

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in New York

Voter Registration Deadline

- Applications submitted in person must be submitted 10 days before Election Day
- Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked at least 15 days before, and received 10 days before, Election Day.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: New York does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements: New York does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

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: Blank state voter registration applications may be obtained from a county elections office or downloaded and printed from on the state board of elections website here: elections.ny.gov/voter-registration-process

Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may also be used in voter registration drives: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/

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

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have express permission from the applicant.

Photocopying Completed Applications: There is no law or rule prohibiting photocopying or retaining information from completed registration applications. **A voter's date of birth, signature, full or partial Social Security Number, and driver's license number should be removed before copying any application.**

Submitting Completed Applications: Return completed applications in person to the appropriate county elections office by the 10th day before Election Day or earlier, or ensure they are postmarked at least 15 days before Election Day. County election office Information can be found here:

publicreporting.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoardRoster/CountyBoardRoster

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