

NJ/MI College Students Voting Options

Voting in Michigan

In order to vote in Michigan, you must first register to vote. Michigan has same day voter registration, making it possible for all to register and to vote on Election Day with required ID and proof of residency.

Voting for College Students

College students may choose to register to vote in their school's voting district. If this is their first time registering, they will be required to visit the polls in person on the first election date. Alternatively, they may opt to remain registered in their home district by using their parents' address.

Voter Registration Deadlines

You have the right **to register to vote and vote anytime up to 8 p.m. on Election Day**. But to update your voter registration within 14 days of an election, you must go to your city or township clerk's office as soon as possible, but no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day. You can vote during the same visit.

Online or by mail: October 21, 2024 (at least 14 days before Election Day)

<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter> if you have a valid Michigan driver's license or state ID

In person: November 5, 2024 no later than 8pm. Must provide proof of residency if registering after October 22, 2024.

Voter Eligibility

To vote in Michigan you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be 18 years old by Election Day
- be a resident of Michigan and be a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days before Election Day
- not be currently incarcerated after being convicted and sentenced

You can register when you are 17.5 years old or preregister when you are 16 years old, but you can't vote until you're 18.

Proof of residency if registering within two weeks of Election: **If you register within 14 days of Election Day, you must show proof of where you live.** Documents must have your name and current address. You can show a digital copy of documents. Acceptable documents include:

- A valid Michigan driver's license or state ID
- Any document issued by a Michigan high school, college, or university, or other educational institution, including:
- A webpage on your university student portal displaying your name and on-campus address (ex. Wolverine Access, StulInfo, Academica, CentralLink, GoWMU)

- Financial aid documents
- University registration forms
- A bank or credit card statement
- Utility bill (including gas, electric, internet, lease, or rental agreement).

Residency Requirements

Michigan voters must be a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days.

The residence used for voter registration must match the address on the applicant's driver's license. Those who complete change-of-address forms for their driver's license will have their voter registration information automatically updated.

WHAT THIS MEANS if you want to vote in MI for the 2024 General Election

1. You must meet all the Voter Eligibility requirements, AND
2. You must be living in Michigan as of October 6, 2024 (at least 30 days prior to Election Day - November 5, 2024), AND
3. You must be registered at this MI address on or before October 21, 2024 if registering online or by mail. You must be registered at this MI address on or before 8 pm on November 5, 2024 if registering in person.

WHY you should consider voting in MI instead of NJ.

Michigan has competitive races that can determine the Presidency and the Senate.

In the presidential race, Kamala Harris needs [Michigan's 15 electoral votes](#). Democrats will need to win the seat from the retiring Senator Debbie Stabenow [D] in order to keep the [Senate majority](#) with Elissa Slotkin, the winner of the [primary on August 6, 2024](#). There are also several contested congressional seats in Michigan, with [MI 7](#) covering Lansing and beyond as the most competitive.