

## Address Confidentiality

Most of the information in a voter registration record is a public record. Certain individuals are eligible to participate in the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) through the Secretary of State's Office. This program protects their information and keeps it out of public domain. If a person is a:

- Survivor of sexual assault;
- Survivor of domestic abuse;
- Victim of stalking; or
- Criminal justice employee who has been a target of felony harassment on the job or due to the job;

they may qualify for this program, and **should not** complete a voter registration form today. They should contact the Secretary of State's Office at 360.902.4180, and ask about the ACP program.

## Felony Convictions

Citizens with felony convictions can register and vote when they are out of jail and no longer under the direct supervision of the Department of Corrections. To check your status, contact the Department of Corrections at 800.430.9674.

## Power of Attorney

A power of attorney can't sign your ballot or registration for you (WAC 434-230-015). If you're unable to sign, make a mark on the signature line and have two witnesses sign below.

## FAQs

### Q: What are ballot drop boxes?

A: They are permanent, secured boxes around the county that are open 24-hrs a day beginning when ballots are mailed and closing promptly at 8 pm on Election Day.

### Q: Do I have to go to the ballot drop box closest to my home?

A: No. You can drop your ballot off at any open ballot drop box in any county in Washington.

### Q: When are ballots mailed?

A: 18-20 days before election day.

### Q: What if I don't receive my ballot?

A: Chances are we don't have a current address for you. Contact our office and request a replacement ballot be sent to you.

### Q: How do I get more information about questions on the ballot?

A: For local issues, contact that jurisdiction (we have contact information). For state issues in the General Election, look to the State's Voters' Pamphlet. The state does not produce a Primary Voters' Pamphlet. For local measures and candidates, check out our local voters pamphlet or go to [ThurstonVotes.org](http://ThurstonVotes.org)!

If you have any questions, the friendly elections staff at Auditor's Office is here to help!

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# Voter Registration

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A step-by-step guide to  
hosting the best voter  
registration drive ever!

## Step 1: Plan!

Talk to the owner of the venue where you'd like to host your drive. Businesses may be more likely to allow you to host your drive if you're a nonpartisan group. Make your table welcoming and informative.

Get permission to set up and get the supplies you need!

## Step 2: Prepare!

### Voter Registration Forms

You may pick these up at the Thurston County Auditor's Office or from the Office of the Secretary of State. You may also help people register online at [MyVote.wa.gov](http://MyVote.wa.gov).

### Pens

Grab a handful of pens, (or swing by the Elections Office and grab some to give out to new voters) and get registering! A clipboard (or five) may also be handy so people can fill out the forms freely and not take up table space at your event.

### Swag

Everyone loves free stuff. Thankfully, the Elections Division has you covered. Come pick up a bag of giveaway items, like buttons, pens, rulers, bookmarks, or coasters. We even have coloring books for younger future voters!

### Election Information

Getting voters registered is only a start. Informing your newly registered voters of important dates and deadlines is critical to keep them active and engaged in the process. Our website has all of the important dates and deadlines every voter should know!

## Step 3: Educate!

You're educating the general public, so you should also familiarize yourself with important election information. You should be able to answer most questions thrown your way. Still scratching your head? Call us and we'll be happy to answer any questions! Answers to these questions can also be found at [www.ThurstonVotes.org](http://www.ThurstonVotes.org)

### When will they be able to vote?

As long as we receive the completed form before the registration deadline, they can vote in their new districts.

### Do they need their ID?

We don't require a physical ID but we do require either a Washington State ID or drivers license number, or the last four digits of their social security number. We run this through our system to ensure they are eligible to register.

### What do they need to fill out?

The necessary information: Name, birthdate, residential address, the oath confirming citizenship, and their signature.

### What if they don't have their ID or social security number?

No worries! Have them fill out the rest and we'll contact them to verify their identity.

### What if they don't have a traditional address?

If your voter is homeless, or otherwise does not have a permanent traditional address, have them write the closest cross streets of where they spend most of their time. For a mailing address, they may write in the address of shelter they get services from, a friend or family member, or general delivery at the post office.

## Step 4: Inform!

You will want to inform your future voters of all important dates and deadlines. If they've never voted before, they may not know how it works!

### 2018 November General Election

<b>Military Ballots Mailed:</b>	September 21
<b>Last day to update registrations:</b>	October 8
<b>*Last day for new registrations:</b>	October 29
<b>Ballots available:</b>	October 17
<b>Election Day:</b>	November 6

\*New registrations must be done in person at the Auditor's Office.

Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day, or put in a drop box no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Save taxpayer money - use a dropbox!

## Step 5: Wrap it up!

Completed registration forms must be returned to the Auditor's Office, or the Office of the Secretary of State (especially if you have voters from other counties) within five business days after your registration drive.

Once we have the registration forms, your job is done! We will process the forms and get your future voters in our system and mail them a voter identification card.

Thank you for doing your part! Democracy doesn't work if we don't participate, and we applaud your decision to help citizens exercise their right to vote!