

You Can Now Register to
VOTE!!



Some of the issues you may care about...

- Gun violence in schools
- Government reaction to Covid 19
- Lifting shutdown limits from Covid 19
- Immigration law
- Voting on-line, Vote by mail
- Global warming and the environment
- Student loan debt
- Changing the electoral college vote for president

Some interesting realities....

- One half of all Americans are registered to vote
- Some Presidential elections are decided by 30% of the population
- The last Presidential election was won by votes in the Electoral College, not by the popular vote.
- Gerrymandering of district lines can sway elections to one political party or another.
- Voter suppression has increased significantly since Shelby vs. Holder was decided by the Supreme court in 2013. This allowed states that had a history of suppression to avoid scrutiny by the federal courts.

How old do I need to be to register to vote?

- Each State in the US has their own Voter Registration Laws and processes.
- **IN NEW YORK STATE:**
 - You can REGISTER to vote if you 18, or PRE- REGISTER if you are 16, 17 years old.
 - You can only VOTE if you are 18 or older on Election Day.

Where do I register to Vote?

Go to www.VOTE411.org

or

You can register online at the NYSDMV

<http://www.voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/>

OR

You can print out a Voter Registration form from The NYSBOE

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/>

And mail it to your county Board of Elections,

Suffolk County Board of Elections

Yaphank Avenue, PO Box 700

Yaphank, NY 11980-0700

Online Voter Registration at The NYS DMV

- Go On line to:
 - <http://www.voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/>
 - <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>

To register you will need

- your New York State DMV issued driver license, permit or Non-Driver ID
 - it must be your most recently issued document - you will need the ID Number and document number (See [Sample Documents](#) ^[3])
- the ZIP Code **currently** on record with the DMV
- the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (SSN)

What is on the Voter Registration Form?

- You need to confirm you are a citizen, your name , DOB, address, Drivers License number and last 4 digits of your Social Security number.
- You will be given the opportunity to select a political party. You do not have to select a party, however if you do not select a party you cannot vote in any primary election.
- There is a list of parties on the form and an option to **not** pick a party.

A note about political parties

- No matter what party you are registered in you can vote for any candidate in the general election.
- Your vote is confidential
- Do not confuse being an independent voter with The Independence Party.
- You do not have to be in a political party. You can choose No Party.
- All political parties have a specific platform or stance on issues. Go to their website to be informed.

How do I know I am registered?

- The NYSDMV will send your information to your County Board of Elections.
- In approximately 6 weeks the BOE will mail you a post card verifying you are registered and informing you of the location you will need to go to cast your ballot on Election day

If you do not receive a confirming post card, go to the NYS BOE website and enter your information to confirm your registration.

<https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

How do I register by Mail

- Go to The New York State Board of Elections Website
 - <https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html>

There are Voter Registration forms in English and Spanish that you can print out, fill out and mail to the Suffolk County Board of Elections:

SC BOE
Yaphank Avenue
PO Box 700
Yaphank , NY 11980-0700

What is an absentee ballot and how do I get one?

- <https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html>
- There are usually limited excuses for using absentee ballots, (illness, disability or travel out of county)
- Normally you must download an application and mail it to your county board of elections and then they will mail you your ballot.
- **HOWEVER.....**
- *The NYS Legislature has voted **to allow absentee ballots to be used by Everyone** who wants to statewide in the November 3rd, 2020 Election without the normal limited excuses. We await the Governors signature to make this a law. It will only apply to this November Election.*

What is the deadline to Register to Vote this year?

- To register to Vote in this year's **November Presidential Election** the deadline is October 9th for postmark and must be received by the BOE by October 14th
- Don't Wait! Register NOW!!
- Go to www.VOTE411.org

When and where do I VOTE in Person?

- You will be mailed a post card from the Suffolk County BOE 6 weeks after registering to vote that tells you where your polling place is
- In addition to Election Day, there is now early voting in NYS.
- Locations of the early voting site may be different than your regular voting place
- Dates and places will be posted on the Suffolk County BOE website
- *If you will be away at college, you can apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.*

Some important facts

- NY is 41st out of 50 states in voter turnout! ***Awful!!!*** One of the worst!
- The lowest turnout is the youth vote, age 18-29- less than 50%
- The highest turnout is among senior citizens more than 65%
- ***DO YOU WANT YOUR FUTURE DECIDED BY SOMEONE ELSE?***
- ***Register, Vote, be informed!!***

How can I be updated on election dates and issues?

- **TEXT VOTENY to 474747**

- This is the LWV NYS service that will send out updates and voting reminders.

- **Go to : www.Vote411.org**

- This is the LWV site that has information on who is running in your area and what the candidate positions are on various issues and you can register there as well!!

So, now what?

- Register
- Check to make sure your registration went through
- Apply for an absentee ballot If you will be away at college
- VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3rd
- Spread the word

REMEMBER ITS YOUR FUTURE AND YOUR WORLD!

