



# Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in New Mexico

**Voter Registration Deadline**  
Postmarked 28 days before Election Day

## Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** A Third-Party Voter Registration Agent training course must be completed before conducting a registration drive. Training is offered by the county clerks and the Secretary of State.

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** Civic organizations, employees, or volunteers conducting voter registration drives must register with the New Mexico Secretary of State (SOS) and submit a Voter Registration Agent Identification Form, which includes all of the following:

- The names of officers of the organization and the name and permanent address of the organization;
- The names, permanent addresses, temporary addresses, if any, social security number, and dates of birth of each person registering persons to vote in New Mexico on behalf of the organization;
- A sworn statement from each registration agent employed by or volunteering for the organization stating that the agent will obey all state laws and rules regarding the registration of voters on a form that gives notice of the criminal penalties for false registration.

The form may be delivered by mail or fax to the Secretary of State or the county clerk.

**Compensation Restrictions:** Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect.

*Fair Elections Center and Campus Vote Project intend the information contained herein is used only as a general guide.*

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## Obtaining Applications

**State Form:** A registered agent may receive a packet of 20 forms and may request another packet from the Secretary of State or county clerk. State forms include a receipt which must be given to voters upon their completion of the form.

**Federal Form:** Voter registration organizations may use the [federal voter registration form](#).

**Photocopying Blank Forms:** Blank state forms may not be copied, but rather must be obtained as originals from election officials.

## Handling Applications

**Incomplete Application:** Voter registration drives may not fill in missing information on a voter registration form without the registrant's consent. Third-party agents must include their name on line 9 of the application if the agent helped complete the form.

**Photocopying Completed Applications:** A voter's date of birth, signature, full Social Security Number, and driver's license number **MUST BE** removed before copying any application.

**Submitting Completed Applications:** Completed certificates of registration must be delivered to the Secretary of State or [county clerk](#) **within 48 hours of completion by the applicant**. If the appropriate office is closed during that period, they must deliver it on the next business day.