



## Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Louisiana

### Voter Registration Deadline

Paper applications must be received or postmarked by 30 days before Election Day. Online voter registration must be completed by 20 days before Election Day. If the deadline falls on a legal holiday, registration closes on the next day which is not a weekend day. Drives must turn in completed applications to the parish registrar within 30 days of their completion or by the registration deadline, whatever comes sooner.

### Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** Louisiana does not require training for registration drives.

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** Louisiana does have a registration requirement for voter registration drives. Please contact the Secretary of State's office to inform them of your drive, complete a drive application, and obtain materials. Contact the SOS here: [sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/GetInvolved/OrganizeARegistrationDrive/Pages/default.aspx](https://sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/GetInvolved/OrganizeARegistrationDrive/Pages/default.aspx)

The Secretary of State's guide to best practices and laws for voter registration drives is located here: [sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/VoterRegistrationDriveFlier.pdf](https://sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/VoterRegistrationDriveFlier.pdf)

**Compensation Restrictions:** Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

### Obtaining Applications

**State Form:** State mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained [online](#) or from the [parish registrar](#).

- Online Applications: [sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/ApplicationToRegisterToVote.pdf](https://sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/ApplicationToRegisterToVote.pdf)
- Find your parish registrar: [voterportal.sos.la.gov/Registrar](https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/Registrar)

There are no limits on the number of forms that can be obtained.

**Federal Form:** The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in voter registration drives: [eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/](https://eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/)

**Photocopying Blank Forms:** Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

### Handling Applications

**Incomplete Applications:** Do not make any changes to applications or fill in missing information without the express consent of the applicant.

**Photocopying Completed Applications:** It is illegal to copy voter registration applications.

**Submitting Completed Applications:** Completed registration applications collected during a drive must be submitted to the parish registrar of voters where the voter resides within 30 days of when the forms were completed or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. Fair Elections Center recommends that drive volunteers submit forms so they are received by the parish registrar within 30 days after the forms were completed or by the voter registration deadline, whichever is earlier. Failure to submit applications by this deadline is a punishable offense.

Federal voter registration applications can be delivered or mailed to Secretary of State, Attention: Elections Division, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125.

However, it is preferable to submit them to the parish registrar of voters where the voter resides to avoid a delay in acceptance and processing.

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