



## Instructions for registering students to vote:

- Download our voter registration toolkit. Review the FAQ and the sample voter registration form which has the necessary fields highlighted. Print out the last page of the tool kit which is the actual voter registration form.
  
- Swap classes with a colleague. Have your colleague come into your classroom and deliver the presentation, while you do the same in their classroom. If you can't find a colleague to pair up with, contact GEO at [umgeo@umich.edu](mailto:umgeo@umich.edu) and we will help you. If you can't find a colleague to pair up with, contact GEO at [umgeo@umich.edu](mailto:umgeo@umich.edu) and we will help you.
  
- Return the filled out registration forms to GEO at 330 East Liberty St., Suite 3F, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.
  
- The deadline to register people to vote is October 6<sup>th</sup>. Return the forms to GEO HQ well in advance.

# Student Voter Registration FAQ

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## **Am I eligible to vote in Michigan?**

You are eligible to vote if you are a citizen of the United States, have been a resident of the state *and* your township, city or county for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election, and will be 18 by the next election.

## **Should I use my school address on the registration form?**

Michigan law allows you to choose your school or your permanent address as your voting residency. Voting residency is defined as the place where you keep your belongings and habitually sleep and lodge. You are unlikely to face denials or challenges based on your residency.

## **How do I need to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in this November election?**

You must register at least 30 days before the election. This year you must register by October 6.

## **How will registering to vote affect my State ID?**

If you have a Michigan state ID or driver's license, the Secretary of State will automatically reconcile your driver's license address with the address listed on the voter registration form. This means that in addition to receiving a new voter registration card, you will receive an updated address sticker to put on the back of your driver's license. Voters do not need an in-state ID or driver's license to vote.

## **How will registering to vote affect my financial aid?**

Where you register to vote will not affect any of your federal financial aid, including Pell Grants, Perkins and Stafford Loans, Academic Competitive Grants, SMART Grants, and other federal loans. It will also not affect whether you are considered your parents' dependent for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) purposes.

A small handful of private scholarships and grants are designated for residents of a particular place. If you have one of these scholarships or grants, you should check with the administrator of the program to see how they determine residency--they may not consider voter registration, or they may not care if you switch your residency once enrolled at college.

## **How will registering to vote affect my health insurance?**

If you have health insurance through your parents' insurance plan, you will almost certainly be able to continue that coverage as long as you are still claimed as a dependent on their tax return.

## **How will registering to vote affect my car insurance?**

Car insurance should not be affected by your voter registration or your legal residency more generally. Your car insurance rate is determined by where your car is located and where you drive it. If you are a student who brings your car with you to school, your insurance company may change your rate because you are driving in a different environment.

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## **I'm planning on using my parent's address on my voter registration or I'll be out of town on election day. Can I vote absentee?**

If you expect to be absent from the county where you are registered to vote during polling hours, you are entitled to vote absentee, but as stated above in the "Registration" section, first-time voters who registered by mail must vote in person. If you are interested in voting absentee the first time you vote in Michigan, you must register in person at a government office. In addition, only "absent" voters may vote absentee.

Your absentee ballot request has to be received by your city or township clerk by 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before Election Day. Your actual absentee ballot must be received by your city or township clerk by the time the polls close on Election Day.

## **What kind of identification will I need when I get to my polling place?**

Every Michigan voter will be asked to show photo identification ("ID") at the polls. The following types of photo ID are accepted: 1) a Michigan driver's license or state-issued ID card; 2) an out-of-state driver's license; 3) any other federal or state government-issued photo ID card; 4) a U.S. passport; 5) a military ID card; 6) a student ID card (from a high school or an accredited college); and 7) a tribal ID card. If you do not have any acceptable form of photo ID, you can sign an affidavit and still cast a regular ballot.

Voters who register by mail, who will be voting for the first time in any election in Michigan, and who either failed to provide their driver's

license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number on their registration application or for whom the state was not able to match that data, are required to satisfy certain ID requirements even if they would otherwise have been able to vote with an affidavit. If such voters do not have current and valid photo ID, they can provide a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows their name and address, either at the polls or by sending a copy with their registration. Cell phone bills are not accepted as utility bills, but student housing bills with your address will be accepted, as will online printouts.

## **Resources:**

To find out more information about your voter registration/polling place/ballot information go to: <https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/>

For a state by state voter guide go to: [http://www.brennancenter.org/content/student\\_voting/](http://www.brennancenter.org/content/student_voting/)


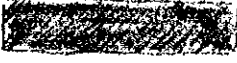





# State of Michigan Voter Registration Application and Michigan Driver License/Personal Identification Card Address Change Form

**1** answer Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  Yes  No  
Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?  Yes  No

➤ If you responded **No** to either of these questions, do **NOT** complete this form.


## 2 complete application

Last Name  First Name  Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address where you live — house number and street/road  Apt. No./Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City  MI Zip Code  Telephone *optional* \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a house or street address, describe location where you live — cross streets or roads, landmarks, etc.

City or  Township where you live County where you live School District *if known*

Mailing Address *if different*  For use on Driver License/Personal ID and Voter Registration  For use on Voter Registration only

Date of Birth   Original  Reprint

ID Number *check applicable box and provide appropriate number* **complete 1 of the 3 below**

- I have a state issued driver license or personal ID card # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not have a state issued driver license or personal ID card. The last four digits of my Social Security Number are \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not have a state issued driver license, a state issued personal ID card or a Social Security Number.  
*An ID number will be assigned to you for voter registration purposes.*

Are you still registered to vote at your last address?  Yes  No  Don't Know *If "Yes" or "Don't Know" enter previous address*





Previous Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  City or  Township of \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Registered under name of *if different than above* \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 read, sign and date

### I certify that:

- I am a citizen of the United States.
- I am a resident of the State of Michigan and will be at least a 30-day resident of my city or township by election day.
- I will be at least 18 years of age by election day.
- I authorize cancellation of any previous registration.
- The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be subject to a fine or imprisonment or both under federal or state laws.

	
X Signature of Applicant	Date
	
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**Sign and date both spaces provided above.**

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Last Name      First Name      Middle Name

Address where you live — house number and street/road      Apt. No./Lot No.

City      Zip Code      Telephone *optional*

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If you do not have a house or street address, describe location where you live — cross streets or roads, landmarks, etc.

City *or* Township where you live      County where you live      School District *if known*

Mailing Address *if different*      For use on Driver License/Personal ID and Voter Registration      For use on Voter Registration only

Date of Birth      Male      Female

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