STUDENT VOTER GUIDE
For Nevada’s 2018 Primary Election

KEY RESOURCES

Nevada election website – absentee ballot information, polling location, & other details
Nevada online registration
Nevada absentee ballot request
Campus Vote Project – detailed student voting guides by state
Vote411 – see candidate stands & generate a personalized ballot
TurboVote or RockTheVote – get voter registration documents & email reminders

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

May 15
Mailed registration postmark

May 22
In-person registration

May 24
On-line registration

June 5
Absentee ballot request received by elections office

June 12
Absentee ballot returned to elections office

May 26 – June 8
Early voting

June 12
Primary Election

TYPE OF PRIMARY

Closed primary: Voter must be a registered and enrolled in a political party to vote in that party’s primary.

Why primaries matter

Primary elections determine which candidates will appear on the November ballot for each of the two major political parties, and sometimes for third parties. So they’re your prime chance to choose the eventual candidates. Even if your first choice doesn’t win, your votes can also influence the stands of the candidates who do.

Primaries replaced a system where candidates were chosen by party leaders or participants in party caucuses. They more accurately reflect our democracy by letting the general public select the candidates.

The Importance of Mid-Terms

In November 2018, voters will participate in a mid-term election, or one held between presidential-election years. Mid-term elections can be an important opportunity to express support or dissatisfaction with a president’s performance and policies. 2018 primaries will include candidate nominations for 34 U.S. Senate seats, all 435 U.S. Representative seats, plus governors, other statewide officials, and state legislative seats.

Who can vote in a primary election?

• See Type of Primary and the next page for Nevada requirements.
• Use the accompanying Primary Guide for Out-Of-State Students if you choose to register out of state.

MAKE A PLAN!

• Know when, where, and how you will register.
• Know where you will vote.

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Eligibility
You are eligible to vote in Nevada if you are a U.S. citizen, a resident of Nevada (includes out of state college students), live in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 day prior to election, and are at least 18 years old by election day. Lawful permanent residents, commonly referred to as “green card holders” are not eligible to vote.

ID Requirements for registering
PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
• Nevada driver’s license
• Nevada non-driver ID
• The last four digits of your social security number
• If elections office needs further verification, see election website for alternative documents (bank statement, utility bill, etc.)

ID Requirements for voting
Nevada only requires ID for voting if you have not shown your ID when you registered, and you are a first-time Nevada voter. However, it is recommended that you bring a valid ID with you. See election website for accepted IDs.

How to register
In Nevada you can register by mail, in person at your election office, or online. See Key Resources for online access to registration forms.

Absentee ballots
Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot and vote by mail. Contact your local election office to have a ballot mailed to you or access the request form online.

Address to use for registering & voting
Per federal election law, college students can register and vote at either their campus address or their permanent home address, which may be out of state. However, voters can only be registered at one address. If you are not going to physically be in the state where you plan to vote, you will need to request an absentee ballot.

It’s your choice where to register, since registering at your campus address will not:
• Affect your federal financial aid
• Prevent your parents from claiming you as a dependent on their taxes
• Cost you any scholarships, unless they’re tied to specific residency requirements
• Or affect your tuition status as an in-state or out-of-state student.

Additional information
For more detailed student voting guides, visit Campus Vote Project.