

YOUTH VOTER REGISTRATION

Did you know that 18-year-olds were prohibited from voting until the passage of the 26th Amendment in 1971? Today, you can take the first step in exercising your right to vote by completing your voter registration application!

Are you eligible to vote?

In Indiana, you can apply to register to vote if you:

- are a US Citizen.
- will be 18 on or before the next November General Election: **November 8, 2022.**
- are a resident of your precinct (current home address) at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
- not currently imprisoned after being convicted of a crime.

Age at Registration: In Indiana, you must be 18 by the next General Election in order to register to vote. If you will be 18 by November 8, 2022, you can vote in the Primary Election on May 3, 2022, even if you are only 17 at the time.

Voter Registration – Online Method

Completing a voter registration application takes less than 5 minutes. **If you have a valid Indiana driver's license, learner's permit, or state ID, you can register to vote online at indianavoters.in.gov.** Click on the "REGISTER TO VOTE/Apply Now" button and follow the prompts.

Voter Registration – Paper Method

The top half of the application must be completed with your current information. Write legibly!

Top Left (2 Questions) - Are you a citizen of the United States? Will you be 18 years old on or before the next General Election (11/08/22) day? "Yes" boxes must be checked to be eligible to vote.

Box 1 - First and Last name MUST be entered. This is your legal name, *as it appears on your Indiana driver's license or state ID* if you have one. Title, middle name, and suffix is optional.

Box 2 - This line must contain your complete home address, including zip code. (A P.O. Box is not acceptable as a residence. If you receive mail at another location other than where you reside, you can enter that information in Box 3.

Box 4 - Date of birth must be entered.

Box 5 - Although a telephone number is optional, this is *highly encouraged!* If there is a question on the form, this is one way that the Board of Registration has to contact you.

Box 6 - The preferred ID number is the number on your Indiana driver's license, learner's permit, or state ID (red number with 2 dashes). An alternative number can be the LAST 4 digits of your social security number. If you have none of these (rare), you can enter the word *none*.

Box 7 & 8 - OMIT! This is NOT required in Indiana.

Box 9 – Sign and enter today's date. The signature should be your legal signature, similar to the one on your Indiana driver's license or state ID. In fact, election officials verify a "signature match" with what is your ID when you go to vote.

The bottom half is usually only completed when individuals are updating information and very rarely used when registering for the first time. If unsure, check with your teacher.

Check for common errors!

- Did you check BOTH the US Citizen and Age 18 boxes in the top left?
- Is your Date of Birth and Today's Date accurate?
- Did you sign your form?
- Is your address complete, including zip code?

Pledge Cards

Complete your Pledge Card! The LWV-Indy will send you a few important, timely reminders (registration verification, voting locations, candidate information) leading up to Election Day.

Common Questions about Voter Registration

How can I verify my voter registration?

You should receive a confirmation of your registration in the mail (small postcard) from the Secretary of State within 30 days of receipt of your application. Alternatively, you may verify your registration at www.indianavoters.in.gov; click on the "Check Voting Status" option. You may also call the Marion County Election Board (317-327-5100) to ask about the status of your registration.

Do you have to re-register or update your voter registration?

If you move or change your name you *must* update your registration. To be eligible to vote in an upcoming election, you must update your registration 29 days ahead of Election Day. Provided you have an acceptable ID, you can do this online. If not, you can use a paper form.

Election Ready?

When are the upcoming elections and what offices are on the ballot in 2022?

If you are registered to vote, and have lived in your precinct for at least 30 days before the election, you can vote in the Primary Election on May 3, 2022 and the General Election on November 8, 2022. Indiana holds elections 3 out of 4 years in May and November; there are no elections the year following Presidential Elections.

In 2022, you will vote to elect representatives to send to Washington, D.C. This includes one of our two US Senators; the other senator's term expires in January 2024 with the election in 2023. All 9 US House of Representatives from Indiana will be on the ballot, and you will vote for the representative in your district. There will be other important state, city and local offices on the ballot.

Do I have the appropriate ID to vote in Indiana?

Indiana has an identification law that pertains to voting. If you vote in person, you *must* show an approved ID. The most commonly used ID is an Indiana Driver's License or State ID card. You can request a free state-issued ID for the purposes of voting at the BMV. For a list of approved ID's, go to www.indianavoters.in.gov. For information on obtaining an ID, go to www.in.gov/bmv.