2016 Registration Deadlines and Election Dates
Voter Registration Deadline: 21 days before Election Day
Registration Deadline: October 18
Election Day: November 8

Voter registration forms, polling place locations, and more information can be found at:
www.njelections.org/voting-information.html

Register at School or Home?
Students have a choice about where to register to vote.

School address:
- Students attending college in New Jersey may register at their school address. You must plan to return after temporary absences, like summer break, but do not have to plan to reside at that address permanently.

Permanent address:
- Students may choose to register or remain registered at a permanent address in New Jersey or outside the state. In this case, students may need to vote by absentee ballot.

You may only be registered and vote in one location.

For other states’ registration information visit:
www.campusvoteproject.org/studentguides

What Type of ID Do I Need to Vote?
Most New Jersey voters do not need to show ID at the polls in order to vote.

However if you are a first-time voter who registered to vote by mail without providing either your New Jersey driver’s license number, non-driver ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number, you will need to show valid ID before voting. Acceptable forms of ID include:
- A New Jersey driver’s license or other state-issued ID;
- A military or other government ID;
- A student or job ID;
- A store membership card (like a Costco card); or
- A bank statement, paycheck, car registration, rent receipt/sample ballot, government document, or utility bill.

What Type of ID Do I Need to Register?
New Jersey’s voter registration form asks for your New Jersey driver’s license or ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Make sure you have it when completing your registration form.

Where Do I Vote?
Make a plan. Look up your polling location and hours at:
www.njsvrs.com/elections/polling-lookup.html

The Higher Education Act requires most colleges and universities to make a good faith effort to distribute voter registration forms to every student. Make sure yours does
According to the U.S. Supreme Court, students have the right to register and vote in their college towns if they meet the same requirements as everyone else. Misinformation, such as claims that registering to vote at school may jeopardize eligibility for financial aid or insurance, are sometimes used to discourage students from voting locally.

How Can I Vote?

By Mail
- New Jersey voters who wish to vote by mail must submit an application. You do not need to provide a reason.
- The county clerk must receive applications for vote by mail ballots seven days before Election Day.
- If you make the request in person, you have until 3 p.m. the day before Election Day.
- County election officials must receive vote by mail ballots by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

On Election Day
- The polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Common Questions

Will voting in New Jersey affect my federal financial aid?
Where you register to vote will not affect federal financial aid such as Pell Grants and Perkins or Stafford loans or your dependency status regarding FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Will I lose my scholarship if I register to vote in New Jersey?
Generally, no. If you receive scholarship money from a state, county, town, or a private entity (i.e., an entity other than the federal government) you should confirm that residency in a particular place is not a requirement of the scholarship and/or that voter registration in New Jersey will not affect your eligibility.

Will registering to vote in New Jersey affect my driver’s license or car registration?
To register to vote, you must be a resident of New Jersey. Voting in New Jersey may subject you to other laws that govern state residents, including those regarding driver’s licenses and car registration. For more information, you may wish to contact the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

Will registering to vote in New Jersey prevent my parents from claiming me as a dependent on their taxes?
No. Students are often told that registering to vote in a different state from their parents will make them lose their dependency status. This is not true. Where you register to vote will have no effect on your parent’s tax status.

Does being an out-of-state student for tuition purposes affect my right to vote in my college community?
No. You may choose to vote in your college community or back home regardless of your tuition status.