

## NJ/NC College Students Voting Options

### Voting in North Carolina

To vote in North Carolina, you must first register to vote on or before the deadline of October 11, 2024. You must have resided in the county where you will be voting for at least 30 days (October 6, 2024) prior to Election Day.

### Voting for College Students

A college or university student may register and vote in the county where they go to school if the student is physically present in the school community *and does not intend to return to his or her former home after graduation*. If the student *does not know where he or she will go after college*, they may register in their college community or remain registered at home. If a student registers at his or her school address, that registration cancels any previous registration.

### Voter Registration Deadlines

**In Person:** October 11, 2024

**By Mail:** Received by October 11, 2024

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter\\_Registration/NCVoterRegForm\\_06W.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter_Registration/NCVoterRegForm_06W.pdf)

**Online:** October 11, 2024

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/online/Pages/voter-registration-application.aspx>

**During Early voting period: Thursday, Oct 17, 2024 - Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 3.p.m.**

This is also known as “Same Day Voter Registration.”

### About Same Day Voter Registration

Individuals who are not registered to vote in a county may register and immediately vote at that same site. This process is called “same-day registration” in North Carolina. Although same-day registration is available for voters during early voting, same-day registration is **not** available for most voters on Election Day.

Registering at an early voting site during the early voting period requires voters to provide proof of residence. Proof of residence includes any of the following documents that includes the voter’s current address:

- North Carolina driver’s license.
- Other photo identification issued by a government agency, provided that the card includes the voter’s current name and address.
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing the voter’s name and address.
- For students living on campus, a document from an educational institution with the student’s name and on-campus housing address. Or, an educational institution may provide the county board of elections a list of students residing in particular campus housing, which will suffice if a student living in campus housing shows a valid student photo identification card.

## **Voter Eligibility**

To register to vote in North Carolina, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Live in the county where you are registering, and have resided there for at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
- Be at least 18 years old, or will be by the date of the general election.
  - 16- and 17-year-olds may preregister to vote.
  - 17-year-olds may vote in a primary election if they will be 18 at the time of the general election.
- Not be serving a felony sentence, including any period of probation, post-release supervision, or parole.

## **Residency Requirements**

Live in the county where you are registering, and have resided there for at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

## **Notice About Photo ID Requirement for Voting**

Voters will be asked to present **a valid photo identification when voting in person**. If you do not have a valid photo ID card, you may obtain one from your county board of elections prior to the election, through the end of the early voting period.

If you do not have a valid photo ID card on Election Day, you may still vote and have your vote counted by signing an affidavit of reasonable impediment (or “Photo ID Exception Form”) as to why you have not presented a valid photo ID. The Exception Form can also be used if you have a religious objection to being photographed or are a victim of a recently declared natural disaster.

As an alternative, if you don’t have your ID when you vote, you can still vote and then bring your valid photo ID to your county board of elections by 5 p.m. on the ninth day after Election Day (or the sixth day after Election Day for September or October local elections).

**If you vote by mail, then you must include a photocopy of a valid photo ID when returning your ballot.** You may also complete the Absentee Photo ID Exception Form that is provided with your absentee ballot materials.

A list of all types of ID that can be used for voting is available on the State Board of Elections Voter ID webpage, <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id>. For information on how to get a free ID, see Get a Free Voter Photo ID.

## **Acceptable Photo IDs for Voting**

Any of the following that is unexpired, or expired for one year or less:

- North Carolina driver’s license

- State ID from the NCDMV (also called “non-operator ID”)
- Driver’s license or non-driver ID from another state, District of Columbia, or U.S. territory (only if voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election)
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card
- North Carolina voter photo ID card issued by a county board of elections (see Get a Free Voter Photo ID)
- College or university student ID approved by the State Board of Elections - view the list [here](https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id/student-and-public-employee-ids-approved-voting)
- State or local government or charter school employee ID approved by the State Board of Elections

Any of the following, regardless of whether the ID contains an expiration or issuance date:

- Military or veterans ID card (with photo) issued by the U.S. government
- Tribal enrollment card (with photo) issued by a tribe recognized by the State of North Carolina or the federal government
- ID card (with photo) issued by an agency of the U.S. government or the State of North Carolina for a public assistance program (Note: Although this is an acceptable form of ID under North Carolina law, the State Board is not aware of any such ID in circulation that contains a photo. All IDs for voting are required to have a photo.)

#### **WHAT THIS MEANS if you want to vote in NC for the 2024 General Election**

1. You must meet all the Voter Eligibility requirements, AND
2. You must have resided in the county where you will vote for at least 30 days (October 6, 2024) prior to Election Day, AND
3. You must be registered at this North Carolina address on or before October 11, 2024 either online, by mail or in person, OR you can register and vote in person during the Early Voting period: Thursday, Oct 17, 2024 - Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 3pm, AND
4. If you are voting in person or by absentee, you must bring with you/provide an acceptable form of photo ID.

#### **WHY you should consider voting in NC instead of NJ.**

North Carolina is a “toss-up” state whose electoral votes can determine the Presidency. Kamala Harris needs [North Carolina’s 16 electoral votes](#). North Carolina does not have any seats up in the U.S. Senate for election. In the House races, while there is one toss-up congressional race where incumbent candidate Don Davis needs to win his R+1 race. There are several open congressional seats where incumbents did not seek re-election. These seats could use higher turnout for Democratic voters, making a dent in [historically solid Republican districts](#).