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**VOTER REGISTRATION**

**FALL 2018**

# Who Can Vote

- U.S. Citizen
- Ohio resident (30 days by Election Day)
- 18 by Election Day
- Not currently serving time for a felony conviction (See ACLU Ohio [“Voting in Jail” toolkit](#))



# Registering College Students

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- Students can choose whether they wish to register at their campus address or their parent's address
  - (whichever they consider their permanent home)
- Must be a resident of Ohio for 30 days by Election Day.
- Financial aid and BMV\* license/registrations **are not** impacted if an out-of-state student registers to vote in OH.

# Returning Paper Registration Forms

## **Returning someone else's form:**

- Forms must be returned the earlier of
  - 10 days after the registration form is completed, or
  - by the VR deadline (October 9<sup>th</sup>)

## **Helping someone else complete** their registration form:

- You can fill out any information except the signature date box, regardless of whether the person physically requires help
- If the voter is able to sign their own name, you do not need to sign as a witness
- If the voter is unable to sign their own name, have them write an X on the signature line and you will write your own name underneath, affirming you witnessed the signature and their desire to register

# Online Voter Registration (OVR)

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- Voters can check their registration and start the process of registering online at <http://lww.ohiovotes.us>
- An Ohio state ID (like a driver's license), D.O.B and last 4 digits of SSN is required to process online registration or to update addresses.

## Am I Registered to Vote?

  
  
  
  
  

Text me with important voting updates!

By checking this box I am agreeing to opt in to the SMS program. Msg&Data rates may apply, expect periodic messages.

Check my  
registration!

# Registration Verification

## <http://lwv.ohiovotes.us>

- Correct info: Registration is current, voter is verified and ready to vote!
- Correct info, but confirmation message: voter is eligible to vote in fall election, but at risk of future purge. The voter should verify registration.
- Information incorrect: The voter needs to update their registration.
- No results: The voter is not registered and must re-register in order to vote.

Find a guide, including more pictures of the tool in action at : <http://bit.ly/2AFQYDY>

## Results

This is me!	John M Smith 306 Willipie St Wapakoneta Oh 45895 Date Of Birth: Nov 28, 1928	Wrong address
This is me!	Jon A Smith 702 Linden Ave St Marys Oh 45885 Date Of Birth: Dec 18, 1970	Wrong address

No match?

# OVR in the Field

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- Using OVR in the field has its challenges
  - You can use smartphone, tablet, or laptop
  - Need wifi connectivity
- **HYBRID Approach:** If you are registering people at events you may want to verify registrations online, especially if you only have a few devices.



# Voter Purges



- People who are purged don't know it and will probably say they are registered if you ask. **Best Practice: Verify that everyone's registration is current!**
- Ohio's voter purge procedure, though upheld by the Supreme Court, has been on hold due to the lawsuit and won't resume before the election
- BOEs send voters who have not voted in two years a postcard. If they do not respond or vote in the remaining four years they are purged.

# Frequently Asked Questions

*Do I have to register for every election?*

No, unless you move frequently or vote infrequently. Check your registration just to be safe.

*Will I be called for jury duty?*

Maybe; you will only enter the pool of *potential* jurors

But, licensed drivers and taxpayers are also in this pool

Therefore, it is almost inevitable that one enters the jury duty pool

*Can a Student Register to Vote in Ohio if They Have an Out-of-State Driver's License, or Pay Out-of-State Tuition?*

Yes, a student may register to vote in the county where the school is located, as long as the student considers that campus address to be his or her permanent home.

*Can A Person who is Homeless or Does Not Have a Permanent Address Still Register to Vote?*

Yes. Individuals who regularly stay at a shelter or other location where they intend to return may list a shelter or other location as their residence on a voter registration form.

*I Moved or Changed My Name. Do I Need to Re-Register?*

Yes. You need to update your new address or name change with the Board of Elections before the registration deadline on October 9, 2018. You can update your registration online at [lwv.ohiovotes.us](http://lwv.ohiovotes.us). If you are unsure of your status you should re-register.

*I didn't vote in the last election. Am I still registered?*

Probably. If you are already registered to vote, you should only be removed from the voting rolls if you have moved and not voted in four years, or if you have not voted in six straight years. You can check your registration status at [lwv.ohiovotes.us](http://lwv.ohiovotes.us).

### *Who Can Conduct Voter Registration Drives?*

There are no restrictions on who may accept voter registration forms on behalf of others, except that felons who have not yet completed their sentence or obtained final release from parole or probation may not assist with voter registration.

### *Can We Make Photo-Copies of Completed Voter Registration Forms?*

Yes. Photocopies/scans are permitted and should be made for each application so that we can track whether applicants have been added to the voter rolls.

*If a Voter Registration Application is Incomplete, Can We Write the Missing Information on the Application with the Consent of the Applicant?*

Yes, the applicant may give the canvasser permission to supply missing information.

However, canvassers may not provide the applicant's signature. If the 10 day deadline is approaching and the applicant has not been reached, it is best to submit incomplete forms.

*Are There Other Things That I Shouldn't do?*

Do not offer any thing of value to the voter in exchange for their voter registration. If you do offer something minimal such as coffee or donuts at a voter registration table, make sure the refreshments are available to anyone who makes a request – not just those who complete the registration form.

# Field Guide to a Registration Form

## Questions 1-11

1. Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No
2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election?  Yes  No
- If you answered NO to either of the questions, do not complete this form.

3. Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Jr., II, etc.
4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed)	Apt. or Lot #	5. City or Post Office	6. ZIP Code
7. Additional Rural or Mailing Address (if necessary)	8. County where you live		
9. Birthdate (MO-DAY-YR) (required)	10. Ohio driver's license No. OR last 4 digits of Social Security No. (one form of ID required to be listed or provided)	11. Phone No. (voluntary)	

# Questions 12-13

**12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS IF UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION - Previous House Number and Street**

Previous City or Post Office

County

State

**13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY** Former Legal Name

Former Signature

# Question 14: Date & Signature

I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.

14. **Your Signature** →



Date        /        /         
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# Common Errors

Incomplete. Most commonly, the blanks are (in order of frequency):

- Citizenship/Age Eligibility
- Identification number (Driver License or Social Security)
- Date and Signature

Other errors to watch for:

- List County, NOT Country
- List Birth date, NOT Today's Date (or vice versa)
- Voting Address (No P.O. BOX) vs. Mailing Address
- Write Legibly

**BEST PRACTICE: Highlight required parts & phone number, so that we can call them if their registration didn't go through properly.**

# Registration Confirmation

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Within 20 business days after receiving your properly completed voter registration form, your county board of elections must register you to vote and promptly notify you by mail of your precinct, polling location and the identification requirements for voting.

***\*\*State League will check to ensure people are on the rolls. If someone has not been properly registered, we will follow up with that voter. But we can only do that if you send us copies of the paper applications.***

# Best Practices

*The Location – ask permission*

## **Events – Crowd Canvass**

- Lines/Bottlenecks!
  - Food
  - Drinks
  - Bathrooms
  - Other Booths
- Tabling
- Canvassing – work the crowd!
- In crowds, you often have less than 5 seconds to get a person's attention and convince them to register.

# Approach and Engage

- Don't sit behind a table and wait for people to approach you.
- Strong, Specific Language (Be Confident, Not Aggressive)
  - Would you possibly maybe someday be interested in registering?
  - Do you want to register?
  - Are you registered to vote?
  - The election is coming up. It's a good idea to register.
  - Have you moved in the last year? Great, you can update your registration now!
  - Let me register you to vote!
  - You need to register before Oct. 9 – let's get it done now!
  - When was the last time you voted/updated your voter registration?
  - Many voters have been purged from voter rolls, let's verify your registration!

# LWVO Voter Engagement Program

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- We need to track our progress, so that we can better tell our story to recruit volunteers/members, obtain media coverage, and continually improve our efforts.
- We are in position to get grant funds to support voter registration, including work we will do anyway – **this means pass-thru grants to support local Leagues**
- Funding is based on the number of registrations we collect and to get credit, paper registrations need to be copied and sent to LWVO

# Why use the Nonpartisan VAN?

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- Verify voters we register make it onto the rolls
- Reach out later to provide information – Vote411, early voting hours
- Folks we find and register may be lower-information, more likely to not vote due to misinformation or feeling intimidated by the process
- Information stays within the League: Nonpartisan VAN\*\* is segmented so our partners – nor any political party – will not have access to information
- LWVO will get you contact lists to follow-up with them (you will get phone numbers and/or emails if they were provided during registration)

# Pass-thru Funds & Awards for LLs

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- Grant partner wants a particular focus on registration in communities of color
- Local Leagues can propose a program designed to target those communities and receive \$50 per event
  - Up to \$400 for counties with 20% or higher minority population, up to \$150 for other counties
- LWVO will be announcing other grant opportunities, criteria or contests!
  - 50 for 50: each LL to send us 50 registrations by Aug. 31 will get a \$50 bonus.
  - We'll announce more soon, so stay tuned!

# Free Print Materials!

LWVO received funding to print  
Voting 1-2-3, Verify your Vote cards,  
Secretary of State advocacy postcards,  
and buttons!

Let us know what you need materials  
& where to send them.



# We are here to help!

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**Call the State League Office at:  
614-469-1505!**

**Next Training:  
August 23 @ Noon for all  
members**

