put in this box your full name in this order — Last, First, Middle. Do not use nicknames or initials. *Note:* If this application is for a change of name, please tell us in **Box A** (*on the bottom half of the form*) your full name before you changed it.

### Box 2 — Home Address

Put in this box your home address (legal address). Do **not** put your mailing address here if it is different from your home address. Do **not** use a post office box or rural route without a box number. Refer to state-specific instructions for rules regarding use of route numbers.

*Note:* If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, please tell us in **Box B** (*on the bottom half of the form*) the address where you were registered before. Please give us as much of the address as you can remember.

*Also Note:* If you live in a rural area but do not have a street address, or if you have no address, please show where you live using the map in Box C (*at the bottom of the form*).

## Box 3 — Mailing Address

If you get your mail at an address that is different from the address in Box 2, put your mailing address in this box. If you have no address in Box 2, you **must** write in Box 3 an address where you can be reached by mail.

## Box 4 — Date of Birth

Put in this box your date of birth in this order — Month, Day, Year. *Be careful not to use today's date!* 

## Box 5 — Telephone Number

Most States ask for your telephone number in case there are questions about your application. However, you do not have to fill in this box.

### Box 6 — ID Number

Federal law requires that states collect from each registrant an identification number. You must refer to your state's specific instructions for item 6 regarding information on what number is acceptable for your state. If you have neither a drivers license nor a social security number, please indicate this on the form and a number will be assigned to you by your state.

### Box 7 — Choice of Party

In some States, you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention. To find out if your State requires this, see item 7 in the instructions under your State.

If you want to register with a party, print in the box the full name of the party of your choice.

If you do not want to register with a party, write "no party" or leave the box blank. Do not write in the word "independent" if you mean "no party," because this might be confused with the name of a political party in your State.

*Note:* If you do not register with a party, you can still vote in general elections and nonpartisan (nonparty) primary elections.

### Box 8 — Race or Ethnic Group

A few States ask for your race or ethnic group, in order to administer the Federal Voting Rights Act. To find out if your State asks for this information, see item 8 in the instructions under your State. If so, put in Box 8 the choice that best describes you from the list below:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, not of Hispanic Origin
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial
- White, *not* of Hispanic Origin
- Other

### Box 9 — Signature

Review the information in item 9 in the instructions under your State. Before you sign or make your mark, make sure that:

(1) You meet your State's requirements, and

(2) You understand **all** of Box 9.

Finally, sign your **full** name or make your mark, and print today's date in this order — Month, Day, Year. If the applicant is unable to sign, put in **Box D** the name, address, and telephone number (optional) of the person who helped the applicant.

# **Voter Registration Application** Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form. (Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)												
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3	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above				City/Town State				Zip Code			
4	Date of Birth Month Day Year	5	Telephone Number (optional)			ID Number - (See item 6 in the instructions for your state)					te)	
7	Choice of Party (see item 7 in the instructions for your State)	8	Race or Ethnic Gro (see item 8 in the instruct		ur State)							
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If you are registering to vote for the first time: please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

# Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a **change of name**, what was your name before you changed it?

A	Mr. Miss Last Name Mrs. Ms.	First Na	ime	Middle Name(s)	□Jr □   □Sr □			
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# **State Instructions**

# Alabama

Updated: 08-28-2017

**Registration Deadline** — Voter registration is closed during the fourteen days preceding an election. Applications must be postmarked or delivered by the fifteenth day prior to the election.

6. ID Number. If you have one, you must provide your Alabama driver's license number or Alabama nondriver identification card number. If you do not have an Alabama driver's license or nondriver identification card, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued any of these numbers you must write the word "NONE" and a unique identifier will be provided for you. 7. Choice of Party. Optional: You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group. Y**ou are required to fill in this box; however, your application will not be rejected if you fail to do so. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).

**9. Signature.** To register in Alabama you must:

• be a citizen of the United States

• be a resident of Alabama and your county at the time of registration

be 18 years old before any election
not have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude (or have had your civil and political rights restored) not currently be declared mentally incompetent through a competency hearing
swear or affirm to "support and defend the Constitution of the U.S. and the State of Alabama and further disavow any belief or affiliation with any group which advocates the overthrow of the governments of the U.S. or the State of Alabama by unlawful means and that the information contained herein is true, so help me God"

# Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of State P.O. Box 5616 Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

# Alaska

Updated: 03-01-2006

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

6. ID Number. You must provide one of the following identification numbers; Alaska Driver's License or Alaska State Identification Card Number. If you do not have an Alaska Driver's License or Alaska State Identification Card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have any of these identification numbers, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned to you for voter registration purposes. This information is kept confidential. Having this information assists in maintaining your voter record and may assist in verifying your identity (Title 15 of the Alaska Statutes).

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to declare a party affiliation when registering to vote. If you

do not choose a party, you will be registered as Undeclared. Alaska has a closed primary election system. Each recognized political party has a separate ballot listing only candidates from that political party. Voters registered as a member of a political party may only vote that party's ballot. Voters registered as undeclared or non-partisan may choose one ballot from the ballots available. **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Alaska you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old within 90
- days of completing this registration • be a resident of Alaska
- not be a convicted felon (unless unconditionally discharged)

• not be registered to vote in another State

# Mailing address:

Division of Elections State of Alaska PO Box 110017 Juneau, AK 99811-0017

# Arizona

# Updated: 03-01-2006

**Registration Deadline** — 29 days before the election.

6. ID Number. Your completed voter registration form must contain the number of your Arizona driver license, or non-operating identification license issued pursuant to A.R.S. § 28-3165, if the license is current and valid. If you *do not have* a current and valid Arizona driver license or non-operating identification license, you must

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include the last four digits of your social security number if one has been issued to you. If you do not have a current and valid driver license or non-operating identification license or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the Secretary of State. 7. Choice of Party. If you are registered in a political party which has qualified for ballot recognition, you will be permitted to vote the primary election ballot for that party. If you are registered as an independent, no party preference or as a member of a party which is not qualified for ballot recognition, you may select and vote one primary election ballot for one of the recognized political parties. 8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Arizona you must:

• be a citizen of the United States

• be a resident of Arizona and your county at least 29 days preceding the next election

• be 18 years old on or before the next general election

not have been convicted of treason or a felony (or have had your civil rights restored)
not currently be declared an incapacitated person by a court of law

## Mailing address:

Secretary of State/Elections 1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85007-2888

# Arkansas

Updated: 03-01-2006

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

6. ID Number. Your completed voter registration form must contain your state issued driver's license number or nonoperating identification number. If you do not have a driver's license or nonoperating identification, you must include the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license or a nonoperating identification or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the State.

**7. Choice of Party.** Optional. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Arkansas you must:

• be a citizen of the United States

• live in Arkansas at the address in Box 2 on the application

• be at least 18 years old before the next election

• not be a convicted felon (or have completely discharged your sentence or been pardoned)

• not claim the right to vote in any other jurisdiction

• not previously be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction

# Mailing address:

Secretary of State Voter Services P.O. Box 8111 Little Rock, AR 72203-8111

# California

Updated: 06-18-2018

**Registration Deadline** — 15 days before the election; conditional

voter registration up to and including Election Day.

6. ID Number. When you register to vote, you must provide your California driver's license or California identification card number, if you have one. If you do not have a driver's license or ID card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). If you do not include this information, you will be required to provide identification when you vote. 7. Choice of Party. If you wish to choose a party preference, please enter the name of the political party. If you do not want to choose a political party, enter "No Party Preference" in the space provided. California law allows voters who choose "No Party Preference" or have chosen a preference for a nonqualified political party to vote in the presidential primary election of any qualified political party that files a notice with the Secretary of State allowing them to do so. You can call 1-800-345-VOTE or visit www.sos.ca.gov to learn which political parties allow "No Party Preference" voters and voters who have disclosed a preference for a nonqualified political party to participate in their presidential primary election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in California you must:

• be a citizen of the United States

• be a resident of California

• be at least 18 or older on Election Day to vote

• not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony