



**REGISTER  
TO VOTE!**



## Student Voting Guide for New York

**Herkimer County Board of Elections**  
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### Important Dates/Deadlines:

**General Election November 8th, 2022**  
**6:00am-9:00pm**

#### Registration

**October 14** – Last day to register in person to vote in the General Election (if mailed, postmark must be by this date).

**October 19** – Last day to receive change of addresses to be in effect for the General Election

#### Absentee

**October 24** – Last Day to Postmark Applications for the General Election absentee ballot.

**November 7** – Last day to apply in person for Absentee

**November 8**—Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board of elections no later than November 15th.



### Early Voting:

In the 9 days leading up to any county run election all voters will have the ability to vote early. Please visit your county's website for Early Voting locations and dates.

### Register at School or Home?

Students have a choice about where to register to vote.

#### **School address:**

- Students attending college in New York may register at their school address. You must plan to return after temporary absences, like summer break, but do not have to plan to reside at that address permanently.

#### **Permanent address:**

- Students may choose to register or remain registered at a permanent address in New York or outside the state. In this case, students may need to vote by absentee ballot.

### What Type of ID Do I Need to Register?

New York's voter registration form asks for your New York driver's license or ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Failure to provide this information could lead to you having to show additional identification when you vote that shows your picture or your name and address.

*Voter registration forms, polling place locations, and more information can be found at [www.elections.ny.gov/](http://www.elections.ny.gov/) or [herkimercounty.org/elections](http://herkimercounty.org/elections)*

## **FAQ's:**

### **Will voting in New York affect my federal financial aid?**

Where you register to vote will not affect federal financial aid such as Pell Grants and Perkins or Stafford loans or your dependency status regarding FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

### **Will I lose my scholarship if I register to vote in New York?**

Generally, no. If you receive scholarship money from a state, county, town, or a private entity (i.e., an entity other than the federal government) you should confirm that residency in a particular place is not a requirement of the scholarship and/or that voter registration in New York will not affect your eligibility.

### **Will registering to vote in New York affect my driver's license or car registration?**

Voting in New York may be considered evidence of your residency for purposes of the motor vehicle laws. New York residents have 30 days to register their vehicles and apply for a New York driver's license. For more information, you may wish to contact the New York Department of Motor Vehicles.

### **Will registering to vote in New York prevent my parents from claiming me as a dependent on their taxes?**

No. Students are often told that registering to vote in a different state from their parents will make them lose their dependency status. This is not true. Where you register to vote will have no effect on your parent's tax status.

### **Does being an out-of-state student for tuition purposes affect my right to vote in my college community?**

No. You may choose to vote in your college community or back home regardless of your tuition status.

## **Where Do I Vote?**

Make a plan. Look up your polling location and hours at:  
<https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx>

## **On Election Day**

The polls are open from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m.



**According to the U.S. Supreme Court, students have the right to register and vote in their college towns if they meet the same requirements as everyone else. Misinformation, such as claims that registering to vote at school may jeopardize eligibility for financial aid or insurance, are sometimes used to discourage students from voting locally.**

## **How Can I Vote?**

### **By Mail: Absentee Voting**

Any voter may submit an absentee ballot if they will be absent from their county or city of registration, unable to appear at a voting place because of illness or disability or because the voter is the primary care taker of a person with an illness or disability, an inmate or patient of a veteran's administration hospital, or detained in jail or prison.

Absentee ballot applications must be post-marked at least seven days before the election or delivered in person by the day before the election.

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