



# Be An Informed New Jersey Voter

## Primary Election 2024



# 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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- 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.



# New Law Promotes Civic Engagement for Public School Students

Allows for an excused absence for civic activity

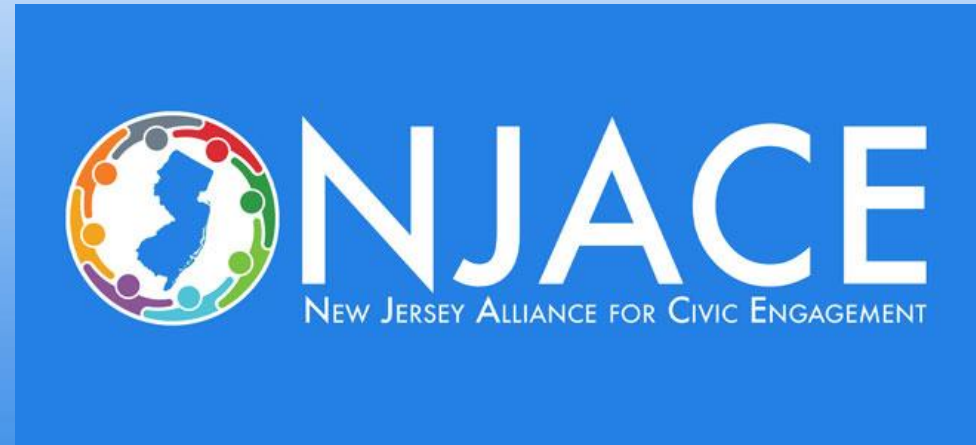
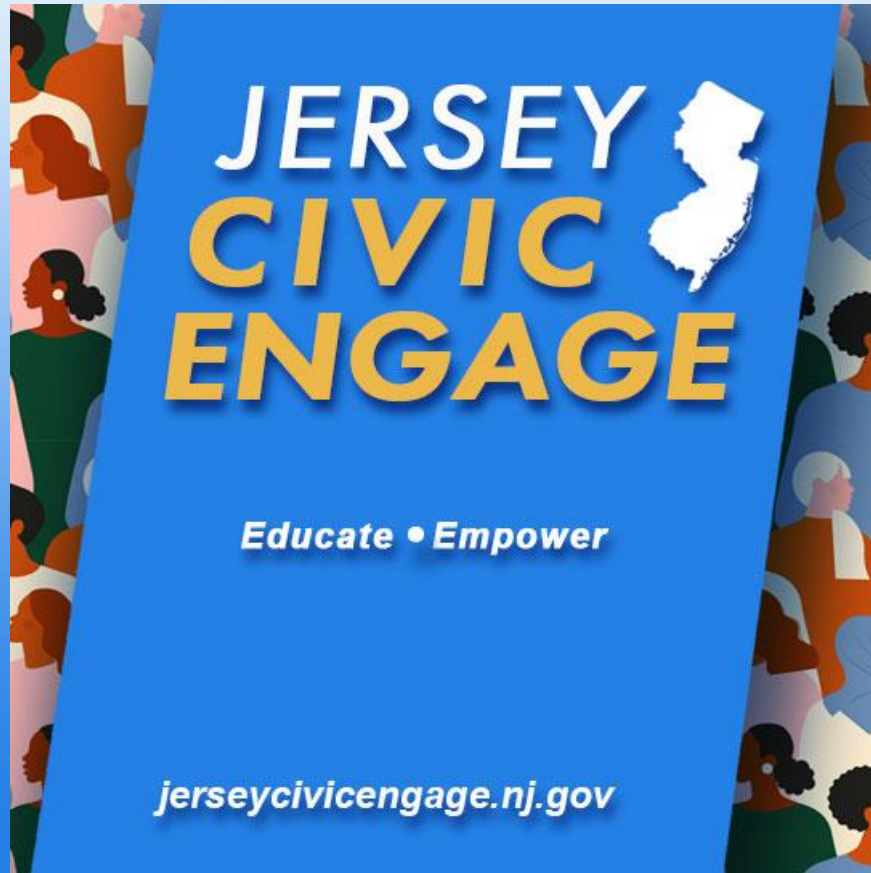
- Allows each public school student from grades 6 through 12 to have one State-excused absence per school year to be used for a civic event.
- These State-excused absences can only be applied to an event sponsored by a government entity, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit.
- The civic event 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.





# 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](https://JerseyCivicEngage.NJ.Gov)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Jersey Civic Engage website. At the top left, it identifies the Department of State and Jersey Civic Engage, led by Lt. Governor and Secretary of State Tahesha Way. A navigation bar includes links to the Division of Elections, NJ Voter Information Portal, and Jersey Civic Engage. The main banner features a diverse crowd of people and the text 'JERSEY CIVIC ENGAGE' with a map of New Jersey, and the tagline 'Educate • Empower'. Below the banner, a welcome message is followed by a paragraph explaining the initiative's mission to foster civic engagement and increase voter participation. A central box promotes 'Civic Learning Week March 11-15!' with a link to learn more. The footer contains four tiles: NJACE (New Jersey Alliance for Civic Engagement), NJ Votes (Safe, Simple, Secure), New Jersey Ballot Bowl, and a 'What We Do...' section with links to 'Vet the Vote' and 'NJ Ballot Bowl'.

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**Jersey Civic Engage**  
The Hon. Tahesha Way, Lt. Governor and Secretary of State

DOS Division of Elections NJ Voter Information Portal Jersey Civic Engage

# JERSEY CIVIC ENGAGE

Educate • Empower

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.

It's Civic Learning Week March 11-15!  
[Learn more about suggested activities](#)

**NJACE**  
NEW JERSEY ALLIANCE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
NJ Alliance for Civic Engagement

**NEW JERSEY VOTES**  
SAFE. SIMPLE. SECURE.  
NJ Voter Information Portal

**New Jersey Ballot Bowl**  
NJ Ballot Bowl

**What We Do...**

**Vet the Vote**  
Vet the Vote is a new project...

**NJ Ballot Bowl**  
The 2023 Ballot Bowl has begun...

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF STATE**





# NJACE

NEW JERSEY ALLIANCE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



# NJ Alliance for Civic Engagement - NJACE

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- NJACE is a core Jersey Civic Engage program
- It's a non-partisan statewide collaborative coalition promoting civic and voter engagement



# 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 icon, and a white outline of the state of New Jersey. Below this, a red banner contains the slogan "SAFE. SIMPLE. SECURE." in white text. A central white box with a blue border contains the text "It's Civic Learning Week March 11-15!" and a link "Learn more about suggested activities". Below this, the page is divided into three main sections. On the left, a dark blue header "Important Dates For NJ Voters" is followed by a list of dates and events: "March 25 - by 4:00 p.m. Candidate Petition Filing Deadline for Primary Election", "April 10 Deadline for Change of Party Affiliation Declaration Forms for Primary Election to be Filed with County Commissioners of Registration", "April 20 Commencement of Mailing of Mail-In Ballots for Primary Election", "May 14 Voter Registration Deadline for the Primary Election", "May 14 Mandated Evening Voter Registration Available for Primary Election in Offices of County Commissioners of Registration", and "May 22". The middle section features a grid of eight white buttons with blue icons and text: "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". On the right, a dark blue header "Find Out More Information About" is followed by a list of links: "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)



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voter.svrs.nj.gov/register  
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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.

|   |  |  |  |   |       |  |          |
|---|--|--|--|---|-------|--|----------|
| 1 Check all boxes that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Political Party Affiliation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Update <input type="checkbox"/> Vote By Mail  |  |  |  |   |       | <b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>   |          |
| 2 Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><i>(If No, DO NOT complete this form)</i>   |  | 3 Are you at least 17 years of age? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><i>(If No, DO NOT complete this form)</i>  |  | Clerk   |       |  |          |
| 4 Last Name   |  | First Name   | Middle Name or Initial   | Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)  |       | Registration #   |          |
| 5 Date of Birth (MM / DD / YYYY) / /  |  |  | 6 Gender (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male  |   |       | Office Time Stamp  |          |
| 7 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> in person |          |
| 8 Home Address (DO NOT use PO Box)  |  | Apt.   | Municipality (City/Town)   | County  | State |  | Zip Code |
| 9 Mailing Address (If different from Home Address)  |  | Apt.   | Municipality (City/Town)   | County  | State |  | Zip Code |
| 10 Last Address Registered to Vote (DO NOT use PO Box)  |  | Apt.   | Municipality (City/Town)   | County  | State | Zip Code   |          |
| 11 Former Name if Making Name Change  |  |  | 12 Day Phone Number (Optional) _____   |   |       | Party  |          |
|   |  |  | E-Mail Address (Optional) _____  |   |       | Ward   |          |
| 13 Do you wish to declare a political party affiliation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the party name is _____<br><i>(Optional)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not wish to be affiliated with any political party.   |  |  |  |   |       | District   |          |
| 14 Request for Mail-In Ballot for all future elections (Optional)<br><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.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mail my ballot to the following address if different from Mailing Address above. |  |  |  |   |       |  |          |
| Mailing Address if different from above   |  |  | Apt.   | Municipality (City/Town)  | 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 ____ / ____ / ____<br><small>(MM / DD / YYYY)</small>   |  |  |  | Name _____  |       |  |          |
|   |  |  |  | Date (MM / DD / YYYY) ____ / ____ / ____  |       |  |          |
|   |  |  |  | Address _____   |       |  |          |

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

- 7) 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.**
- 8) If you are homeless, you may complete section 8 by providing a contact point or the location where you spend most of your time.
- 13) You may declare a political party affiliation or you may declare to be unaffiliated, regardless of any prior party affiliation. If you are a 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.
- 14) 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 a web browser window displaying the New Jersey Secretary of State's Voter Information Portal. The page title is "New Jersey Secretary of State New Jersey Voter Information Portal". The navigation menu includes "DOS", "DOE", "NJ Voter Information Portal", "Resources", "Candidate Information", "2022 Election", and "Jersey Civic Engage". A prominent banner reads "Voting Questions? Call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)". Below this is a photograph of a group of diverse students sitting at a table, looking at a laptop. The main heading is "Student Voter Registration & Voting". A teal box contains the text: "Democracy is not a spectator sport. It requires continual work to protect it and keep it strong. And the best way to protect and strengthen our democracy is to participate in it. You are entering a new phase of your lives where you will have even more influence in what happens in your local community, the state and the country. As a citizen, your active civic participation as a voter is essential in that process. And the first step in that process is to register to vote. As a 17 year old in New Jersey, you can register to vote now and your voter registration will become active on your 18th birthday. If you are 18 register now so you can participate in the General Election on November 8th. Register to vote online or by downloading a printable postage paid form for your county. Want a convenient way to vote whether you're at home or away at school? After you register you can apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot." Below this, it lists requirements to register in New Jersey and who is not eligible to register. A sidebar on the right contains a list of links: 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 (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 at the bottom right.



# 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://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://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://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://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://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://Vote.NJ.gov) or scan here.



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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](https://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





# 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
- 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



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# THANK YOU!

