

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THE NYS VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

****Note:** form must be completed in blue or black ink only. Avoid making errors or corrections.

The numbers below refer to the question number on the NYS Voter Registration Form

1. Check yes or no. (U.S. Citizen means either by birth or naturalized.)	9. Mailing address. Fill in only if it is different from your home address (a P.O. box number, etc.).
2. Check yes or no. (Must be US citizen) You can register to vote if you are 16-or older, with the understanding that you must be 18 years of age by election day to vote. Until you are 18 your application will be marked "pending" and you will be unable to cast a ballot until you are 18.	10. Check "yes" if you have voted before, even if in another state or other NYS County.
3. Enter all requested information. (Suffix refers to Jr., Sr., II, etc.)	11. Fill in the most recent year you voted before or enter a "?" if you don't remember.
4. Date of birth: use numbers for your month, day and year. For example, if your birthday is July 1, 1975, write: 07/01/1975.	12. If you voted before under a different name, a different address and/or in a different NYS County, write down what the old information was.
5. This field is optional.	13. You must check one box. If you don't provide the last four digits of your SSN, or DMV number, you must bring verifiable ID information (a valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or some other government document that shows your name and address) the first time you vote.
6. "Telephone" is optional; you do not need to supply this information, but if there is a question about your form, your identity, your residence etc. your County's BOE can then contact you by phone.	14. Check only one box, either the box next to the party of your choice, or the box next to "I do not wish to enroll in a party." Only voters registered in a particular party can vote in that party's primary. Choosing a party does not require you to vote for that party's candidate in the general election. You do not need to enroll in a party.
7. This field is optional.	15. Two optional boxes: Check the appropriate box to request an absentee ballot application, or to indicate that you want to be an Election Day worker.
8. Address where you live. Be sure to indicate the name of your County.	16. Read, sign, and date.

Reverse side of NYS voter registration form includes mailing addresses for all NYS County Boards of Elections (BOE). Completed form MUST be mailed to the County BOE of the voter's address.

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If you do not receive a Confirmation of Registration from your local Board of Elections within a reasonable time after mailing your registration form, call them to make sure your application was received. Local Boards of Elections send registered voters a non-forwardable postcard prior to the election to verify their residence, and to inform them of the location of their polling place. If you do not receive this card, call your Board of Elections to make sure there is no problem with your registration.

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