

FAQs

Why should I register now? The election is months away!

Simple: If you're already registered, you're more likely to vote. You probably already know where your current city/town clerk's office is and how to get there. Easy!

If you wait until you're away at college and decide to vote in *that* town, you'll need to find that town clerk's office, and if it's in another state, investigate that state's voter registration rules. And in the fall, you may be just too busy at college to bother.

But, can't I just register and vote where I go to college?

Yes, you can - it's your choice. However, if you are familiar with the candidates on the ballot in your hometown, you may want to vote for (or against) them, or you may not feel the same connection to the issues or candidates in your adopted college town. The upside to voting there: You will be able to vote in person rather than by absentee ballot.

How can I find information about my voter status?

The NH Secretary of State's *Voter Information Lookup Page* provides information on your voter registration, party affiliation, polling locations and hours, clerks' office locations, and will allow you to track the status of your absentee ballot: <http://sos.nh.gov/VoteInforLook.aspx>

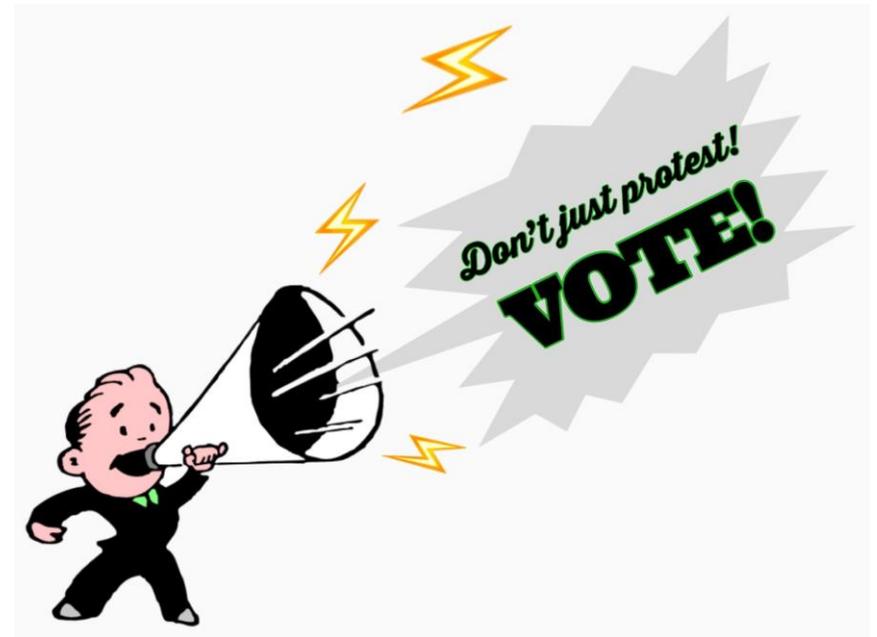
Who should I vote for?

Social media and local papers will tell you who's running, and a list of candidate filings may also be posted on your clerk's web page.

Ask questions whenever you have the chance. Call, surf, google, email, snapchat, tweet, direct message, attend candidate forums (or view them online), attend political rallies, and ask candidates the questions that **you** want answered. If the candidates don't answer your questions...then, that tells you something, too.

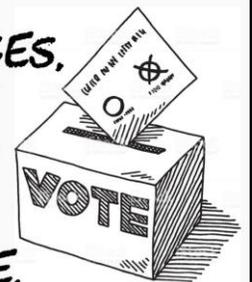
Still have questions?

Ask your town or city clerk, or visit the Secretary of State's website for more information: <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>



**If you will be 18 by the next election
(September 11, NH State Primary),
you may register to vote NOW!**

**STUDENTS HAVE MANY VOICES,
BUT THE VOICES THAT ARE
HEARD BEST, BY THOSE WHO
MAKE THE LAWS, ARE THE
VOICES OF THOSE WHO VOTE.**



Step 1: Register to Vote

Go to your city or town clerk's office, and bring with you:

- **Proof of identity:** Driver's license, state-issued ID, student ID, passport or "other" photo ID will work.
- **Proof of age:** Driver's license or birth certificate.
- **Proof of where you live:** a NH driver's license, state-issued ID, or vehicle registration with your current address on it; or any "domicile" document listed on the NH Secretary of State's website (ex: utility bill, lease, etc.). You may ask your town/city clerk for this information or view it on the Secretary of State's website at nh.sos.gov.
- **Citizenship:** *If you are a Naturalized U.S. citizen, you will need to bring your U.S. Passport or naturalization papers.*

NOTE: If you don't have documents to prove identity, age or citizenship, you may sign a form stating this information.

Students living at home who don't have proof of where they live can use a "Confirmation of Domicile" form, downloadable from the Secretary of State's website. The form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian who owns or rents the property where you live. If you're unable to access the online form, **a note may be provided** by the same parent or guardian stating that you live at that address. The parent or guardian must sign the note and include the following statement: *"I understand that providing false information is a violation of New Hampshire law under penalty of voting fraud"*.

College students who prefer to register and vote in the town where they live while attending college may obtain a similar note from their residence director, or show a lease for the apartment they rent off-campus.

In New Hampshire, you may also **register on Election Day at the polls**. It will take extra time, and the same paperwork will be requested.

You may vote in only one place!

For more information about voter registration, visit your town or city clerk's office, or see the NH Secretary of State's website at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/ClerkDetails.aspx>.

Step 2: Vote!

Voting in Person: You will need a valid photo ID to show to the Ballot Clerk at the polls. Acceptable photo IDs include:

- Driver's license from NH or any other state
- Non-driver's photo ID issued by NH Department of Motor Vehicles
- U.S. armed services ID card
- U.S. Passport or Passcard
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID acceptable to the moderator, supervisor of the checklist, or town/city clerk
- Verification of a person's identity by the moderator, supervisor of the checklist or town/city clerk

NOTE: Your photo ID must have been issued within the last five years or be expired for no longer than five years. For voters over 65-years of age, no expiration or issuance date restrictions apply.

If you don't have a photo ID, you may still vote by signing a form stating that you are who you claim to be. Your photo will be taken and attached to the form. After the election, you'll get a letter from the Secretary of State's office with a postcard you should sign and return to them to confirm that you voted.

Voting Absentee: If you're a registered voter but can't vote in person because of disability, religious beliefs, work hours, military service, or temporary absence (*such as being away at college*), you may vote absentee. Absentee ballot application forms are available online at <http://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx>, or you may request one from your city/town clerk. Fill out the application and return it to your town or city clerk's office.

When you receive your ballot in the mail from the clerk, fill it out, sign the envelope, and mail it back to your town/city clerk. The clerk must receive your ballot before 5:00PM on Election Day either via mail or hand delivery. **Absentee ballot applications and ballots cannot be faxed, emailed or direct messaged to the clerk.** A parent, guardian, spouse, sibling or child may hand-deliver your ballot for you, but they will be required to provide identification.