Registration Deadlines and Election Dates

- Statewide Primary — Tuesday, March 15th
- General Election — Tuesday, November 8th
- Registration Deadline: Registrations must be received or postmarked 25 days before Election Day.
  - Feb. 19th for the Primary and October 14th for the General.
- Early Voting: Voting starts at “one-stop” absentee voting sites as early as the second Thursday before Election Day. Early voting ends at 1 p.m. the Saturday before Election Day. Check with your county elections office for your “one-stop” voting location(s).

Voter registration forms, polling place locations, and more information can be found at http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe

Register at School or Home?
Students have a choice about where to register to vote:

School residence:
- Students attending college in North Carolina may register to vote at their school address if they presently intend to make it their residence and to return there after any temporary absence like summer vacation. They do not have to plan to reside at that address permanently or after graduation.

Home residence:
- Some students may choose to register or remain registered at their home (prior) address in North Carolina or outside the state if they intend to return there after college. In this case, a student may need to vote by absentee ballot.
- North Carolina residents who move away for college can keep their North Carolina voting residency so long as they still consider North Carolina the location of their primary residence and do not register or declare residency elsewhere. These students may request to vote early by mail.

For other state’s registration information visit: www.campusvoteproject.org/studentguides

What Type of ID Do I Need to Register?
- North Carolina’s voter registration form asks for your North Carolina driver’s license or ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Failure to provide this information could lead to you having to show additional identification when you vote that shows your picture or your name and address. Make sure to provide this information on the registration form so the state can verify your identity and you don’t run into problems when you cast your ballot.

What Type of ID Do I Need to Vote?

Beginning in 2016, voters will be required to show a photo ID when they vote at the polls. A list of acceptable IDs are:
- NC drivers license or non-drivers ID card
- US passport
- US military or veteran ID card
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a federal or NC recognized tribe
- A drivers license or non-drivers ID card issued by another state, but only if the voter registered within 90 days of the election.

However, you may vote without a photo ID in 2016 if you have a "reasonable impediment" to obtaining one.

See voterid.nc.gov/ for more information.

The Higher Education Act requires most colleges and universities to make a good faith effort to distribute voter registration forms to every student. Does yours?
According to the U.S. Supreme Court, students have the right to register and vote in their college towns if they meet the same requirements as everyone else. Misinformation, such as claims that registering to vote at school may jeopardize eligibility for financial aid or insurance, are sometimes used to discourage students from voting locally.