

STUDENT VOTER GUIDE

For Kentucky's 2020 Presidential Primary Election



DATES & DEADLINES

Primary election date:

June 23, 2020

6 AM to 6 PM

Deadline to change party affiliation for voting in this primary:

December 31, 2019

Last date to register online to vote in the primary:

May 26 by 4 PM

Dates to apply to vote absentee in county clerk's office:

June 5 to June 22

Last date for applications for a mail-in absentee ballot to be delivered:

June 16

Deadline for absentee ballots to be delivered to your county clerk:

June 23 by 6 PM

MAKE A PLAN!



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

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the May 19 Kentucky primary election has been rescheduled to June 23. For information about the change, see the [GoVoteKY.com](https://www.govoteky.com) page.

In Kentucky, you register as either a member of the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or "Other." You must be registered with either party to vote in this primary. If you choose "Other," you may only vote for nonpartisan positions in the primary.

Candidate information

For Republican and Democratic Presidential candidate websites, CNN has [a complete list](#). Politico also has a [quick guide to Democratic candidate positions](#).

Eligibility

You are eligible to vote if you:

- Are a U.S. citizen and a current Kentucky resident
- Are 17 years of age, in which case you can pre-register, but you must be 18 years of age on or before the next General Election Day (November 3, 2020) to vote. If you are 17 and will be 18 on the next General Election, you may vote in the Primary Election.
- Are not a convicted felon, or if you have been convicted of a felony, your civil rights have been restored by executive pardon
- Have not been adjudged mentally incompetent in a court of law
- Don't claim the right to vote outside Kentucky

How to register to vote

You can register to vote or update your registration [online](#). You can also submit a voter registration card by mail or in person. You can obtain and complete the card at your [county clerk's office](#), or [download](#) and print the card, fill it out, and mail it to the [State Board of Elections](#). You can also register at social service agencies, military recruitment offices (if you're a prospective member of the military), high schools, and driver's license offices when you apply for or renew your driver's license.

Kentucky's Voting Rules

ID Requirements for registering

You need to submit your Social Security number and date of birth in order to register to vote.

ID Requirements for voting

To vote at the polling place, you must either be known by a precinct officer, or provide one of the following: a driver's license, a Social Security card, a U.S. government ID, a Kentucky state government ID with picture, a credit card, or another form of ID showing both your picture and your signature. If you don't have ID, if your name doesn't appear on the precinct roster, or if your ID is challenged by all four precinct election officers, you can vote in this primary by provisional ballot.

Absentee/early voting

You can vote absentee by mail in Kentucky if you're overseas; in uniformed service; temporarily residing outside your county (including students); incarcerated but not yet convicted; outside your county for employment through all voting hours; unable to get to the polls because of advanced age, disability, or illness; or in an Address Confidentiality program.

You can request an absentee ballot from your [county clerk's office](#) by mail, email, fax, phone, or in person. You can either return the completed application by mail or you can hand-deliver it to the county clerk's office.

You can also vote absentee in person on a voting machine in your [county clerk's office](#), from June 5 to 22, if you meet the criteria listed on the [Absentee voting](#) page.

Address to use 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. 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. 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
- Affect your tuition status as an in-state or out-of-state student.

Key Resources

- [Kentucky Voter Information Guide](#)
- [Voter Information Portal](#)
- Find your [county clerk's office](#) and your [polling place](#)
- [Kentucky Democratic Party](#)
- [Republican Party of Kentucky](#)
- [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

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