

# Welcome



# Spring Meeting

May 16, 2024

# Introductions



# Agenda

- Welcome and Overview
- Primary Election Information Update
- Civic Engagement & Voting
- Center for Hispanic Policy Research and Development
- Voter Education & Outreach
  - Jersey Civic Engage/NJACE
  - Local Civic Engagement Team Organizing
  - The NJ Ballot Bowl
  - NJ High School Voter Registration Week
- What's Ahead...
- Q & A



# The Primary Election

The Primary Election is a great way to get engaged in your community and our democracy.



# NEW JERSEY VOTES

SAFE. SIMPLE. SECURE.



# Vote.NJ.Gov is the official NJ Voter Information Portal

It contains all of the most up to date  
and trusted voting information you'll need

The screenshot shows the homepage of the New Jersey Voter Information Portal. At the top, there is a banner with the text "NEW JERSEY VOTES" in large blue letters, a red checkmark, and a white outline of the state of New Jersey. Below this, a red banner reads "SAFE. SIMPLE. SECURE." To the left of the banner is a partial view of the American flag.

Below the banner is a central announcement box: "It's Civic Learning Week March 11-15! Learn more about suggested activities".

The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Important Dates For NJ Voters:** A list of key dates for the primary election, including March 25 (Candidate Petition Filing Deadline), April 10 (Deadline for Change of Party Affiliation Declaration Forms), April 20 (Commencement of Mailing of Mail-In Ballots), May 14 (Voter Registration Deadline), and May 22 (Mandated Evening Voter Registration).
- Central Navigation:** A grid of eight buttons with icons: "Register to Vote!", "Am I Registered?", "Student Registration & Student Voting", "3 Ways You Can Vote", "Vote-By-Mail", "In-Person Early Voting", "Track My Ballot", and "Polling Location".
- Find Out More Information About:** A list of links for further information: "3 Ways To Vote", "Vote-By-Mail", "Early Voting", "Polling Location", "Secure Drop Box Locations", "Track My Ballot", "Register to Vote!", and "Am I Registered?".



# Register to Vote

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- In New Jersey you can register to vote when you are 17 and vote when you are 18
- It's easy. You can register online or by using a postage paid voter registration form
- Want to see if you're already registered? Go to 'Am I Registered' on [Vote.NJ.Gov](https://Vote.NJ.Gov)



Voter Registration | NJ DOS - Div x +  
voter.svrs.nj.gov/register  
New Jersey Depart... Other bookmarks

Department of State  
**New Jersey Division of Elections**  
The Hon. Tahesha Way, Secretary of State

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## Voter Registration Application

Welcome to the New Jersey Online Voter Registration website.

To continue in a language other than English, click to select your preferred language:

English Español Korean - 한국어 Gujarati - ગુજરાતી

### What You Will Need

To register online, you will need your date of birth and one of the following forms of identification:

- A current and valid **Driver's License** or a non-driver **Identification Card** (ID card) issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)  
Your information will be provided to the MVC to validate identification, and to retrieve a copy of your digitized signature.

-or-

- A **Social Security number**  
To use your social security number, you must have the ability to sign on-screen or upload your signature to complete the registration process. If you are unable to provide a digital signature, you can not register online. [Click here to download the voter registration application for your county.](#)

[Get Started!](#)

#### Additional Information

To protect your information, the application will time out after 5 minutes of inactivity, all data entered will be cleared, and you will be required to start over from the beginning.

[Print Paper Form](#) | [Am I Already Registered?](#)







# New Jersey Voter Registration Application

Please print clearly in ink. All information is required unless marked optional.

<b>1</b> Check all boxes that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Political Party Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Update <input type="checkbox"/> Vote By Mail						<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>	
<b>2</b> Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>(If No, DO NOT complete this form)</i>							
<b>3</b> Are you at least 17 years of age? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>(If No, DO NOT complete this form)</i>						Clerk	
<b>4</b> Last Name		First Name		Middle Name or Initial	Suffix ( <i>Jr., Sr., III</i> )		Registration #
<b>5</b> Date of Birth ( <i>MM / DD / YYYY</i> )				<b>6</b> Gender ( <i>Optional</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male			Office Time Stamp
<b>7</b> NJ Driver's License Number or MVC Non-driver ID Number If you DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License or MVC Non-Driver ID, provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> "I swear or affirm that I DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License, MVC Non-driver ID or a Social Security Number."						<input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input type="checkbox"/> in person	
<b>8</b> Home Address ( <i>DO NOT use PO Box</i> )		Apt.	Municipality ( <i>City/Town</i> )	County	State		Zip Code
<b>9</b> Mailing Address ( <i>If different from Home Address</i> )		Apt.	Municipality ( <i>City/Town</i> )	County	State		Zip Code
<b>10</b> Last Address Registered to Vote ( <i>DO NOT use PO Box</i> )		Apt.	Municipality ( <i>City/Town</i> )	County	State	Zip Code	Muni Code #
<b>11</b> Former Name if Making Name Change			<b>12</b> Day Phone Number ( <i>Optional</i> )			Party	
			E-Mail Address ( <i>Optional</i> )			Ward	
<b>13</b> Do you wish to declare a political party affiliation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the party name is _____ <i>(Optional)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not wish to be affiliated with any political party.						District	
<b>14</b> Request for Mail-In Ballot for all future elections ( <i>Optional</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections until I request otherwise in writing to the County Clerk's office. <input type="checkbox"/> Mail my ballot to the following address if different from Mailing Address above. Mailing Address if different from above							
		Apt.	Municipality ( <i>City/Town</i> )	State	Zip Code		
<b>Declaration</b> - I swear or affirm that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am a U.S. Citizen</li> <li>I live at the above home address</li> <li>I am at least 17 years old, and understand that I may not vote until reaching the age of 18</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will have resided in the State and county at least 30 days before the next election</li> <li>I am not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I understand that any false or fraudulent registration may subject me to a fine of up to \$15,000, imprisonment up to 5 years, or both pursuant to R.S. 19:34-1</li> </ul>	
Signature of Registrant: Sign or mark and date on lines below						If applicant is unable to complete this form, print the name and address of individual who completed this form.	
<b>x</b> _____ Date <u>    </u> / <u>    </u> / <u>    </u> (MM / DD / YYYY)						Name _____	
						Date ( <i>MM / DD / YYYY</i> ) <u>    </u> / <u>    </u> / <u>    </u>	
						Address _____	

**Important Instructions for sections 7, 8, 13 and 14**

- Registrants who are submitting this form by mail and are registering to vote for the first time: If you do not supply any of the information required by section 7, or the information you provide cannot be verified, you will be asked to provide a COPY of a current and valid photo ID, or a document with your name and current address on it to avoid having to provide identification at the polling place.  
**Note: ID Numbers are Confidential and will not be released by any governmental agency. Any person who uses such numbers illegally shall be subject to criminal penalties.**
- If you are homeless, you may complete section 8 by providing a contact point or the location where you spend most of your time.
- You may declare a political party affiliation or you may declare to be unaffiliated, regardless of any prior party affiliation. If you are previously affiliated voter who wants to change political party affiliation or become unaffiliated, you must file this form no later than 55 days before the primary election in order to vote in the primary election. Completing section 13 is OPTIONAL and will not affect the acceptance of your voter registration application.
- If you wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections, mark the appropriate box in section 14. You will continue to receive Mail-In Ballots for all future elections until you request otherwise in writing to your County Clerk's office.

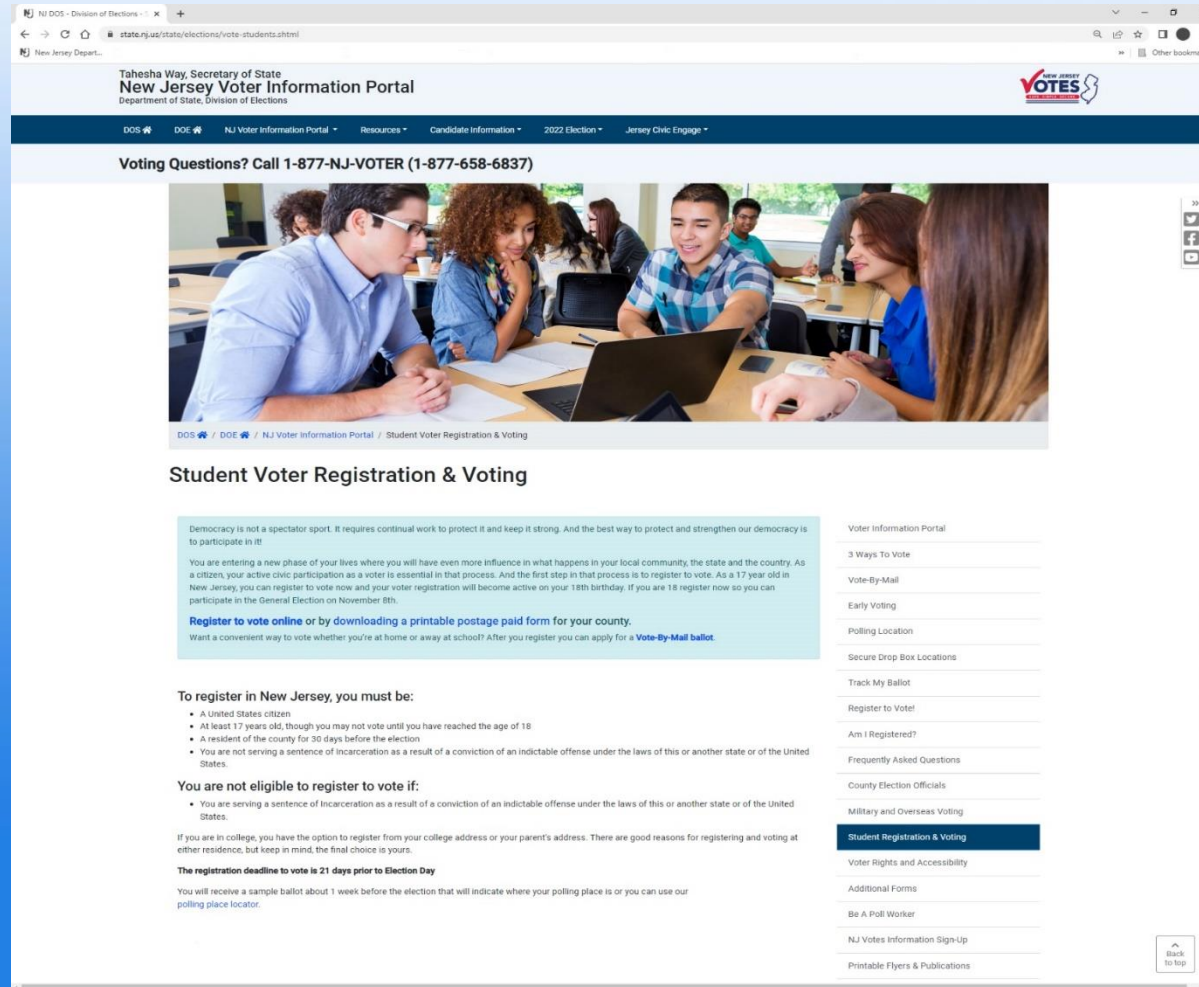
**Need More Information? Check boxes below if you would like to receive more information about:**

- voting by mail
- polling place accessibility
- voting if you have a disability, including visual impairment
- becoming a poll worker
- available election materials in this alternative language: \_\_\_\_\_



# Student Voter Registration & Voting Page

Provides links to voter registration tools including the online voter registration form and links to printable, postage free voter registration forms for each county



The screenshot shows the New Jersey Voter Information Portal website. The header includes the name of the Secretary of State, Tahesha Way, and the logo for 'NEW JERSEY VOTES'. A navigation bar contains links for DOS, DOE, NJ Voter Information Portal, Resources, Candidate Information, 2022 Election, and Jersey Civic Engage. A banner at the top reads 'Voting Questions? Call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)'. Below this is a photograph of a group of diverse students sitting around a table, looking at a laptop. The main heading is 'Student Voter Registration & Voting'. A light blue box contains text about the importance of democracy and provides instructions on how to register, including a link to a 'Vote-By-Mail ballot'. Below this, there are sections for 'To register in New Jersey, you must be:' and 'You are not eligible to register to vote if:'. A sidebar on the right lists various services such as 'Voter Information Portal', '3 Ways To Vote', 'Vote-By-Mail', 'Early Voting', 'Polling Location', 'Secure Drop Box Locations', 'Track My Ballot', 'Register to Vote!', 'Am I Registered?', 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'County Election Officials', 'Military and Overseas Voting', 'Student Registration & Voting' (which is highlighted), 'Voter Rights and Accessibility', 'Additional Forms', 'Be A Poll Worker', 'NJ Votes Information Sign-Up', and 'Printable Flyers & Publications'. A 'Back to top' button is located at the bottom right of the page.



# The Deadline to Register to Vote for the 2024 Primary Election is May 14

Scan the QR Code to go to the 'Student Voter Registration & Voting Page'



**Be a Voter. Register to Vote!**



# There are 3 Ways to Vote in New Jersey



- At Your Polling Place On Election Day
- In-Person Early Voting
- Vote by Mail



# Voting On Election Day

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- **Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 4**
- The polls are open from **6am-8pm**
- Go to [Vote.NJ.Gov](https://Vote.NJ.Gov) to find your polling location



# In-Person Early Voting

- In-Person Early Voting for the 2024 Primary Election begins on **Wednesday, May 29** and runs through **Sunday, June 2**
- Each NJ county will hold five (5) days of early, in-person machine voting
- Each early voting location will be open **Wednesday through Saturday** from **10am to 8pm** and **Sunday** from **10am to 6pm**
- Go to [Vote.NJ.Gov](https://Vote.NJ.Gov) to find your early voting sites



# Voting By Mail



- Applications for Mail-in Ballots can be found at [Vote.NJ.Gov](https://Vote.NJ.Gov)
- Deadline to submit Mail-in Ballot Application to County Clerk:  
To receive by Mail – May 28  
In Person – June 3 by 3PM at County Clerk's Office

# Track My Ballot



- Track your Mail-in Ballot through the “**Track My Ballot**” feature on [Vote.NJ.Gov](https://Vote.NJ.Gov)
- To create an account, you will need **one of the following**:
  - **Voter ID #** (Found on “Am I Registered” page or your ballot)
  - **Driver’s License Number**
  - **Last 4 Digits of SSN**



# How Can I Return My Mail-in Ballot?

- **1... Mail:** It must be postmarked on or before 8pm on June 4
- **2... Secure Ballot Drop Box:** Place your ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on June 4. Drop box locations can be found at [Vote.NJ.Gov](https://Vote.NJ.Gov)
- **3... Board of Elections Office:** Deliver your ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on June 4. County contact information can be found at [Vote.NJ.Gov](https://Vote.NJ.Gov)
- **4.NOTE: Your Mail-in Ballot CANNOT be returned to your early voting location or polling place for this election**





## Here are the 3 ways you can vote in the upcoming Primary Election...

### 1. AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY



**Vote in person** at your polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **on Election Day, Tuesday, June 4.** Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

Go to [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov) for your polling place, listed on the Polling Locations page.

### 2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING



This option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot **in person, using a voting machine, during a five-day period prior to Election Day.** You can choose to vote, in person, when it's most convenient for your schedule.

No matter where you live in the county, you can vote your specific ballot at any of **your** county's designated in-person early voting sites. Find your county's sites at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov).

In-person early voting sites will be open **Wednesday, May 29, through Sunday, June 2.** Hours will be **Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** No appointment is necessary. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

### 3. VOTE BY MAIL



Registered voters can apply for a **mail-in ballot** by following the instructions found at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov) or contacting their County Clerk.

Then, VOTE and RETURN your ballot one of the following ways...

- **Secure Ballot Drop Box:** Place your mail-in ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. Drop box locations can be found at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov).
- **Board of Elections Office:** Deliver your mail-in ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. County Election Officials' contact information can be found at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov).
- **Mail:** Your mail-in ballot **MUST** be postmarked on or before **8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4** and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before Monday, June 10.

**NOTE: Mail-in ballots CANNOT be returned to your early voting site or polling place.**

To learn more, access our Voter Education Video Series at [Vote.NJ.gov](https://www.vote.nj.gov) or scan here.



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## A continuación figuran las 3 maneras en que usted puede votar en las próximas Elecciones Primarias...

### 1. EN SU LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES



**Vote en persona** en su lugar de votación, de 6:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. **el martes, 4 de junio, Día de las Elecciones.** Se harán ajustes para votantes con discapacidad.

Visite [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov) para su lugar de votación, que figura en la página de Ubicaciones de los Lugares de Votación.

### 2. VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA EN PERSONA



Esta opción permite a todos los votantes registrados emitir su voto **en persona, utilizando una máquina de votación, durante un periodo de cinco días antes del Día de las Elecciones.** Puede elegir votar en persona, cuando más conveniente sea para usted.

No importa dónde en el condado usted viva, puede emitir su voto específico en cualquier lugar de votación temprana en persona designado de **su** condado. Encuentre las ubicaciones de su condado en [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov).

Los lugares de votación temprana en persona estarán abiertos desde el **miércoles, 29 de mayo hasta el domingo, 2 de junio.** El horario será: **miércoles a sábado, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. y domingo, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** No se requiere cita. Se harán ajustes para votantes con discapacidad.

### 3. VOTACIÓN MEDIANTE BOLETA POR CORREO



Los votantes registrados pueden solicitar una **boleta de voto por correo** siguiendo las instrucciones encontradas en [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov) o contactando a su Secretario del Condado. Luego, VOTE y DEVUELVA su boleta de voto por correo una de las siguientes maneras...

- **Buzón Seguro de Elecciones:** Coloque su boleta de voto por correo en uno de los buzones seguros de su condado antes de las 8:00 p.m. del 4 de junio. Las ubicaciones de los buzones pueden ser encontradas en [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov).
- **Oficina de Junta Electoral:** Entregue su boleta de voto por correo en persona a la Oficina de la Junta Electoral de su condado antes de las 8:00 p.m. del martes, 4 de junio. La información de contacto de los Funcionarios de la Junta Electoral del Condado pueden ser encontradas en [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://www.vote.nj.gov).
- **Por correo:** Su boleta de voto por correo **DEBE** estar franqueado en o antes de las **8:00 p.m. del 4 de junio** y ser recibido por la Junta Electoral de su condado en o antes del lunes, 10 de junio.

**NOTA: Su voto por correo NO PUEDE ser devuelto a su lugar de votación temprana en persona o a su lugar de votación.**

Para obtener más información, acceda a nuestra serie de videos de educación del votante en [Vote.NJ.gov](https://www.vote.nj.gov) o escanee aquí.



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Vicegobernadora y  
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# Become A Poll Worker

Citizens, including college and high school students 16 & above, are encouraged to apply. Training will be provided.

This is a great opportunity to **earn additional money** and **participate in our democracy.**

Submit an application to be a poll worker by visiting:  
[Pollworker.NJ.Gov](https://pollworker.nj.gov)





### How to Become a Poll Worker for the Primary Election

New Jersey's counties, in partnership with the Department of State, Division of Elections, are actively seeking residents to serve as poll workers for the upcoming Primary Election.

Here are the answers to three top questions about becoming a poll worker:

#### 1... WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

Your community needs you! By staffing a polling location, you will:

- Earn \$21.43 per hour on in-person early voting days and \$300 on Primary Election Day.
- See our great democracy in action, firsthand, and enjoy the feeling that comes with contributing to your local community, your state and your country.

#### 2... WHO CAN APPLY?

You can apply to serve as a poll worker in New Jersey if you:

- Are a United States citizen and a resident of New Jersey.
- Are a registered voter in the county in which you reside.
- Are at least 16 years of age. College and high school students are encouraged to apply.  
Note: Those under 18 years of age will work limited hours per shift and do not have to be registered to vote. Contact the County Board of Elections for further information.
- Are not running as a candidate in this election.

#### 3... WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Possible work dates span Wednesday, May 29 through Sunday, June 2 (the in-person early voting period) and Tuesday, June 4 (Election Day). Hours and days may vary.

**Apply now at PollWorker.NJ.Gov!**

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### Cómo ser Trabajador Electoral en las Elecciones Primarias

Los condados de Nueva Jersey, en colaboración con la División de Elecciones del Departamento de Estado, están activamente buscando residentes para las próximas Elecciones Primarias.

Las respuestas a tres preguntas principales sobre cómo convertirse en un trabajador electoral figuran a continuación:

#### 1... ¿POR QUÉ DEBERÍA SOLICITAR?

¡Su comunidad lo necesita! Trabajando en un lugar de votación, usted:

- Ganará \$21.43 por hora en los días de votación anticipada en persona y \$300 el Día de las Elecciones Primarias.
- Verá nuestra gran democracia en acción, de primera mano, y disfrutará de la sensación que viene con contribuir a su comunidad local, su estado y su país.

#### 2... ¿QUIÉN PUEDE SOLICITAR?

Puede solicitar ser trabajador electoral en Nueva Jersey si usted:

- Es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y residente de Nueva Jersey.
- Está inscrito como votante en el condado en el que reside.
- Tiene por lo menos 16 años de edad. Se anima a los estudiantes universitarios y de secundaria a que presenten su solicitud. Nota: Los menores de 18 años trabajarán un número limitado de horas por turno y no tienen que estar registrados para votar. Comuníquese con la Junta Electoral del Condado para obtener más información.
- No se presentan como candidatos en estas elecciones.

#### 3... ¿QUÉ MÁS DEBO SABER?

Las posibles fechas de trabajo abarcan desde el miércoles, 29 de mayo hasta el domingo, 2 de junio (período de votación anticipada en persona) y el martes, 4 de junio (Día de las Elecciones). El horario y los días podrían variar.

**¡Solicite ahora en PollWorker.NJ.Gov!**

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# Primary Election Day & Key Dates

Here are key deadlines for the ***upcoming Primary Election*** :

- **April 20:** Commencement of mailing of Mail-in Ballots for the Primary Election
- **May 14:** Deadline to Register to Vote for the Primary Election
- **May 28:** Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot by Mail for Primary Election
- **May 29 – June 2:** In-Person Early Voting Period
- **June 3 at 3pm:** Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot in person at your County Clerk's office
- **June 4:** Primary Election Day - Polls are open from 6:00am-8:00pm





# Civic Engagement and Voting

## Jersey Civic Engage



# John Lewis said...

**“Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part....”**



# What You Do Matters. Your Vote Matters!

**In other words – Democracy in this country is not about what we have. It is what we do!**





# The Importance of Civic Engagement & Voting



# The Importance of Civic Engagement

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- Educate and Empower
- A healthy democracy needs active and engaged citizens
- Stay informed. Get involved.
- When people have a stake in their communities, they are more likely to involve others and have a reason to vote

# Civic Engagement & Voting

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- Voter engagement & civic engagement are directly related
- Voter engagement is a form of civic engagement
- Voting is important to you as an individual and to your community
- When we all vote, we take on a commitment to tackle issues to strengthen our communities and our democracy



# Civic Engagement & Voting

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- This year we will elect the President, as well as members of Congress and a Senator. These are, of course, very important elections
- But voting is more than Presidential & Congressional Elections
- Because here's the thing – Most of the governance that affects us all occurs at the state, county and local levels
- So, it's very important to vote in all elections
- In the Primary Election on June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be voting to choose candidates for municipal office, county office, the House of Representatives, the Senate and the President of the United States
- The candidates we choose now will run for office in November
- Please be sure to be engaged and vote. It's the best way to strengthen our democracy.



# Civic Engagement & Voting

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- Create community-initiated conversations about what is important to each community and its residents and relate that to why we need to vote
- We want to ensure that all those who want it, have a seat at the table
- Respectful, Empowering, Inclusive

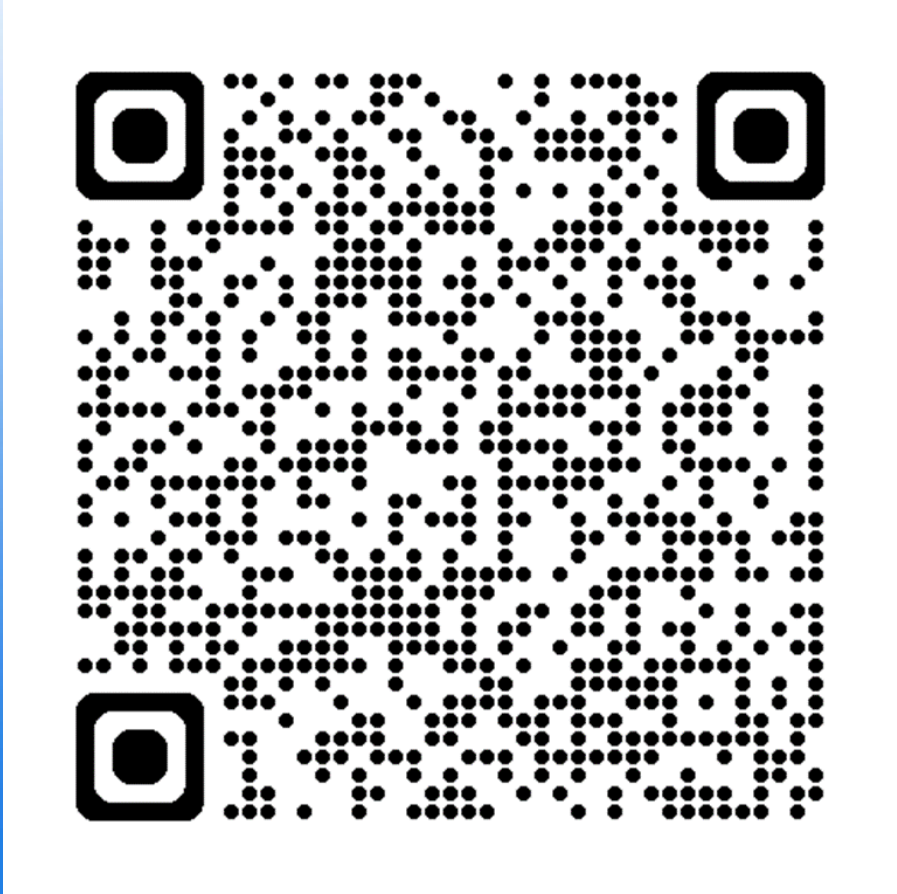


# Be An Informed New Jersey Voter

## Primary Election 2024



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 [CHPRD.NJ.GOV](http://CHPRD.NJ.GOV)







# About the CHPRD

- ▶ The Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development (CHPRD) was established in 1975 to address the needs of the Hispanic community. The Center was mandated to provide funding for Hispanic initiatives in New Jersey. The CHPRD has a director and an advisory committee, all appointed with Governor approval. The Secretary of State serves as an ex-officio member of the advisory committee.

# More about the CHPRD

The CHPRD administers an annual appropriation from the State of New Jersey. The Center seeks to empower, provide financial support and technical assistance to primarily Hispanic community-based organizations and also ensures the executive and legislative branches are informed of legislative initiatives with potential impact on the Hispanic community. CHPRD seeks to promote a new model of community development that is focused on making REAL impacts in people's lives while helping community based organizations achieve greater self-sufficiency.



# Our Areas of Focus



# 1

Administration of an annual appropriation from the State of New Jersey



# 2

The Governor's Hispanic Fellows Program

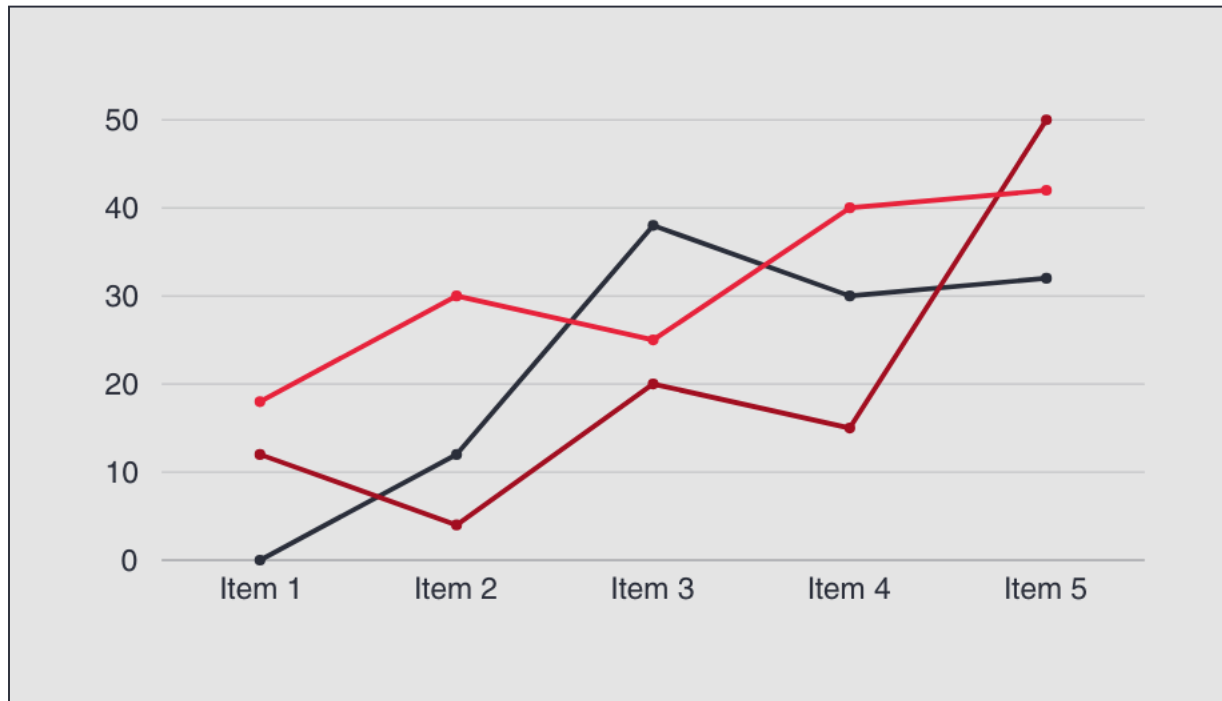


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Policy and Research

# Our Traction

## Grants Awarded in Fiscal Year 2024



Total Funds Awarded:

**3 Million**

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Number of Grants:

**63**

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Average Grant Amount:

**\$44,305**

# The Governor's Hispanic Fellows



The Fellows Program attracts high-performing students with an interest in diversity and inclusion who seek to acquire the skills necessary for success in a professional workplace. The Fellows are coached on skills such as written communication, negotiation, public speaking, organization and time management, professional etiquette, giving and receiving feedback, and so on.

The Program combines practical, hands-on experience with traditional classroom instruction, guest presentations by leading professionals, as well as other unique skill-building opportunities.

Overall, the Program leads to increased preparedness for a professional workplace and imparts the skills necessary for Latinos to flourish as professionals in our 21st century economy.



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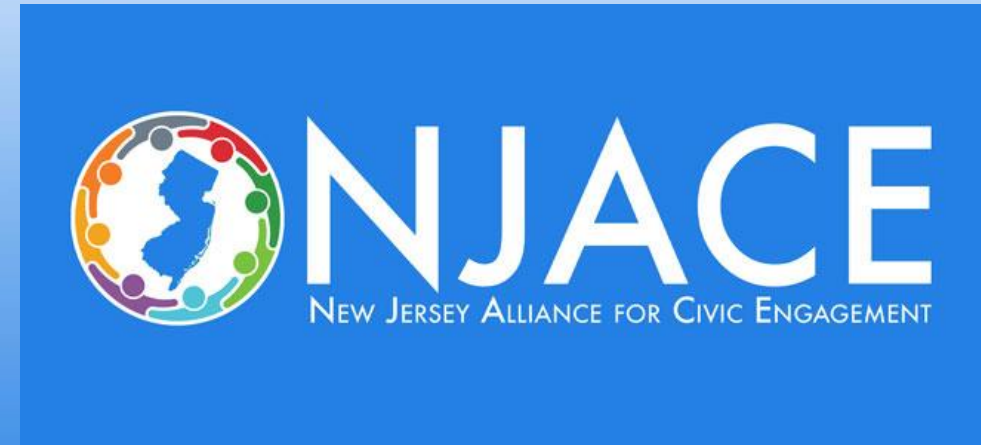
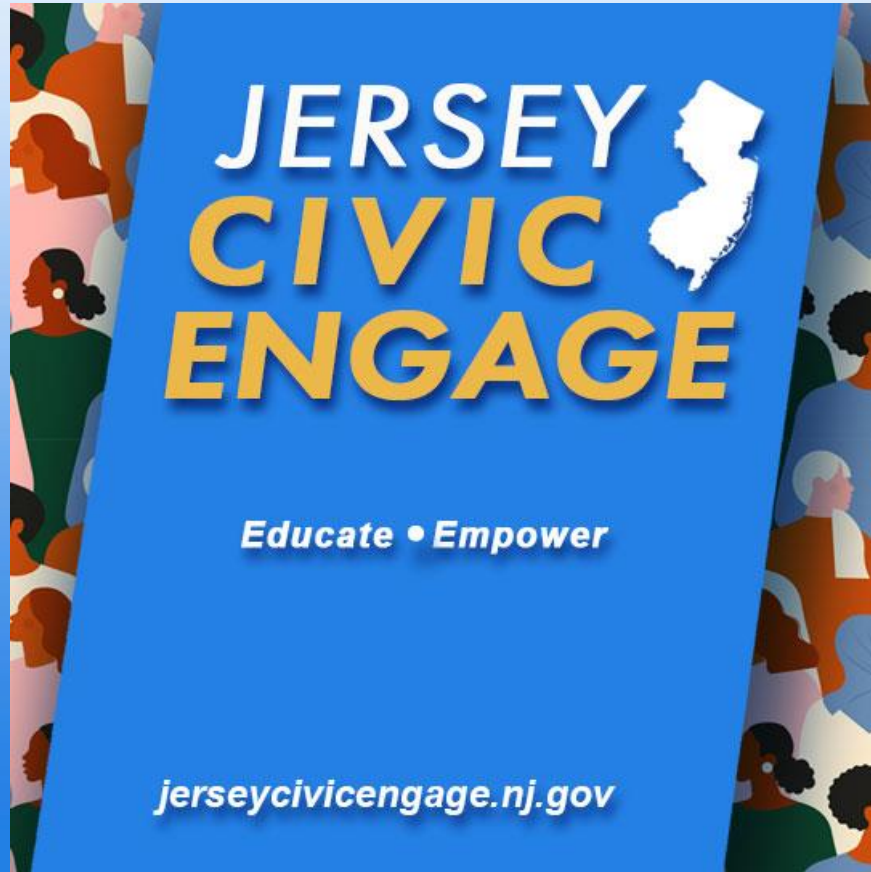
# Voter Education & Outreach





# Department of State Civic Engagement Programs: You Can Get Involved

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# Jersey Civic Engage

- A multi-faceted, non-partisan initiative of the NJ Secretary of State's Office
- Serves as an umbrella for multiple programs aimed at facilitating and encouraging collaborative civic engagement, with a particular focus on our youth
- Provides guidance, information and tools to participants
- The New Jersey Alliance for Civic Engagement – NJACE – is a key program of Jersey Civic Engage



# Check out Jersey Civic Engage's website at [JerseyCivicEngage.NJ.Gov](http://JerseyCivicEngage.NJ.Gov)



Welcome to *Jersey Civic Engage*

*Jersey Civic Engage* is a multi-faceted, non-partisan initiative of the New Jersey Secretary of State's Office. Its mission is to foster ongoing civic engagement in communities throughout New Jersey, because a healthy democracy needs active and engaged citizens. When people have a stake in their communities they are more likely to involve others and have a reason to vote. Its programs are aimed at facilitating and encouraging collaborative civic engagement throughout the state, with a particular focus on our youth. Its goal is to provide information and tools to increase voter and civic participation by everyday New Jerseyans across and among our diverse communities.

**NJ High School Voter Registration Week**  
A non-partisan voter registration program for our high schools and communities to register 17 and 18 year students across the state. April 14-20, 2024

**NJACE**  
NEW JERSEY ALLIANCE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
NJ Alliance for Civic Engagement  
A statewide coalition whose goal it is to make voting a sustainable community based activity.

**NEW JERSEY VOTES**  
SAFE. SIMPLE. SECURE.  
NJ Voter Information Portal  
The NJ Voter Information Portal is a one stop shop for voters to find out about all things election related in New Jersey.

**VET THE VOTE**  
Vet the Vote  
Vet the Vote was launched to raise awareness amongst veterans and their family members about the need for poll workers, and to provide them with a path to participate in this important civic activity.

**New Jersey Ballot Bowl**

**STRENGTH IN NUMBERS**  
NJ CENSUS

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**Jersey Civic Engage 2024 Program**  
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# NJACE

NEW JERSEY ALLIANCE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



# NJ Alliance for Civic Engagement - NJACE

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- NJACE is the core Jersey Civic Engage program
- A non-partisan statewide collaborative coalition built on the foundation of our very successful Census coalition



# Local Civic Engagement Team - LCET

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- The backbone of the NJACE's outreach effort
- They will be comprised of a cross-section of participants
- Will serve as community action organizing teams and will be the center for all resources and activities related to civic and voter engagement

# WHY SHOULD WE FORM LOCAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TEAMS?

- Community influencers who can create localized messaging that resonates with other members of the community
- Trusted voices that can mobilize community resources and persuade community members to be engaged and vote
- To meet the primary goal of increasing civic and voter engagement in our communities



# Organize As a Team: BECAUSE IT WORKS!

## Why?

**Empowering**

**More  
Productive**

**Built to Last**

## Benefits

- Volunteers feel part of something bigger
- Volunteers take on more responsibility
- Volunteers can own a specific piece
  
- Team members work more than twice as many hours as regular volunteers
- Teams produce more work than individuals
  
- Enough people to do what needs to be done
- Grows with additional volunteers
- Strong volunteer leadership structure



## Local Civic Engagement Team Organizing Toolkit



# About the Local Civic Engagement Organizing Toolkit

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- The Toolkit reflects the philosophy and goals of the NJACE Coalition
- The Toolkit was designed to be used by organizers at multiple levels of experience
- It should be shared with others in the community
- Its focus is civic engagement & voter engagement as a function of that
- There will be additions to the Toolkit over time



# Local Civic Engagement Team Organizing Toolkit and Resources

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# New Jersey Ballot Bowl



# 2023







# NJ Ballot Bowl



- A program of the New Jersey Department of State's Jersey Civic Engage initiative
- It is a statewide non-partisan voter registration and engagement competition
- Led by and for students
- Campuses are divided into conferences based on size of enrollment
- Winners are determined by the highest total of new voter registrations & pledges to vote as a percentage of a school's total enrollment
- New additional pilot program – Ballot Bowl Community Engage



# New Jersey High School Voter Registration Week





# New Jersey High School Voter Registration Week

- **The NJ High School Voter Registration Week Program is now in its third year and is happening right now.**
- This year it ran from April 14-20, in anticipation of the primary election voter registration deadline on May 14, 2024.
- Invites high schools and communities to facilitate the non-partisan registration of eligible 18-year-old high school students and eligible 17-year-old students, who will be 18 in time for the next election.
- We collaborate with community groups, colleges, non-profits and with the NJ Department of Education to maximize the program's effectiveness.



# New Law Promotes Civic Engagement for Public School Students

Allows for an excused absence for civic activity

- Allows each public school student from grades 6 through 12 to have one State-excused absence per school year to be used for a civic event.
- These State-excused absences can only be applied to an event sponsored by a government entity, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit.
- The civic event is required to incorporate an element of service learning and address a public issue or concern. For example, being a poll worker or participating in a non-partisan voter registration activity.
- To apply, parents or guardians of the student must provide a signed written notice at least 5 school days prior, as well as relevant documentation proving the event meets all established requirements. School districts may choose to allot additional excused absences for these same purposes.



# Here's What You Can Do:

- Make sure you are registered to vote!
- Make a commitment to VOTE!
- VOTE!
- Ask 5 of your friends to register to vote
- Ask 5 friends to vote
- Become a Poll Worker
- Let people know about [Vote.NJ.Gov](https://Vote.NJ.Gov)
- Follow us on social media & share our posts
  - New Jersey Division of Elections - @NJ\_Votes
  - Jersey Civic Engage - @NJCivicEngage
  - Use the hashtag #NJStudentsVote



# What's Ahead.....

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- Promote community discussions about the value of civic engagement
- Participate in and organize statewide around Civic Holidays like:
  - NJ High School Voter Registration Week April 14-20, 2024
  - National Voter Registration Day
  - Civic Learning Week
- Voter Outreach & Education
- Continue to Build Local Civic Engagement Teams
- Community Organizing Training for Civic Engagement
- Ballot Bowl 2024
- We want to hear from you



# Q & A

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