



Tips for College Voter Registration Volunteers

They've given you a table, but please don't just sit. There should be two volunteers at an event, so take turns walking up to students: wear your League button and, approaching with your clipboard in hand, start by telling them you're from the League, and ask if they are registered. If there are no students where you are, take a walk and find them – dining/coffee areas where students congregate are particularly good spots.

Once they've filled out the form, check it over carefully. Make sure that it's completely filled out, signed, and is legible.

Please note: Only students who want to register and vote in Monroe County can fill out the registration forms we've provided. The Monroe County Board of Elections does not have a process for forwarding registration forms to other counties in the state. Students who want to register to vote in other NY counties can register online if they have a driver's license at: <https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter/> or they can find the NYS voter registration form at Vote411.org.

If students don't know if they are registered, they can check their registration in Monroe county at monroecounty.gov/etc/voter or in any state at Vote411.org.

If they are registered, but want to change their name, address or party, they will need to fill out a new form.

Students can vote at college, or at home. Students are eligible to vote in the district that corresponds to the address on their voter registration form. If they want to vote where they go to college in Monroe county, they just need to write in their college address, even if it's a residence hall. If they want to vote at home in another NY county, or in their home state, they will need to register with their home address, and either go home to vote, or apply for an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots are a bit more work, but worth the effort. To get an absentee ballot in another county or state, students will need to apply for it, and the ballot will be sent in the mail. Absentee ballots in any state can be found at Vote.org. Students should start the process early. They can check rockthevote.org to see when the ballot deadline is for their state primary and election.

Talk about choosing a party. The value of choosing a party is, in many states, including NY, the ability to vote in that party's primary. Regardless of the party they choose, they can vote for a candidate of any party in the general election. If they do not want to choose a party they should choose No Party.

For students who have a criminal record: If they have been incarcerated for a felony conviction, they can vote if they have completed their sentence, if they have been pardoned, or if they are on parole and have had their voting rights restored. (To see if their voting rights have been restored, they should check with their Parole Officer.) Students that were incarcerated for a misdemeanor conviction or are on probation or supervised release are eligible to vote.

Early voting in NYS should make voting easier. Remind students that Early Voting has been adopted in NY and they can vote in any of the early voting sites. In Monroe county, they can find the early voting locations announced closer to elections at the NYS Board of Elections website.

And finally, please remember that the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization and we happily register students regardless of the party they choose.