

# STUDENT VOTER GUIDE

For Indiana's 2020 Primary Election



Voter registration in Indiana is nonpartisan; you do not select a political party when you register. In order to vote in the primary, however, you must choose a ballot for either the Democratic or Republican Party.



## UPDATED DATES & DEADLINES

Primary Election Date

**June 2, 2020**  
6 AM to 6 PM

Last Day to Register to Vote

**May 4, 2020**

Absentee-in-Person Dates

**May 5 – June 1, 2020**

Absentee-by-Mail  
Application Deadline

**May 21, 2020**

Deadline to Return  
Absentee-by-Mail Ballots

**June 1, 2020 at noon**

## Why this primary matters

You have a chance to help determine the [Indiana candidates](#) for the U.S. House of Representatives, race for the governor, and other statewide elections for one of the two major political parties.

## Updated for the June 2, 2020 Primary

This guide has been updated to reflect [Executive Order 20-07](#), issued by Governor Eric Holcomb, to postpone Indiana's statewide primary election until June 2, 2020; and the provisions put in place by [Order Number 2020-37](#) issued by the Indiana Election Commission.

## Changes based on Executive Order 20-07

- All registered Hoosiers have the option to vote **absentee-by-mail** for the 2020 primary election.
- **All absentee** ballots dated May 5, 2020 will be counted.
- Approval of medical professionals to help voters in confined-care facilities cast **absentee-by-traveling board** ballots.
- Permit family members and caregivers, of registered Hoosiers who are confined to their private residence, to personally deliver **absentee-by-traveling board** ballots to the [county election board](#).
- **All absentee** ballots must be counted and the final, certified results of the election must be determined by 3:00 PM on June 12, 2020.

## Voter Eligibility

You are eligible to register to vote if you are:

- A United States citizen and a resident of Indiana
- At least 18 years old on November 3, 2020
- Living in your precinct at least 30 days before June 2, 2020
- Not currently imprisoned after conviction for a crime

## How to Register to Vote

You can register (or update your registration) [online](#), as long as you have a valid [Indiana driver's license](#) or free [Indiana State ID card](#). You can also do so by using the [Voter Registration Application \(Español\)](#) (download, complete, and mail) or return in person at your [county's voter registration office](#) or the Indiana Election Division. You can also apply in person at a public assistance office (if you're applying for assistance), or at a [BMV branch](#) if you're obtaining a driver's license, permit, or ID card.

# Indiana's Voting Rules

## ID Requirements for Registering

- To register (or update your registration) [online](#), you need a valid Indiana driver's license or free [Indiana State ID card](#).
- To register or update your registration **by mail**, you will need your Indiana driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have neither, you will need to acknowledge that on the application.

When you register in Indiana **for the first time and apply by mail**, you will need to supply proof of residence at the polls.

- Proof must show your name and the address at which you've registered.
- Acceptable documents include: an Indiana driver's license or Indiana State ID card, a current and valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document.

## ID Requirements for Voting

Before voting at the polls, you need to show a government-issued [photo ID](#), that displays your name in a way that conforms (appearing close, but not necessarily identical) to your voter registration record. Keep in mind the following:

- Must be current or have an expiration date after November 6, 2018 (a military ID may not have an expiration date).
- Must be issued by the State of Indiana or the U.S. government (e.g., free [Indiana State ID card](#), U.S. passport).
- A student ID **must** meet these criteria, and **may only be** valid if issued by an Indiana state school ([view list of Indiana state schools](#)), not a private school.
- If you do not have ID, you can cast a provisional ballot, and then you must supply an ID or an affidavit for an exemption at your [county election board](#) by noon on June 12.

If voting **absentee-by-mail**, you do not need to show ID.

## Absentee Voting

In Indiana, you **must submit an application** if you wish to vote by [absentee ballot](#).

- All registered voters are eligible to vote **absentee-in-person** at your [county election board office](#) beginning **May 5**. The [in-person absentee application](#) and ballot must be received by **noon on June 1**.

In accordance with Executive Order 20-07, registered voters are able to vote **absentee-by-mail** and additional provisions have been added for those needing to vote **absentee-by-traveling board** (because of disabilities or confinement).

- To receive an **absentee-by-mail** ballot, download and return the [absentee-by-mail application](#) by **May 21**. All **absentee-by-mail** ballots must be received by your [county election board](#) by **noon on June 2**.
- To vote via an **absentee-by-traveling board** ballot, download and return the [absentee-by-traveling board application](#) by **noon on June 1**.

## Address for Registering and 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. 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. 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 scholarships, unless they're tied to specific residency requirements
- Affect your tuition status as an in-state or out-of-state student

## Key Resources

- [2020 Indiana Voter Information Guide](#) and [Voter Resources](#)
- Find your [county election administrator](#) and your [polling location](#)
- [Indiana Democratic Party](#)
- [Indiana Republican Party](#)
- [Indiana Campus Compact](#) – Get involved!
- [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 reminder