

Voter Services



League of Women Voters
Orange, Durham, Chatham

(www.lwvdc.org)

Training Meeting Agenda

1. Register Voters
2. NC voter registration form
3. Tips for voter registration drives
4. NC absentee registration
5. Special dates
6. NC voter laws
7. NC voter Identification requirement laws



Who can register to vote?

- ◆ Citizen of the United States
- ◆ Age 18 years on or before the next general election day (Nov. 8, 2016)
- ◆ Legal resident of the county where you plan to vote for 30 days before the election
- ◆ Not currently incarcerated, on probation, or on parole for a felony conviction



How do we register?

- ◆ Fill out a NC Voter Registration Form (available online, libraries, DMV).
- ◆ Mail it to the County Board of Elections at least 25 days **BEFORE** the election.
- ◆ Even if driver's license or last 4 numbers of the ssn is on the form, ID **IS** required in 2016.



Instructions for completing the NC Voter Registration Form

- ◆ Use pens with Black or Blue ink only
- ◆ MUST complete sections marked in red (1, 2, 3 and 4)
- ◆ MUST sign and date
- ◆ ID number (NC ID card or drivers license or last 4 of the Soc. Sec. #)

- ◆ Turn in all the forms even if parts are not completed
- ◆ Mail the forms to County/NC Board of Elections within 7 days of completions.

NORTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Please use black ink and print legibly.

1 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.	Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.
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2 Last Name (Required) _____ First Name (Required) _____ Middle Name (Required) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Jr <input type="checkbox"/> Sr <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V	3 Date of Birth MMDDYYYY (Required) _____ State of Birth/Country of Birth _____ If you know your NC Voter Registration Number, enter it below. _____ If you have a NC drivers license or non-operators ID card, enter the number below. _____ Enter the last 4 digits of your SSN. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do not have a NC drivers license, ID card, or a SSN.
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RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS INFORMATION - No P.O. Boxes or Rural Routes

4 Street Address where you live (Required) _____ City (Required) _____ County _____	Apartment, Lot, or Unit Number _____ State NC Zip Code _____ Phone (Optional) _____
Have you lived here for 30 days or more? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If "No," date moved? MMDDYYYY _____

MAILING ADDRESS

5 Mailing Address (If different from your residential address) _____ Mailing Address Line 2 _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	MAP/DIAGRAM If you do not have a street address, draw a map of where you reside. Please include roads and landmarks.
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6	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	RACE <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial <input type="checkbox"/> Other	ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/ Latino	POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If you indicate a political party that is not currently qualified, or you do not indicate a choice, you will be listed as "Unaffiliated."
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PREVIOUS VOTER REGISTRATION (This information will be used to cancel your previous voter registration in another county or state.)

7 Last Name used in Previous Registration _____ Previous Address _____ Previous City _____	First Name used in Previous Registration _____ Previous County _____ Previous State _____ Previous Zip Code _____
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I attest, under penalty of perjury, that in addition to having read and understood the contents of this form, that:

- I am a United States citizen, as indicated above;
- I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election;
- I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the election in which I intend to vote;
- I will not vote in any other county or state after submission of this form and if I am registered elsewhere, I am canceling that registration at this time; and
- I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed my sentence, including any probation or parole. (Citizenship and voting rights are automatically restored upon completion of the sentence. No special document is needed.)

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

X
Signature (Required) _____

Date _____

1. Citizen & 18 by Election day ★

2. Name as on Drivers License/SS card ★

3. NC-DL/ID or last 4 of Social ★

4. Street address not PO box. Phone # is good for direct contact ★

5. If different from 4

6. Not needed but good to id voter classes

7. Cancel previous registration. County important

Must sign and date after reading. ★

Voter Registration Drives 10 Tips



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update
your
registration

1. Choose the right time and location
2. Get permission to conduct the drive
3. Have plenty of supplies: registration forms (English & Spanish) clipboards, pens (Blue and Black ink only), signs, stickers, candy!
4. Engage voters: May I help you update your registration? Be polite, friendly and kind!
5. Recruit volunteers and train them



6. Be non-partisan: LWV is a non-partisan
7. It is illegal to pre-fill out the party affiliation
8. Offer to fill out the form for people and let them sign
9. Go over the forms with the people to make sure it is *legible and properly filled out*
10. Turn in all forms: it is illegal to fill in forms once the registrant has left

After Registering Voters

- ◆ Mail completed forms to County/NC Board of Elections within 7 days of completions.
- ◆ Inform Registrants they should receive voter registration card from county Board of Elections.
- ◆ Registrant may get a letter/phone call asking for more identifying info *if* the Board of Elections can't verify identity based on info on the voter registration form.

This is why Section 3 of the form is so important

Voting by Absentee Ballot

- ◆ Any registered voter can vote by mail. No excuse is needed. A voter who does not have the correct ID (2016 and later) can still vote absentee.
- ◆ If a registered voter is a patient in a hospital or nursing home, staff or other non-relative may not assist with requesting or submitting ballot. Near relative may help or call county Board of Elections for assistance.

Step 1: Submit Absentee Ballot Request

State Absentee Ballot Request Form

TO: DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
P. O. BOX 808
DURHAM, NC 27702
PHONE: 919-560-0700 FAX: 919-560-0688
absbee@dcoc.nc.gov

FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS I FELONY UNDER CHAPTER 163 OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES.

I am requesting an absentee ballot for the: _____ ON _____
Election Type (Primary, General, Municipal, Special, etc.) Election Date

Voter Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Suffix: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address (NC Residential Address): _____ Mailing Address (if different than home address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Have you lived at this address for more than 30 days? Yes No

County of Residence: _____ Previous Name (if applicable): _____

If "Yes," indicate the date of your voter: _____

You must provide at least one identification number below. (See instructions)
No. on driver's license: _____ Voter Registration No.: _____ Phone (optional): _____ Email (optional): _____

XXXX - XX - _____

Absentee Voting Information

Absentee Mailing Address (Where should the ballot be mailed?): _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

If voter is registered as Independent and requesting a ballot for a partisan primary, choose a primary ballot preference.
 Democratic Republican Libertarian Non-partisan

If voter is a patient in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home, please indicate whether you will need assistance in marking your ballot. Yes No

If "Yes," what is the name and address of the hospital or facility: _____

If requesting an absentee ballot on behalf of a near relative, list your name, address, contact information and relationship to the voter:
Requestor's Name: _____ Relationship: spouse brother/sister parent grandparent stepparent
 child grandchild stepchild mother-in-law father-in-law
 son-in-law daughter-in-law legal guardian

Requestor's Address: _____ Name of Corporation (if appointed legal guardian): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Requestor's Phone: _____ Requestor's Email: _____

For Military/Overseas Citizens Only (may only be signed by the voter; may not be signed by a near relative/guardian)

Select one of the options below to qualify as a military or overseas voter:
 Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty and currently absent from county of residence (e.g. an eligible spouse/dependent).
 U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. temporarily or indefinitely.

Current Address (Address where you are currently stationed or living (overseas)): _____

Transmit my ballot by: (Military/Overseas Voters Only) Mail Fax Email
Fax Number or Email Address: _____

Signature of Voter (voter only): _____ X _____ Date: _____

Signature of Near Relative/Legal Guardian (if applicable): _____ X _____ Date: _____

Visit www.ncsbe.gov to check your voter registration or absentee voting status.

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- ◆ Obtain from B. of Elections or www.ncsbe.gov
- ◆ Include full name, residential address, ID number, signature
- ◆ Mail, fax, email, or hand deliver to County B. of Elections
- ◆ Check status at www.ncsbe.gov
- ◆ Near relative or legal guardian may sign and submit request

Last day for B. of Elections to receive ballot request:
7 days before election

Step 2: Receive Ballot

- ◆ County Board of Elections will mail ballot and return envelope
- ◆ Mark your ballot secretly in presence of two witnesses or one notary
- ◆ Only a family member, guardian or Board of Elections Team can help mark ballot

Step 3: Return the Ballot

- ◆ Put ballot inside return envelope and have witnesses sign on back
- ◆ Complete all requested information on envelope
- ◆ Mail or carry envelope to County BOE or to Early voting site
- ◆ Confirm that ballot was received
https://www.ncsbe.gov/webapps/voter_search/ or call County BOE

Last day to deliver or postmark absentee ballot: **Election Day**

Statewide Primary

- ◆ January 25, Monday: Absentee Voting by Mail Begins.
- ◆ February 19, Friday: Voter Registration Deadline.
- ◆ March 3, Thursday: Early Voting Begins. One-stop voting begins.
- ◆ March 8, Tuesday: Last day to request absentee ballot by mail.
- ◆ March 12, Saturday, 1pm: Early voting closes. One-stop voting ends.
- ◆ Tuesday, March 15, 5pm: Absentee Ballot return deadline.
- ◆ Tuesday, March 15: Primary Election Day



General Election

- ◆ September 9, Friday: Absentee Ballots by mail will be available.
- ◆ October 14, Friday: Voter Registration Closes.
- ◆ October 27, Thursday: Early Voting and One-stop voting begins.
- ◆ November 1, Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.: Last day to request Absentee Ballots by mail.
- ◆ November 5, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.: Early Voting and One-stop voting ends.
- ◆ November 8, Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.: Absentee Ballot return deadline.
- ◆ November 8, Tuesday: Election Day.



NC Voter Laws 2016

- ◆ Photo ID
- ◆ Changes to early voting
- ◆ No same day registration
- ◆ No straight party voting
- ◆ No out-of-precinct voting
- ◆ No pre-registration for 16.
- ◆ Register 17 if 18 by Nov. 8, 2016
- ◆ Changes in absentee voting
- ◆ Poll hours controlled by NC-BOE
- ◆ More poll observers
- ◆ Candidates names on ballots by governor's party
- ◆ Increase in contribution limits
- ◆ No more "Stand by your Ad"

Voter ID Requirements

2016 “Valid” photo ID required

- ◆ NC Driver’s License or Learner’s permit
- ◆ NC Non-driver’s License
- ◆ US passport
- ◆ US military or veteran ID
- ◆ Tribe enrollment card
- ◆ Out-of-state Driver’s ID only within 90 days registration
- ◆ *Student IDs NOT “valid”*

IN 2016, YOU WILL NEED A PHOTO ID TO VOTE IN NC
DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE?

The infographic displays six categories of acceptable photo IDs:

- NC DRIVERS LICENSE**: A North Carolina Driver's License or Learner's Permit.
- NC IDENTIFICATION CARD**: A North Carolina Non-Driver's License.
- US PASSPORT**: A United States Passport.
- MILITARY ID**: A United States Military Identification Card.
- VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD**: A United States Veterans Identification Card.
- TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD**: A Tribal Enrollment Card.

At the bottom, it includes the North Carolina State Board of Elections logo and contact information: www.nc.gov/nc/elections and 1-866-320-4773.

Voter ID Details

- ◆ Seniors: ID that was valid at their 70th birthday can be used for life even after it expires.
- ◆ A NC driver's license or ID from the DMV may be used up to 4 years after it expires.
- ◆ The military or veteran's IDs do not need an expiration date (they are current up to 8 years after the issuance date).
- ◆ The ID's address does not need to match the registration address; the ID is to verify identity, not address.

Exceptions to Photo ID Requirements 2016

- ◆ Declaration of Reasonable Impediment: sign form stating a reason that prevented voter from getting an acceptable ID.
- ◆ Reasonable Impediments: lack of transportation, necessary documents, work schedule, disability/illness, family obligations, natural disaster, lost/stolen ID, application submitted.
- ◆ Provide birth date and last 4 of SSN *or* show a Voter registration card, utility bill, bank or gov. document with name and address.
- ◆ **PROVISIONAL BALLOT:** cast a provisional ballot that will be counted.
- ◆ Curbside voters: people who have difficulty reaching voting room due to age or physical disability.
- ◆ Religious objection: people who have religious reasons for not wanting to be photographed. Need to file a declaration with county 25 days before election. If not filed Provisional Ballot.
- ◆ Provide birth date and last 4 of SSN *or* show a Voter registration card, utility bill, bank or gov. document with name and address

County Boards of Election

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Physical Address:

984 THOMPSON ST., STE.
D
PITTSBORO, NC 27312

Mailing Address:

PO BOX 111
PITTSBORO, NC 27312

919-545-8500

919-542-6430 (fax)

CHATHAM.boe@ncsbe.gov

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Director:

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DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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201 N. ROXBORO ST
DURHAM, NC 27701

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PO BOX 868
DURHAM, NC 27702

919-560-0700

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elections@dconc.gov

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MICHAEL E. PERRY

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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HILLSBOROUGH, NC
27278

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