

Tennessee Student Voting Guide



+ Election Dates

- General Election Early Voting: **October 17 – November 1, 2018**
- General Election: **November 6, 2018**

+ Official Election Websites

- **More election information** at <https://sos.tn.gov/elections/voter-information>
- **Online voter registration** available at <https://ovr.govote.tn.gov/>

+ Register/ Vote at School or Home

Students have a choice about where to register to vote. Students attending college may register at their campus address or choose to remain registered or register at their permanent or home address. **You may only be registered and vote in one location.**

+ What Type of ID Do I Need to Vote?

Voters must show a government-issued photo ID when voting in person at the polls either early or on Election Day. Absentee voters do NOT have to provide a copy of their photo ID. If this is your first time voting since registering in Tennessee, you must vote in person. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Current or expired Tennessee driver license with a photo;
- Current or expired U.S. passport;
- Current or expired free photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security;
- Current or expired photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government;
- Current or expired employee ID cards issued by the federal or Tennessee state government, including retired state government employee photo ID cards and IDs issued by public universities to faculty and employees;
- Current or expired U.S. military photo ID; or
- Current or expired Tennessee gun permit card with a photo.

Student IDs, even those from public colleges, are NOT acceptable forms of ID. If you do not have a qualifying photo ID, you will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. But you will then have to provide a qualifying photo ID to election officials within two business days for your vote to be counted.



+ Where Do I Vote?

Make a plan! Look up your voting site and hours at: wtnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup/

+ How Can I Vote?

By Mail

- Students may vote an absentee ballot by mail in Tennessee only if they register to vote in person or have voted before in Tennessee. Additionally, you must be attending school outside of your county of registration or have another reason for being outside of your county of registration during the early voting period and Election Day to be eligible to vote absentee by mail.
- Applications for absentee ballots must be mailed, emailed or faxed to your county election commission office so that they are received by 7 days before Election Day.
- An absentee ballot must be returned by mail so that your county election commission receives it by the closing of the polls on Election Day. You cannot hand deliver it.

Early In-person

- Early in person voting is available starting October 17th through November 1st.

Election Day

- Voting sites will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. If you are in line by the closing time then you will be allowed to vote.

+ Common Questions/Concerns

Registering to Vote Does Not Affect Your:

- **Federal Financial Aid**
 - Where you register to vote will not affect federal financial aid such as Pell Grants, Perkins or Stafford loans, or your dependency status for FAFSA
- **Status as a Dependent on Your Parents' Taxes**
 - Being registered to vote at a different address from your parents does not prevent them from claiming you as a dependent on their taxes
- **Tuition Status**
 - Being deemed out-of-state for tuition purposes does not prevent you from choosing to register to vote in your campus community