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COLLEGE VOTER POCKET GUIDE



Who is running in my district?
Visit the Secretary of State's website for updated election information to find out who is running for office using the QR code.



How do I serve as a poll worker?
To serve as a poll worker, you must:

- Be registered to vote in Iowa
- Be at least 17 years old
- Be a resident of the county you serve in
- Complete the required training

Visit pollworker.iowa.gov to apply.



How do I find my polling place?
Visit the Secretary of State's website to find your polling place using the QR code.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on your enrollment at a post-secondary institution in the State of Iowa! This is a special milestone in your life, one that opens the door to many opportunities.

Whether you are originally from Iowa or not, you have the right to vote in local, state, and federal elections if you:

- ☐ Are a United States citizen
- ☐ Are at least 18 years old on Election Day
- ☐ Are an Iowa resident
- ☐ Are not a convicted felon (unless your voting rights have been restored by the Governor, including through Executive Order)

REGISTERING TO VOTE: CAMPUS ADDRESS VS. HOME ADDRESS

As a college student, you may choose to register to vote at your home address or at your post-secondary institution college address. You cannot register to vote at both.



Registering to Vote at Home Address

Registering at home means you would vote in your hometown's elections, either in person or through the mail via absentee ballot.

Registering to Vote at Campus Address

Registering at your campus address means you can vote in local, state, and federal elections at the polling location which corresponds to your on- or off-campus address.

HOW TO REGISTER

Before Election Day

Completed voter registration forms may be submitted to your county auditor and must be received by 5:00 p.m. CT 15 days prior to the election, or postmarked by that date if mailed. Registration forms submitted online must be completed at or before 11:59 p.m. CT, 15 days prior to the election.

Register to
Vote Online



Register to Vote at Your
County Auditor's Office



Register to
Vote By Mail



Within 15 days of Election Day

Any voter that is not registered on or before 15 days of an election may still register and vote by providing proof of identity and residence at the polls. This is called *Election Day Registration* or *Same Day Voter Registration*. This allows Iowans to register to vote during in-person absentee voting at your county auditor's office or at the polling place on Election Day.

WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER IN IOWA?

Registering to Vote at Your County Auditor's Office or By Mail

When registering to vote at your county auditor's office or by mail, you will need to fill out a Voter Registration Form. You will need either your Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID. If you do not have one, you may use the last FOUR digits of your Social Security Number.

Registering to Vote Online

When registering to vote online, you will need either your Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID or the last FIVE digits of your Social Security Number.

More information about voter registration can be found at voterready.iowa.gov

WHAT ARE YOUR VOTING OPTIONS AS A COLLEGE STUDENT IN IOWA?

As a college student in Iowa, you have several options for casting your ballot, whether you're living on campus, off campus, or are away from home on Election Day.

Voting at the Polls on Election Day

On Election Day, you may vote at the polling location assigned to the address where you are registered. This may be your home address or your on- or off-campus address. Poll workers will be available to answer questions and help guide you through the process so you can cast your ballot with confidence. Every polling place in Iowa is accessible, and you may use several options if you need assistance. Visit sos.iowa.gov/voters/elections-accessibility for more information.

Early Absentee Voting in Person

Beginning 20 days before an election, you may vote early absentee in person at your county auditor's office. This option offers flexibility for those whose class or work schedules may make voting on Election Day difficult. It also provides additional time to review the ballot or request assistance if needed.

Absentee Voting by Mail

Beginning 70 days before an election, you may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you. After completing the ballot, you can return it by mail to your county auditor. This option accommodates those attending school far from their hometown, provides flexibility for students who may be traveling or unable to vote in person on Election Day, and allows you to cast your vote conveniently from your residence.

AT THE POLLS



At check-in, you will need to show the poll worker a valid form of ID or use an attester. Scan the QR code below for a list of valid IDs. If you are not already registered, you will also be asked to provide proof of residency. A student identification card issued by an Iowa postsecondary institution may be used as long as it includes your photograph and a valid expiration date.



The poll worker will hand you a blank ballot that shows the contests for your voting precinct.



In the voting booth, vote for the candidate(s) of your choice. Make sure you completely fill in the oval or square.



Exit the booth and place your ballot in the tabulator (large ballot-counting device).

Scan the QR code for a look at what to expect at the polls on Election Day.

