

College Student Voter Guide

Make Your Vote Count!



Prepare yourself for Election Day success with these helpful tips.





Submit a Voter Registration Application

- Every prospective voter must fill out a voter registration application. You can do this online or by mail.
- You can visit the Department of Elections website to apply online by <u>clicking here</u>.
- The deadline to register or update your voter information is October 15, 2024.



Provide a Residential Address

- You must submit your residential address (a dorm or college address is acceptable) when registering. Post office boxes are valid for mailing addresses only.
- If you cannot receive mail at your residential address, you must also provide a mailing address.



Contact Information

 Including your email address and phone number on your application helps the Office of Elections reach you if needed.



Updating Your Information

• Remember to update your voter registration if you change your residence.



Residency Requirements

 A prospective voter must be a resident of the Commonwealth and the precinct where they register, having a physical location intended for unlimited stay.
 Residency can only be established in one place at a time.



Registering Your Campus Address

University of Richmond Registration

University of Richmond students are required to register using the residential address (street address) of the dorm, including, the dorm number.

In the mailing address section of the application, use the mailing center address along with the dorm or box number.

CLICK HERE to access the UR On-Campus Residential Adress PDF.

VCU Registration

VCU students are required to register using the residential address (street address) of the dorm, including, the dorm, number.

In the mailing address section of the application, use the mailing center address along with the dorm or box number.

CLICK HERE to access the VCU Dorm Address PDF.

VA Union University Registration

Students at Virginia Union University will register using the address 1500 N Lombardy St, Richmond, VA 23220.

It is important for students to include their specific apt or dorm number, as there is no centralized mailing center; students receive their mail directly at their dorms.



Students Who Live Off-Campus

How to check what your voting location is based on your off-campus housing:

If you don't know where you should vote, visit the voter precinct map located at www.rva.gov/elections/precincts

Follow these steps once you get on the website provided:

- 1. Click on the "Voter Precinct App" and it will take you to a map where you can enter your address.
- Find out what your precinct # is from the map based on the address you provided.
- 3. Once you have your precinct #, scroll down to the bottom of the page of www.rva.gov/elections/precincts to find out what your voting location is and the address.

You can also use the app to download a map of your precinct



Same-Day Registration





You must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Virginia. You should also be at least 18 years old on or before Election Day. If you are 17 but will turn 18 by Election Day, you can pre-register to vote.

provisional ballot will be counted.

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WHERE TO REGISTER

You can register to vote online. A Virginia Driver's License is required to complete the **online** application.

If you do not have a Virginia Driver's License, **print** a paper application and mail, email or bring this form to our office.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

To register at the voting location, you must affirm your location of residency. This could include your physical address of your dorm or a local address. Additionally, you are required to present one form of identification. **Acceptable forms of ID** include a Virginia driver's license or a school-issued photo ID.

THE PROCESS

Before Arriving to Your Voting Location: Confirm your registration.
At Your Voting Location: If you are not registered in Richmond City; inform the poll workers that you want to register to vote and cast your ballot.
Complete the Registration Form on the Provisional Envelope: The form will ask for your name, address, date of birth, and other basic information.
Vote with a Provisional Ballot: If your registration is approved, your

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When it comes to voting, individuals have several options to make their voices heard in elections. Each option is designed to offer convenience & flexibility, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to participate.





Early Voting

Sept. 20, 2024 -November 2, 2024

For locations and times - click here







Absentee

Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is 5:00 P.M. on October 25, 2025.

Election Day

November 5th Polls open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.



ID Requirements

You need one form of ID to vote, such as a Virginia driver's license, a school issued ID with a photo, or a utility bill, paycheck, or bank statement showing your name and address.

DON'T FORGET

to check your registration status!

elections.virginia.gov



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