

## NYS Voter Registration FAQ: College Students

### 1. Am I eligible to vote in NY?

You are eligible to vote if you are a US citizen and will be at least 18 years old on or before election day. You can also register to vote if you are at least 16, with the understanding that your registration will be “pending” until you are able to vote when you turn 18.

### 2. I think I’m already registered, but I’m not sure.

Go to [rockthevote.org](http://rockthevote.org) to check your registration. Even if you did register, in high school for instance, if your address has changed or you would like to register using your college address, you will need to fill out a new registration form.

### 3. Should I use my home address or my school address for where I live?

This is the address that will determine where you can vote. If you plan to vote in person, it might be more convenient to list your school address. In NY, you can also register using either your school address or your home address and vote absentee.

If your home town is in another state, and if there are races or ballot issues that interest you, or if your state is a “toss up” and you want to send your vote either way, you may want to register with your home address and vote absentee in that state. Go to [rockthevote.org](http://rockthevote.org) to see how.

### 4. Does it matter which form of ID I use?

In NY, the Board of Elections can check your identity using either your driver’s license or the last four digits of your social security number, so you can list either one. If you do not have a license or a social security number, you can include a copy of a valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or some other government document that shows your name and address with your registration form.

### 5. Should I pick a political party?

This is totally optional, but in NY you must be registered with a political party if you want to vote in a party’s primary. The primary is where you can vote for the candidates that will run in the general election. Check out the page [Political Parties at a Glance](#) for more information.

If you do not want to register with a party, choose the last option, No party.

### 6. What is the deadline for registering to vote?

Go to the [New York State Board of Elections website](#) to check deadlines for registering.

### 7. Where can I find information that will help me be a more informed voter?

Go to [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for information on the candidates that will be on your ballot, how they stand on issues, what ballot issues you can vote on, and to find your polling place.