

# Voting as a **College Student**

IN NORTH CAROLINA



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## CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE AS A COLLEGE STUDENT?

### Yes, if you are:

- A U.S. citizen.
- A resident of North Carolina and county for 30 days prior to the election.
- At least 18 years old, or will be 18 by the date of the general election.
- Not serving a felony sentence, including probation, post-release supervision, or parole.

If your home is in the community where you attend school, you may register to vote at your address while in school. If you plan to return to your former home after college, either within North Carolina or in another state, you should remain registered to vote in your hometown. You may have only one residence for voting purposes. You can only vote once in the same election. Voting multiple times in the same election, either within the state or across state lines, is a felony.

## WHEN IS THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

**25 days before the election.** If you miss the deadline, you can still register at an early voting site during the 17-day early voting period before Election Day. You will be asked to show proof of your current residential address. To learn more about registering or register to vote, go to [ncsbe.gov/registering](https://ncsbe.gov/registering).

## WHAT ARE MY VOTING OPTIONS?



### EARLY VOTING

Every county offers a 17-day period of early voting before an election. You can register and vote at the same time at an early voting site.



### ELECTION DAY VOTING

Polls are open on Election Day from 6:30am to 7:30pm.



### ABSENTEE-BY-MAIL VOTING

Request to vote by mail online on the State Board's website, or by submitting a completed and signed request form to your county board of elections by mail or in person. You will receive in the mail your ballot and an envelope to mail your ballot to the county board of elections.

## WHAT ARE THE PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING?

North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo ID when they check in to vote. Voters who vote by mail will be asked to include a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID when returning their ballot by mail. Many types of identification – including driver’s licenses, U.S. Passports, and State-approved student IDs – will be accepted. To see the full list of acceptable photo IDs and read more about voter ID requirements in North Carolina, go to [ncsbe.gov/voter-ID](https://ncsbe.gov/voter-ID).

## WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A PHOTO ID?

All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID. If any voter is unable to show a photo ID when voting, they may:



Vote with a **Provisional Ballot**, and...



Complete an **ID Exception Form**



Bring acceptable ID to the county elections office by the day before county canvass.

On the form, the voter will **choose from the following permitted exceptions**:

- A “reasonable impediment” preventing them from showing ID.
- A religious objection to being photographed.
- A victim of a natural disaster within 100 days before Election Day.



### FREE PHOTO ID CARDS

Any registered voter can get a free photo ID from their county board of elections. Contact information for county boards can be found at [vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEinfo](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEinfo). Any North Carolina resident can get a free non-driver’s ID from the NCDMV.

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## CAN I STILL VOTE IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY ELIGIBILITY?

**Yes.** If there are any questions about your eligibility to vote, you will be offered a provisional ballot. Such questions may arise if a voter does not appear on the registration records, or they request a ballot with contests that they are not apparently eligible to vote on, due to residency or party affiliation in a primary, or they do not have acceptable photo ID. After Election Day, election officials conduct research to determine a provisional voter’s eligibility and will count the provisional ballots of all eligible voters.