

ALL SOULS! ALL VOTE! ✓

VOTER REGISTRATION GUIDE

1. Who is eligible to vote?

To vote in the U.S. general election, you must be

- A U.S. citizen,
- 18 years old before election day, and
- A resident of the jurisdiction in which you are registered.

Other eligibility restrictions apply; they are listed on voter registration forms.

2. When must I register to be eligible to vote on November 2nd?

- In DC, you must register 30 days before the election.
- In MD, your registration form must be received by a Maryland election office no later than 9pm, 21 days before the election.
- In VA, your registration form must be postmarked 29 days before the election.

3. Do I need special training to register voters?

We recommend that anyone interested in participating in city- or state- wide registration of voters request information and training from their board of elections. Training requirements differ by jurisdiction.

- DC – no training required
- MD – training required, call 1-800-222-VOTE
- VA – no training required

4. Where can I get more information about registering to vote?

- In DC: <http://www.dcboee.org/index.shtm> or call 202-727-2525
- In MD: <http://www.elections.state.md.us> or call 1-800-735-2258
- In VA: <http://www.sbe.state.va.us> or call 1-800-552-9745

5. How do I know I'm registered?

After the board of elections receives and approves your registration application, they will mail you a voter registration card, which will indicate your polling place. If you do not receive your card, contact your board of elections to ensure you receive one (see phone numbers above). Receiving the card is your affirmation that you are a registered voter and that your name will appear on the master index at your polling place. Be sure you receive your voter registration card.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Deadlines

Deadlines to request an absentee ballot and to submit it vary by state.

Recommendations

The Federal Voting Assistance Program recommends the following for the Nov 2nd election:

- Request an absentee ballot before Oct 1, 2004
- Submit the absentee ballot by Oct 15, 2004

Notary and witness requirements

DC/MD absentee ballots do not require notary or witness signature. VA ones require a witness signature.

Contact Info

See online links on opposite page or contact your county or city's Registrar's Office (blue pages of your phone book). UUSJ also has absentee ballot information for residents of DC, MD, and VA at: <http://www.uusj.org/Voices/voting.shtml>

POLL WORKERS

Behind every election are thousands of people who ensure a smooth and proper operation at the polling places. Often, poll workers (also called Election Day Workers or Election Judges) are paid for their work (about \$100 in DC) and get trained in advance.

Contact Info

Below is general contact info if you want to become a poll worker for your precinct or see online links on opposite page. You may also find information online for your local Board of Elections.

DC: William O'Field, Public Information Officer, phone 202-727-2525
Languages Needed: Spanish

VA: Ida Crittenden, Training Manager, phone 804-864-8929
Languages Needed: Spanish

MD: Mary Dejar, Communications Director, phone 410-269-2840
Languages Needed: Spanish