

## PRIMARIES

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New York will hold three primary elections in 2016. You must be a registered voter and enrolled in a party to participate in these primaries. The deadline to enroll in a political party was October 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. If you are not registered to vote in New York State or are registering in your county for the first time, you can select your party and registers at least 25 days before the election you wish to vote in.

### **Primary Races 2016**

**Presidential Primary: April 19<sup>th</sup> (registration deadline is March 25<sup>th</sup>)**

**Congressional Primary: June 28<sup>th</sup> (registration deadline is June 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**State and Local Primary: Sept 13<sup>th</sup> (registration deadline is August 19<sup>th</sup>)**

To learn the find your polling location please visit [Voter Look Up](#).

## POLITICAL PARTIES & PARTY ENROLLMENT

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Voters do not need to be enrolled in a party to vote in a general election, on any statewide ballot question, or in a local election. Voters **MUST** be enrolled in a party to vote in that party's primary election.

A voter may change party enrollment at any time but cannot vote in the primary elections under that party **UNLESS** they changed their party before October 10<sup>th</sup> of 2015.

### **Political Party Websites**

Information about upcoming elections may also be available at party websites:

[New York State Independence Party](#)

[New York State Democratic Party](#)

[New York State Green Party](#)

[New York State Libertarian Party](#)

[New York State Republican Party](#)

[New York State Working Families Party](#)

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## 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

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The next General Election in New York will be **November 8, 2016**.

For specific ballot information please visit [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). Vote 411 provides up to date information on which candidates will be on your ballot based on your address.

## VOTER ELIGIBILITY

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You are eligible to vote in New York if you:

- Are a United States citizen;
- Are 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file your voter registration form (note: you must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote);
- Have lived at your present address for at least 30 days before the election;
- Are not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction and;
- Are not adjudged mentally incompetent by a court;
- Are not claiming the right to vote elsewhere.

[Click here](#) for more information on voting eligibility in New York State.

If you are a college student, individual with a disability, homeless individual, person with mental disabilities, or an individual with criminal convictions or that has been detained in prison or jail, please see our [Your Right To Vote Brochures](#) for additional information on voting.

## REGISTER TO VOTE

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In New York State you must register to vote 25 days before the election. You can register by mail, in person at the DMV or your County Board of Elections office, or online at [mydmv.org](http://mydmv.org).

### Register by mail:

If you register by mail, registrations must be received by the board of elections at least 25 days before Election Day.

You can request a voter registration form be sent to you by [clicking this link](#).

### Register in person with at your local board of elections office:

[Click here](#) to find your County Board of Elections office from the State Board of Elections website.

You can also register at any government agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act. These offices include:

- Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
- City Universities of New York(CUNY)
- Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
- Department of Health - WIC Program
- Department of Labor
- Department of Social Services
- Department of State
- Division of Veterans' Affairs
- Military Recruiting Offices
- Office for the Aging
- Office of Mental Health
- Office For People With Developmental Disabilities
- State Universities of New York(SUNY)
- Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities
- Workers' Compensation Board

## **EASY-TO-READ VOTER GUIDES**

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The League of Women Voters of New York Education Foundation will publish its annual voter guide in early spring. Follow the League on twitter [@LWVNYS](#) or like us on [facebook](#) to find out when the guide is posted.

Voter Guides are nonpartisan. This means The League does not support or oppose any party or candidate or any question on the ballot.

## **FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE**

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To find your polling place, please visit [Voter Lookup](#).

## **ABSENTEE VOTING IN NEW YORK**

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Absentee voting allows you to cast a ballot without going to a polling location on Election Day or for primary elections. Deadlines for requesting and completing absentee ballots for primary elections can be found [here](#).

Registered voters in New York State can cast an absentee ballot only if they are:

- Absent from their county or, if a resident of New York City absent from the city, on Election Day.
- Unable to appear at the polls due to temporary or permanent illness or disability; or because they are the primary care giver of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled.
- A patient or inmate in a Veterans' Administration Hospital.
- Detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

You may also request an Absentee Ballot by sending a letter to your county board of elections. The letter must be received by your county board no earlier than 30 days and no later than seven days before the election.

The letter must contain the following information:

- the address where you are registered
- an address where the ballot is to be sent
- the reason for the request, and
- the signature of the voter

An application form will be mailed with your ballot. The application form must be completed and returned with your ballot.

If you cannot pick up your ballot, or will not be able to receive it through the mail, you have the right to designate someone to pick it up for you. Only that person designated on your application may pick up and deliver your ballot.

If you are permanently ill or disabled, you have the right to receive an Absentee Ballot for each subsequent election without further application. Simply file an application with your county board of elections indicating permanent illness or physical disability. You will then automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election until your registration is canceled.

### **Request an absentee ballot by mail:**

[Click here](#) to download a blank request form for printing.

Applications must be mailed to your county board no later than the seventh day before the election or delivered in person no later than the day before the election.

## **MILITARY VOTING IN NEW YORK**

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Persons serving in the military, along with their spouses and/or dependents, may register as a military voter in New York, entitling them to receive an absentee ballot for all federal, state and local races that they would be otherwise entitled to vote in if they were to go to their assigned polling place based on their New York residence. Click [here](#) for more information.

## COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY 2016

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### PRIMARY ELECTIONS

#### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY – TUESDAY, APRIL 19th

- Register in person by Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Register by mail: Postmarked by Friday, March 25th and received by March 30th
- Apply for absentee ballot in person by Monday, April 18th
- Apply for absentee ballot by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, April 12th
- Deliver ballot in person by Tuesday, April 19th
- Deliver ballot by mail: postmarked by Monday, April 18th and received by Tuesday, April 26th

#### CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY – TUESDAY, JUNE 28th

- Register in person by Friday, June 3rd
- Register by mail: Postmarked by Friday, June 3rd and received by June 8th
- Apply for absentee ballot in person by Monday, June 27th
- Apply for absentee ballot by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, June 21st
- Deliver ballot in person by Tuesday, June 28th
- Deliver ballot by mail: postmarked by Monday, June 27th and received by Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

#### STATE AND LOCAL PRIMARY – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

- Register in person by Friday, August 19th
- Register by mail: Postmarked by Friday, August 19th and received by August 24th
- Apply for absentee ballot in person by Monday, September 12th
- Apply for absentee ballot by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, September 6th
- Deliver ballot in person by Tuesday, September 13th
- Deliver ballot by mail: postmarked by Monday, September 12th and received by Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

#### GENERAL ELECTION—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

- Register in person by Friday, October 14th
- Register by mail: Postmarked by Friday, October 14th and received by October 19th
- Apply for absentee ballot in person by Monday, November 7th
- Apply for absentee ballot by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, November 1st
- Deliver ballot in person by Tuesday, November 8th
- Deliver ballot by mail: postmarked by Monday, November 7th and received by Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>