

Voting Empowers Us!

Be An Informed New Jersey Voter

General Election 2024





# Introductions





### Agenda

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### The General Election

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













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

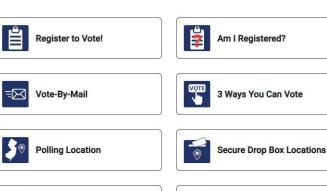
It contains all of the most up to date and trusted voting information you'll need



September 18, 2024 Special General Election
United States House of Representatives - 10th Congressional District

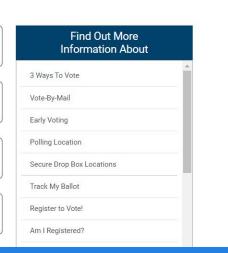
# Important Dates For NJ Voters September 24 Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election for the Special General Election September 29 Deadline for Receipt of Cure Form to County Boards of Election for the Special General Election October 14 Deadline for Meeting of Board of State Canvassers to Certify Special General Election Results October 15

Voter Registration Deadline for General Election



**County Election Officials** 

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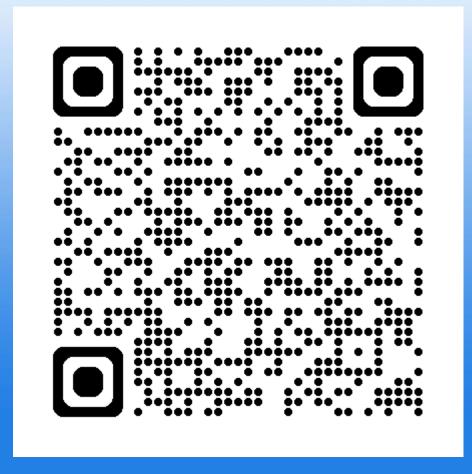
### Register to Vote

- 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 <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>



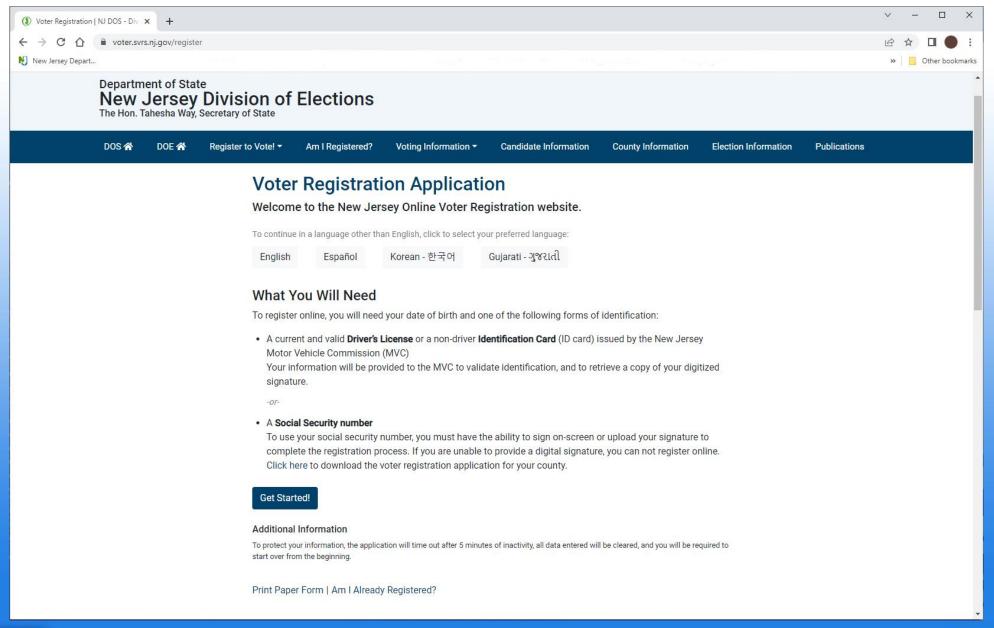


### Register To Vote













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

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> Para proteger su información, la solicitud se cerrará después de 5 minutos de inactividad, todos los datos ingresados desaparecerán, y usted tendrá que empezar desde el principio.

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### New Jersey Voter Registration Application

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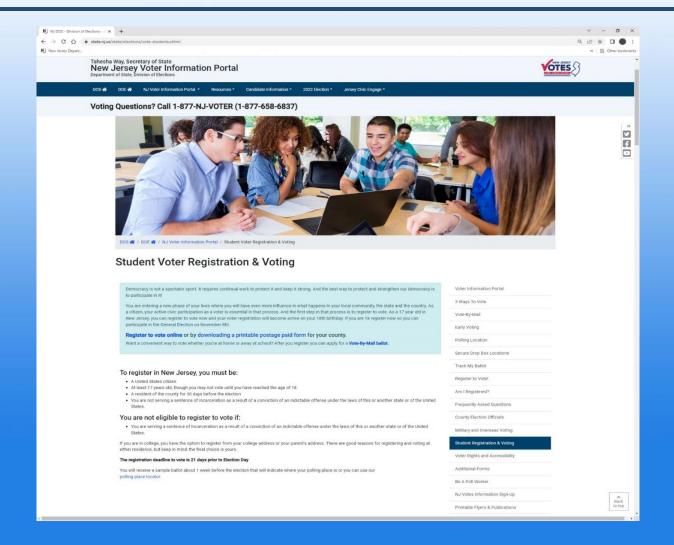
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### Student Voter Registration & Voting Page

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 Deadline to Register to Vote for the 2024 General Election is October 15

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







### 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

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 5
- The polls are open from 6am-8pm
- Go to <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u> to find your polling location





### In-Person Early Voting

- In-Person Early Voting for the 2024 General Election begins on Saturday,
   October 26 and runs through Sunday, November 3
- Each NJ county will hold nine (9) days of early, in-person machine voting
- Each early voting location will be open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 8pm and Sunday from 10am to 6pm
- Go to <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u> to find your early voting sites





### Voting By Mail

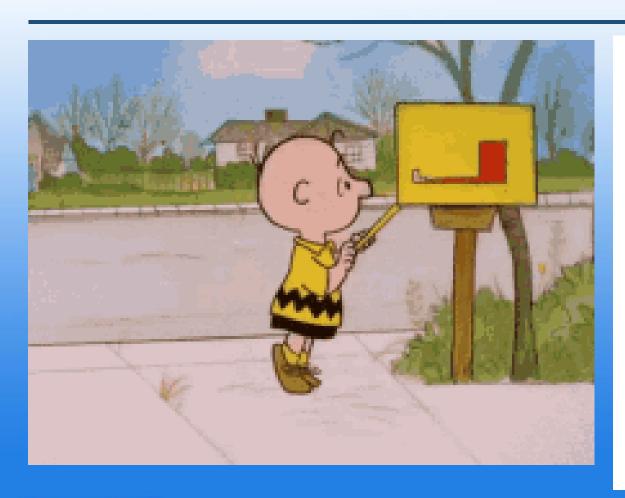


- Applications for Mail-in Ballots can be found at <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- Deadline to submit Mail-in Ballot Application to County Clerk: To receive by Mail – October 29
   In Person – November 4 by 3PM at County Clerk's Office





### Track My Ballot



- Track your Mail-in Ballot through the "Track My Ballot" feature on Vote.NJ.Gov
- 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 November 5
- 2... Secure Ballot Drop Box: Place your ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on November 5. Drop box locations can be found at <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- 3... Board of Elections Office: Deliver your ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 5. County contact information can be found at <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- 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 General 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, November 5. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

Go to 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 nine-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.

In-person early voting sites will be open Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3. Hours will be Monday-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 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, November 5. Drop box locations can be found at 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, November 5. County Election Officials' contact information can be found at VOTE.NJ.GOV.
- Mail: Your mail-in ballot MUST be postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5 and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before Monday, November 11.

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 or scan here.





Governor Phil Murphy Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State Tahesha Way















### 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









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

New Jersey's counties, in partnership with the New Jersey Division of Elections, are actively seeking residents to serve as poll workers for the upcoming General Election, Tuesday, November 5, 2024. 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 \$300 on General 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?

To be a poll worker, you must be available to work from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at an assigned polling place within your county on General Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. Hours may vary.

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

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### Cómo ser Trabajador Electoral en las Elecciones Generales

Los condados de Nueva Jersey, en colaboración con el Departamento de Estado, División de Elecciones, están activamente buscando residentes que sirvan como trabajadores electorales para las próximas Elecciones Generales, el martes, 5 de noviembre de 2024.

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 colegio electoral:

- Ganará \$300 el Día de las Elecciones Generales.
- Vea nuestra gran democracia en acción, de primera mano, y disfrute de la sensación que viene con la contribución 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?

Para ser trabajador electoral, debe estar disponible para trabajar de 6:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. en un centro de votación asignado dentro de su condado el Día de Elecciones Generales, el martes 5 de noviembre. El horario puede variar.

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

Para obtener más información, acceda a nuestra serie de vídeos de educación del votante en Vote.NJ.gov o escanee aquí.





Gobernador Phil Murphy Vicegobernadora y Secretaria del Estado Tahesha Way



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NJ Department of State







### General Election Day & Key Dates

### Here are key deadlines for the *upcoming General Election*:

- September 21: Commencement of mailing of Mail-in Ballots for the General Election
- October 15: Deadline to Register to Vote for the General Election
- October 29: Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot by Mail for General Election
- October 26 November 3: In-Person Early Voting Period
- November 4 at 3pm: Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot in person at your County Clerk's office
- November 5: General Election Day Polls are open from 6:00am-8:00pm









### Voting Empowers Us Civic Engagement & Voting





### 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

- 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





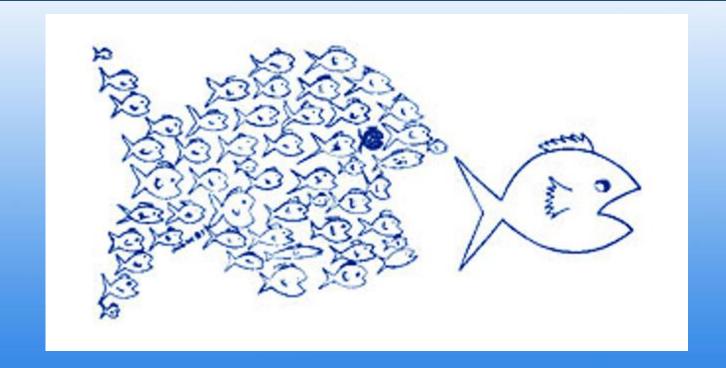
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- Voter engagement & civic engagement are directly related
- Voter engagement is a form of civic engagement
- Voting is important to you as an individual and to your community
- When we all vote, we take on a commitment to tackle issues to strengthen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





# Voting Empowers Us!



## Vote





### Voting Empowers Us!

- In order to turn the issues that are important to you into action and legislation it's much more effective to work on that together.
- Together you can be more effective. If you're organized you significantly increase your chance to make change.
- Voting and organizing folks to vote is all about translating your values and your issues into action in order to change public policy.
- In short, the future will be stronger when everyone participates.
- This nation depends on participation





### Civic Engagement & Voting

- In November we will elect the President of the United States, as well as members of Congress and a U.S, 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
- We will also be voting for municipal offices and county level offices
- So, it's very important to vote in all elections
- Remember the candidates we choose now are accountable to us. The more of us who vote, the more accountable they are.
- Please be sure to be engaged and vote. It's the best way to strengthen our democracy.





### Civic Engagement & Voting

- 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





### Voter Education & Outreach





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







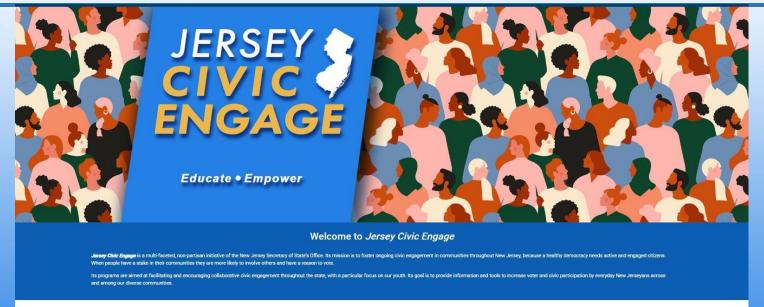
### Jersey Civic Engage

- 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





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





NJ Alliance for Civic Engagement

A statewide coalition whose goal it is to make voting a sustainable community based activity.





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.



et 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.









## Local Civic Engagement Team - LCET

- 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





## 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 <u>twice</u> 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



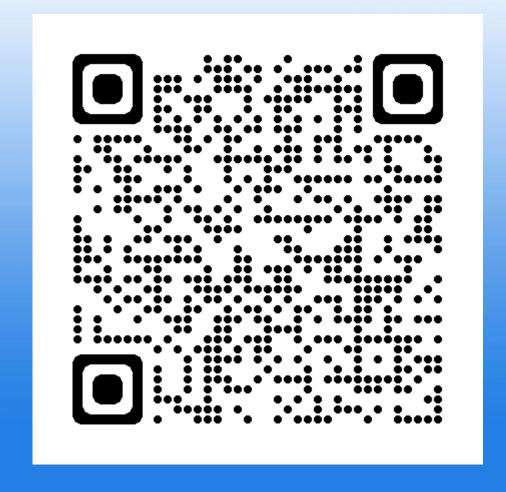








#### Local Civic Engagement Team Organizing Toolkit and Resources









## 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
- Ballot Bowl Community Engage





## NJ High School Voter Registration Week







## NJ High School Voter Registration Week

- The NJ High School Voter Registration Week Program is now in its third year.
- 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.
- Over the past 2 years it has influenced over 12,000 high schooler registrations
- We collaborate with community groups, colleges, non-profits and with the NJ Department of Education to maximize the program's effectiveness.





### Here's What You Can Do:

- Make sure you are registered to vote!
- Register 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 <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- Follow us on social media & share our posts
  - New Jersey Division of Elections @NJ\_Votes
  - Jersey Civic Engage @NJCivicEngage
  - Use the hashtag #NJVotes





## Q & A





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# THANK YOU!



