**Tennessee Voting Is Based On Where You Live!**

***Recently moved, or planning to move to Tennessee?***

* College students living in Tennessee can choose where they vote! If you recently relocated to Tennessee, or within Tennessee for school, you have two choices:

1. Register to vote in the Tennessee county you live in for college.

**- OR-**

1. Stay registered in the county of your hometown.

* Tennessee has no waiting period to register to vote, if you are eligible.

***Choosing between your hometown or your college town to vote?***

* If you are already a registered voter in your hometown’s county, you have two choices to vote for the November 5th General Election:

1. Travel home to vote in person.

**- OR-**

1. [Request a mail-in ballot](https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/guide-to-absentee-voting) from your home county’s election commission anytime before October 29th.

* If you are going to college in a different county than your hometown, you might want to think about the following before registering to vote:  
  + “Which polling location is more convenient for me?”   
    - *Registering where you live makes you geographically closer to your polling location during early voting and on election day.*

**- AND-**

* + “What policies/person(s) that matter to me are on the ballot in each place?”  
    - *The elected officials and policies where you live will impact you while you're living there.*
    - *Are there local policies or particular issues that are important to you in either place?*

***Registering for the first time or RE-registering?***

* If you’re not registered to vote in Tennessee, you can register in the county you are living to attend school.
* If you’re registered to vote in your hometown, but want to **re-register** where you’re living to attend school, just fill out a [new voter registration form](https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/how-to-register-to-vote).   
  + You will receive a new voter registration card in the mail from your new county’s election commission.   
    - *You do not have to show your new registration card to vote, but it can prevent issues at the polls.*
    - *Your new card will confirm your voting status and tell you which precincts you’re in, and where to vote on Election Day.*

***Not sure if you’re registered to vote?***

* Visit our ProudVoter page to check your voting status:  
  + <https://proudvoter.org/partners/tennessee-disability-coalition-tdc>,

**- OR-**

* Visit the Tennessee Secretary of State's website:  
  + <https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/how-to-register-to-vote>

***What are Tennessee’s Voting ID requirements?***

#### Whether you are voting early, or on Election Day, all voters MUST present a federal (i.e. US Passport) or Tennessee state ID (i.e. Driver’s License) containing the voter’s name and photograph when voting at the polls.

#### Note: College IDs are NOT acceptable forms of identification for voting in Tennessee.

#### Use this link to find out more about Tennessee’s voter ID requirements:

#### [Guide on ID Requirements when voting | Tennessee Secretary of State](https://sos.tn.gov/elections/voter-id-requirements)

**Important Registration Deadlines and Election Dates:**

General Election Day: **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. (State and Federal Elections.)

**What are the deadlines for registering to vote in Tennessee?**

* [In-person at local election office](https://tnsos.org/elections/election_commissions.php): **October 7, 2024**
* [Online](https://ovr.govote.tn.gov/): **October 7, 2024**
* [By mail](https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/how-to-register-to-vote): Must be postmarked by: **October 7, 2024**

**What are the deadlines for requesting and returning an absentee ballot to vote in Tennessee?**

* **Requesting:** Visit your county’s election commission website to find the absentee ballot request form and return it to your county’s election commission no later than: **October 29th, 2024**
* **Returning:** Mail your ballot in time to arrive at your county’s election commission no later than the close of polls on **November 5th, 2024.**

**New for the 2024 elections:** [**Print Disabilities Absentee Voting Act**](https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/print-disability-absentee-ballots)

* + Voters with a print disability may request an accessible ballot that can be sent to the voter electronically or by mail.

**When can I actually cast my ballot for the November 5th General Election?**

* [Early voting](https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/how-to-early-vote-in-person): **October 16 - October 31, 2024**
  + Early voting is conducted in-person only, either at the county election office, or an early voting satellite location.   
    - *See your county election office for early voting details, hours, and satellite locations.*
* [Election Day:](https://sos.tn.gov/govotetn) **November 5, 2024**
  + On election day, you will have one specific polling location in which to cast your vote.
    - *See your voter registration card, or county elections office, for your specific Election Day polling location.*

Always Visit your local election commission’s website for more information and frequently asked questions about voting in your county.

**Important note:** Where you register to vote will not affect your federal financial aid, including FAFSA, Pell Grants, Perkins, or Stafford loans. It may affect whether you qualify for in-state tuition.