HOW CAN I REGISTER WITH A POLITICAL PARTY?

In the District of Columbia, members of the Democratic, Republican, D.C. Statehood Green, and Libertarian parties hold party primaries in June of each even numbered year. The parties select candidates who will advance to the general election in November.

Many voters choose not to affiliate with a political party.

“No party” or “independent” voters cannot participate in selecting the winners of the Democratic, Republican, D.C. Statehood Green, or Libertarian party primaries.

Independent voters may only vote in the general and special elections. However, they may vote in primary elections on ballot questions (initiatives, referendums, etc.) only.

You may register with a political party when you register to vote.

New voters can register with a political party at the polls.

If you are already registered to vote, you cannot choose or change your party affiliation within 21 days of the election.

Please review your voter registration application before mailing.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Registered voters are assigned to a voting precinct and polling place based on their current residence address.

Voters are required to vote at their designated polling places on Election Day.

All polling places are accessible and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

To confirm your polling place, visit www.dcboe.org.

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1015 Half Street, SE, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20003
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Website: www.dcboe.org
Students attending college in the District of Columbia have a choice about how to register to vote.

They can choose to vote absentee in their home state, or register and vote in the District.

As a college student who temporarily resides in the District of Columbia, you are eligible to vote in the District of Columbia if:

- You are a U.S. citizen;
- You have resided in the District of Columbia for at least 30 days before the election;
- (For a primary election) You are at least 17 years old and will be at least 18 years old by the next general election; (for a special or general election) You are at least 18 years old;
- You are not in jail on a felony conviction;
- You have not been found legally incompetent to vote;
- You do not claim voting residence outside of the District of Columbia; and
- (For primary election) You are registered with one of the parties that is eligible to conduct a primary election (Democratic, Republican, D.C. Statehood Green, or Libertarian).

**HOW CAN I REGISTER?**

There are three ways to register to vote in DC:

**BY MAIL**

Print a voter registration application at [www.dcboe.org](http://www.dcboe.org) or pick one up at designated locations such as the Board of Elections (DCBOE), public libraries, Metropolitan Police Department precincts, or fire stations.

If you are registering to vote in the District of Columbia for the first time and decide to submit your application by mail, make sure to include a photo copy of a CURRENT proof of address.

**Acceptable proofs of address include:**

- Rental/leasing agreement,
- College or university housing statement,
- District government-issued photo identification,
- Utility bill (Pepco, DC Water, cable/internet),
- Bank statement, paycheck, or government check, and
- Other government-issued documents showing your name and address.

Mail your application in time for it to be received by the Board of Elections no later than 21 days prior to an election.

**ONLINE**

Complete and submit a voter registration form online at [www.vote4dc.com](http://www.vote4dc.com) or download the free mobile app, Vote4DC. Submit your application no later than 21 days before an election. Vote4DC is available on iOS and Android devices.

**IN-PERSON**

DC offers same-day registration at Early Voting Centers and at your Election Day polling place serving the precinct where you live. Bring an acceptable proof of address (listed above) when you go to vote **OR**

Visit DCBOE, the Department of Motor Vehicles, or one of the following sites in the District to register or update your voter registration until early voting begins:

- District of Columbia Office on Aging,
- District of Columbia Department of Corrections,
- District of Columbia Department on Disability Services,
- District of Columbia Department of Health (Women, Infants and Children: Medicaid),
- District of Columbia Department of Human Services,
- District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation Centers,
- District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services,
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices,
- Local universities and colleges, and
- League of Women Voters.