

# VOTER REGISTRATION

Independent Learning Module



**Empowering Voters.  
Defending Democracy.**

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This tutorial will help eligible voters complete the:

**VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION** with an

- **Online Application OR**
- **Printed Application**

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Why  
Vote?



your VOTE  
is your VOICE

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Citizens have the chance to choose the direction of their country *when they vote*.

Citizens who vote are electing the representatives who make the policies that affect all of us.

Some elections have been decided by a few or just ONE vote!

- *Citizens voted in record numbers in the 2020 Presidential Election. At least 66.8% of voting-age citizens made their voices heard! In the 2021 Municipal Election, however, where voters elected the local officials who set property tax rates and set school board policies, affecting citizens the most--the participation rate was only 34% of eligible voters.*

Citizens have **power** when they participate in our democracy and **vote in every election**.

Choose to make **your** voice heard.

- **REGISTER to VOTE NOW!**

## HOW to Register to Vote

[www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)

[www.lwvpgh.org/make\\_a\\_plan](http://www.lwvpgh.org/make_a_plan)

- ▶ Must be a **U.S. citizen**
- ▶ Must be **18 years old** on or by *the next election day*
- ▶ Must be a **PA resident** for 30 days prior to the next election
- ▶ Must have a **PennDOT ID** number, **PA Driver's License** number, **OR** the last four digits of your **Social Security Number**

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**CHOICE #1 ONLINE**—Completing the online application is easy if you have a **PA Driver's License OR PennDOT ID**, because your signature will be on file.

**NEW:** *You can also use the last 4 digits of your Social Security #, but you will have to upload your signature.*

***Only one form of ID is needed!***

- [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) : Choose **ONLINE Voter Registration Application**
- Follow the Instructions on the following Page 3.

**OR**

**CHOICE #2 BY MAIL**—[vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov): Use a **printed application**, where you can choose ONE of the three forms of ID outlined in Choice #1. *You will not need to upload a signature for the [Printed Voter Registration Application](#) because you will sign the printed application.*

- Print the Blank Form and Follow the Instructions on the following Pages 4 and 5.

***See the LWVPGH web page for more: [www.lwvpgh.org/make\\_a\\_plan](http://www.lwvpgh.org/make_a_plan) .***

***Not a PA resident? Visit [Vote.gov](http://Vote.gov) or [www.turbovote.org](http://www.turbovote.org) to register to vote in your state!***

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Use black ink.

### Pennsylvania Voter Registration Application

Print your name 1 Last name First name Middle name or initial

Eligibility 2 Are you a citizen of the U.S.? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Will you be 18 years or older on or before election day? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Reason 3 ☐ New registration ☐ Change of name ☐ Change of address  
☐ Change of party ☐ Federal or State employee registering in county of last residence

About you 4 Birth date Sex ☐ M ☐ F Race (optional)  
Phone and email are optional and used for information in reaching out to you.

Your address 5 Address (not P.O. Box) Apt. number  
City/Town State PA Zip Code  
Municipality County  
☐ I do not have a street address or permanent residence (see map on back)

The address where you receive mail 6 ☐ Same as above Address or P.O. Box  
City/Town State Zip Code

Identification 7 PA driver's license or PennDOT ID card number  
Last four digits of your Social Security number  
☐ I do not have a PA driver's license or a PennDOT ID card or a Social Security number.

Political party 8 ☐ Democratic ☐ Republican ☐ Other: ☐ None  
To vote in a primary, you must register with either the Democratic or Republican Party.

Voting assistance 9 ☐ I require help to vote. I need this kind of assistance:  
My preferred language:

If your name or address has changed 10 Name on previous registration  
Full previous address and county  
PA Voter No. (if available) Year

Declaration 11 I declare that:  
- I am a United States citizen and will have been a citizen for at least one month on the day of the next election.  
- I will be at least 18 years old on the day of the next election.  
- I will have lived at the same address in Section 5 for at least 30 days before the election.  
- I am eligible to vote.  
I affirm that this information is true and understood that the declaration is the voter's affidavit, and if the information is not true, I can be convicted of perjury and fined up to \$15,000, jailed for up to three years, or both.  
Signature or mark  
Print name  
Today's date

Help with this form 12 Name of assistant  
Address  
Phone  
Signature of assistant

# Let's Register to Vote!

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- Please use a BLACK PEN and print CLEARLY
- Remember, PA has **Closed\*\*** Primary Elections (See Page 5)
- Poll workers are needed! Apply at [www.alleghenycounty.us](http://www.alleghenycounty.us)

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## Choice #1 and Choice #2: Online and Printed Application Instructions

- #1 Legal name
- Complete all checked boxes (#2 "Eligibility"; #3 "Reason" - "New Registration" or other reason)
- #4 BIRTH DATE is required (18 years old on or by next election day)- MM/DD/YYYY
- #4 Phone number and email not required, but recommended
- #5 Address; County is required; Municipality is not required
- #7 Only ONE form of ID is required: *ONLINE*—if you have a Driver's License OR PennDot ID, you must use it. Otherwise, you may use the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, with an uploaded signature. *PRINTED Application*-- Any one of these three forms of ID is acceptable. No uploaded signature is required, because you will sign the printed application in #11.
- #8 Political Party— *may vote in Primary Election only if choose either Democratic or Republican*
- #9- Voting Assistance— *ONLINE*--Skip unless you need physical assistance to VOTE. *PRINTED Application*—Complete #12 if you need help filling out the Application.
- #10 Changing voter registration information—can do anytime at [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov).
- #11 Declaration- *ONLINE*, MUST check. For *PRINTED Application*, signature in the box, printed name, and date below the box are all required.
- #13 Poll workers are needed! Apply at [www.alleghenycounty.us](http://www.alleghenycounty.us)

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Phone Email

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Municipality County  
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- I am legally qualified to vote.  
- I understand that this declaration is in the name of an affidavit, and if this information is not true, I can be convicted of perjury and fined up to \$15,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 30 months, or both.  
Signature or mark  
Print name  
Today's date

Help with this form 12 Name of assistant Address Phone Signature of assistant

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ONLINE Voter Registration	VS	PAPER Voter Registration
<p><a href="http://www.vote.pa.gov">www.vote.pa.gov</a>: ONLINE is easy and quick—you just need a PA Driver's License OR PennDOT ID OR the last 4 digits of your SSN with uploaded signature. Not a PA resident? Go to <a href="http://Turbovote.org">Turbovote.org</a> to register in your state. Selected entries here</p> <p>#1 Legal Name: Complete all checked boxes like #2 "Eligibility" and #3 "Reason" New Registration; #4 BIRTH DATE required mm/dd/yyyy (18 by next election day); Phone# and Email recommended.</p> <p>#5 Address: "County (like 'Allegheny') is required; Municipality is not." #7 ID: Only ONE form of ID is required- PA Driver's License OR PennDOT ID OR last 4 digits of Social Security Number with uploaded signature.</p> <p>#8 Political Party: choose Democratic or Republican If you want to vote in PA CLOSED Primary Elections. #10 Changing Voter Registration info: go anytime to <a href="http://www.vote.pa.gov">www.vote.pa.gov</a> to update your registration, especially if you move.</p> <p>#11 Declaration: MUST check; #13 Poll Workers are needed! See Elections Division <a href="http://alleghenycounty.us">alleghenycounty.us</a> #15 ANNUAL Mail-in Ballot Application—click here for more and see LWVPGH website page here.</p> <p>LOOK for your Voter Registration ID card in the mail 3-4 weeks after you register to vote (and turn 18). Keep your card in a safe place!</p>		<p><a href="http://www.vote.pa.gov">www.vote.pa.gov</a>: Download, print paper form or visit "Allegheny County Elections Division at 542 Forbes Ave, Ste 609, Pittsburgh, Pa 15219-2913, or call 412-350-4500. Use BLACK INK.</p> <p>SAME AS ONLINE #1, #2, #3, #4</p> <p>SAME AS ONLINE #1, #2, #3, #4</p> <p>SAME AS ONLINE #8 AND #10</p> <p>SAME AS ONLINE #11, #13 and #15. MAIL your application to Allegheny County Elections Division (address above) Don't forget the stamp! "Not in Allegheny County? Click here."</p> <p>See even more Voter Registration information at <a href="http://www.lwvpg.org/make_a_plan">www.lwvpg.org/make_a_plan</a></p> <p>© 2022 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER PITTSBURGH</p>

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## CHOICE #2 By Mail Instructions:

When you have completed the printed form,

- If you live in Allegheny County, **MAIL your printed application to:**

**Allegheny County Elections Office**

**542 Forbes Avenue**

**Ste 609**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2913** *Don't forget the stamp!*

- If you DO NOT live in Allegheny County: Your [County Election Office](#) can be found here.

**\*\*Because Pennsylvania has Closed Primaries, you must enroll in one of the two major political parties, either Democratic or Republican, to participate in the spring primary. However, any registered voter may vote in any election if there is a ballot question, constitutional amendment, or a special election.**

**Be aware of deadlines for Voter Registration. See the "[Make a Plan](#)" web page.**

**This graphic summarizes instructions to complete the Voter Registration Application Online or Printed [here](#).**

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## Voter Registration ID Card ENVELOPE

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR EASY OPENING INSTRUCTIONS

Allegheny County Elections Division  
609 County Office Building  
542 Forbes Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2953



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

1725 BARR AVE  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15205

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This official looking **ENVELOPE** will hold your Voter Registration ID Card.

After you send in your Voter Registration Application, and *after you turn 18 years old*, it may take **3 weeks** before you receive this envelope in the mail with your **VOTER REGISTRATION ID CARD** inside.

### ***Remember to look for it!***

- *If you don't receive your ID card after that time, contact your [County Election Office](#). (The Allegheny County Elections Office can be reached at 412-350-4500.)*

***See these graphics for ID requirements and to learn about your rights:***

**[Make a Plan to Vote](#)**  
**[Know Your Rights](#)**

## Voter Registration ID CARD

Dear Voter:

Attached below is your Certification of Voter Registration. Please carefully detach, sign and keep for your reference. Please notify the Election Commission within 10 days from the date it was mailed if any information on the certificate is incorrect; otherwise, the information shall be deemed correct for voter registration purposes.

1725 BARR AVE  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15205  
Municipality: CRAFTON  
Ward:  
Precinct: CRAFTON 01 02

Allegheeny County, Pennsylvania  
Certificate of Voter Registration

Voter ID:  
DOB:  
DEMOCRATIC  
Enrollment Date: 9/1/1986

THIS CARD IS THE CERTIFICATE OF VOTER REGISTRATION OF YOUR NEW ELECTION DISTRICT, DIVISION OR PRECINCT. Voters who are voting for the first time in an election district must show a form of identification. THIS CARD CAN BE USED AS THAT FIRST TIME PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION. For a list of other acceptable forms of photo and non-photo identification for first time voters, please call your county board of elections, visit [www.dos.pa.gov](http://www.dos.pa.gov), or call toll free at 1-877-VOTESPA.

Polling Place:  
CRAFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1874 CRAFTON BLVD  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15205

Signature or Mark of Elector

Valid 10 days after: 10/24/2019 or upon receipt by the voter

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This sample **VOTER REGISTRATION ID CARD**;

- shows your address, which political party you have chosen, if any (in capitals), and your polling place. Keep your ID card in your wallet or in a safe place.

**CONGRATULATIONS! You are now a REGISTERED VOTER!**

**vote.pa.gov:** [here](https://www.vote.pa.gov)

- Where you can **register to vote**, change your name or address, your party affiliation, find your registration status, find your polling place, and more.

**Vote411.org:** [here](https://www.vote411.org)

- At this *League of Women Voters* website, a few weeks before every election, **type in your address and view the candidates who will be on your ballot**, and more. If candidates have answered three questions, you will be able to compare their answers side-by-side. You can also make a cheat sheet of your candidate choices by creating your **customized ballot** list, which will be emailed to you.

**League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh:** [lwvpgh.org](https://www.lwvpgh.org)

- For the most current, nonpartisan election, voting, and government information.
- Find other [Modules](#) and other **unique graphics** in the [Voter Resource Library](#).

**Still have questions? Please contact us at:** [civic.education@lwvpgh.org](mailto:civic.education@lwvpgh.org).

**BECOME A SUPER-VOTER AND VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION**  
**“Democracy is NOT a spectator sport!”**