

# VOTER REGISTRATION

Your school encourages you to register to vote. The National Mail Voter Registration Form is available at the school's financial aid office and can be obtained from the US Election Assistance Commission's website at [www.eac.gov/voter\\_resources](http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources).

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

At a minimum, you must be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen to be eligible to vote. States may also have their own requirements, which are outlined in the "State Instructions" section of the National Mail Voter Registration Form. State and local election offices can also provide information on voter eligibility.

## **How do I register to vote?**

You may register to vote by completing and submitting the National Mail Voter Registration Form. This form may also be used to report a name or address change to the voter registration office or to register with a political party. You can obtain the form in person from the following public facilities: • state or local election offices • the department of motor vehicles • public assistance agencies • state funded programs that serve people with disabilities • any public facility a state has designated as a voter registration agency (such as a public library, public school, and city or county clerk's office). You may also register to vote by using your state's voter registration form.

## **When can I register to vote?**

You must register by your state's registration deadline to ensure voting eligibility. Each state has its own registration deadline. You can find this information in the "State Instructions" section of the National Mail Voter Registration Form at [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov), or by contacting your state or local election office.

## **VOTER'S CHECKLIST** *Things to do before Election Day*

- Confirm you are registered to vote. Update your registration if information such as address, name or political affiliation has changed.
- Know how and when to apply for an absentee ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place on Election Day.
- Know your options for early voting.
- Know the voter identification requirements in your state before you attempt to vote.
- Familiarize yourself with the voting device used in your jurisdiction. Learn how the device is accessible to voters with disabilities.
- Know which polling place you are assigned to and how to get there.
- Learn what assistance is available in languages other than English.
- Know what time the polls open and close.
- Become acquainted with the candidates and issues on the ballot.
- Consider becoming a poll worker in your community. Call your local election office to learn about poll worker requirements.

## **ADDITIONAL VOTER RESOURCES**

### **The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC):**

A comprehensive resource of information on the Federal elections process. For more detailed information about the data contained on this brochure, please visit [www.eac.gov/voter\\_resources](http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources), or call EAC's Web site. at: (866) 747-1471.

Federal Voting Assistance Program: Voting resources for uniformed service members and overseas citizens, including the Federal Post Card Application, a voter registration form for citizens living abroad. Tel.: (800) 438-8683 / Web site: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

### **Did You Know...?**

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission provides information for voters on its Web site in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. The Commission has also issued comprehensive glossaries of voting terms in these six languages to assist voters and election officials.