

NC Guide to College Voting

WHERE IS HOME?

Where you register and vote depends on where you call “home.”

►**College Address:** You can call your college community your home if you do not have a clear “intent to return” to another place, like your parent’s address, after you graduate. [NC General Statute 163-57(2)11]

►**Parent/Guardian’s Address:** If you clearly intend to return to this address after graduation, then register with it as your home.

You may use either address if you have no clear plan about where you will next live. Make a choice. It’s a crime to vote from two addresses.

TIP: Update your registration if you move to a new address. Notify officials to remove your name as registered at the old address.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

To register, you must: be a US citizen; live at your “home” address at least 30 days before the election you want to vote in; be at least 18 on Election Day; not be serving a felony sentence, including probation.

Download a registration form at demnc.co/rform. Use it as a new voter in the county or to change an address. You can’t fully register online.

TIP: Be sure to include an ID number, birth date and phone, and sign the form. Put your full name as it appears on the ID whose # you use (NC driver’s license or SS card). List a physical place for your residence, not a box. You may use the dorm’s street address as a residence and campus box as a mailing address. Anyone may help you with the form.

Deadline: Submit your registration by 25 days before Election Day. Send the form to the correct County Board of Elections. The address is at demnc.co/myboard. The Board will verify your info and send a registration card to your mailing address with your precinct’s voting place.

HOW DO I VOTE?

You have three choices for how to vote:

►**Use “Early Voting”** at a central location in your county. For hours and places, call or search online for your County Board of Elections.

►**Vote on Election Day**, at your precinct’s voting place from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. You must use your own precinct’s poll on Election Day.

►**Vote by mail (“absentee voting”).** Any voter may do this; see details at demnc.co/abs. You or a near relative must first submit an *Absentee Ballot Request Form*. Get it from demnc.co/absform and follow the directions. You will be sent a ballot. Mark your ballot and mail it back (postmark) by the deadline or deliver it to an Early Voting place. If you request a mail-in ballot and don’t use it, you can still vote in person.

Get Help

- See who’s on your ballot
- Find out where to vote
- Learn if you’re registered
- Get answers to questions

Go to NCVoter.org or ncsbe.gov or call 888-OUR-VOTE

Tip

Call the hotline
888-OUR-VOTE
if you have a
problem
voting

Photo ID?

You need an acceptable photo ID to vote with a regular ballot inside the polls starting in 2016: a NC driver’s license or NC DMV-issued card; US passport; US military or veterans card; US or NC-recognized Indian tribal card.

You can vote without one of these IDs by showing a registration card or using another alternative. See www.GotIDNC.com.