

Step 1: Register to Vote

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

- **Proof of identity:** Driver's license, state-issued ID, student ID, passport or "other" photo ID will work. Only ONE photo ID is needed.
- **Proof of age:** Driver's license or birth certificate.
- **Proof of citizenship:** *If you are a naturalized US citizen*, you should bring your US Passport or naturalization papers, if possible.
- **Proof of where you live:** a NH driver's license or state-issued ID or vehicle registration with your current address on it; or any document listed on the NH Secretary of State's website (a utility bill, lease, etc.) that proves where you live. You may ask your town/city clerk for this information or view it on the Secretary of State's website at <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>

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

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.

Students who don't have proof of where they live, whether at home or at a college or boarding school, can sign a form stating this information.

Students who would rather register and vote in the town where they live while going to college may get a note from Resident Life to prove where they live, or show a lease for the apartment they rent off-campus. Students may also use a smartphone to show a document from their college that includes their campus address. If they don't have these papers, they may sign a form stating this information.

If you don't have any paperwork to prove where you live, you will be allowed to vote. The court ruled on Oct. 22, 2018, that no proof beyond your signature is necessary to prove where you live.

You may vote in only one place!

Step 2: Vote

Voting in Person: You should bring 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 Dept. 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 old, the expiration date doesn't matter.)

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 mail it back 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 ask for one from your city/town clerk. Fill out the application and return it to your town or city clerk's office.

When you get 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 by mail or hand delivered. **Absentee 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 have to show identification.

FAQs

Why should I register to vote in advance?

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!

But, can't I just register and vote on election day?

Yes, you may. The lines might be long, so plan ahead and bring your paperwork!

Can I register where I live while I go to college?

Yes, you may - it's your choice. However, if you know something about the candidates on the ballot in your hometown, you may want to vote for (or against) them. You might not feel the same connection to the issues or candidates in your adopted college town.

The upside to voting in your college town: You can vote in person rather than by absentee ballot. Try to register in advance. In NH college towns, the lines to register on election day can be long.

Who should I vote for?

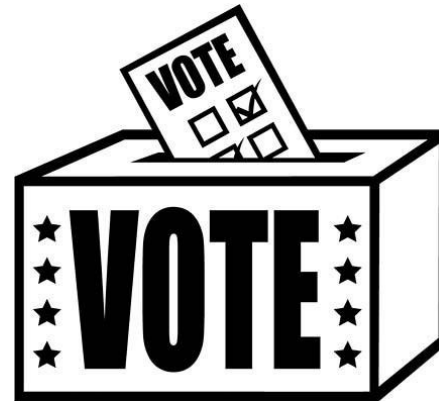
Social media and local papers will tell you who's running, and a sample ballot may be posted on your town clerk's web page.

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
you may register to vote NOW !**



**STUDENTS
HAVE MANY
VOICES.**

**BUT THE VOICES THAT ARE
HEARD LOUDEST, BY THOSE
WHO MAKE OUR LAWS, ARE
THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO
VOTE.**

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