What if I move, leave the country, go to college, or join the military?

- If you move within Washington, submit a new registration form to update your enrollment info.
- Overseas — submit a new registration form with your updated mailing address and mark Overseas Status.
- At college — submit a new registration form with your updated home or school mailing address.
- Military — submit a new registration form with your updated mailing address and mark Military Status.

Important News!

A 17-year-old who will be 18 by the November General Election can vote in the August Primary.

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Future Voter

“The vote starts with you!”

Office of the Secretary of State
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What is the Future Voter program?
Future Voter allows 16- and 17-year-olds to sign up and be automatically registered to vote when they become eligible.

How do I qualify for Future Voter?

To sign up, you must be:
• At least 16 years old,
• A U.S. citizen, and
• A Washington resident.
You do not lose the right to vote for a conviction in juvenile court.

Why should I be a Future Voter?
Registering to vote early in life is the first step toward being civically engaged and becoming a lifelong voter.

How do I sign up?

You have several options:
• Online at VoteWA.gov using your driver’s license, permit, or state ID.
• Mailing in a paper form.
• In person at your county elections office or when you get your driver’s license, permit, or ID at Department of Licensing.
• At your school’s Temperance and Good Citizenship Day event in January.

What if I don’t have a driver’s license, permit, or state ID?

Use the last four (4) digits of your social security number to sign up using a paper form.

Your information is protected while underage. Once you are eligible, you’ll be automatically registered to vote and will be able to log in to VoteWA.gov.

What happens next?
Check your mailbox
You will receive election materials when you are eligible. Expect to receive a mailed ballot around two weeks before election day.

Vote your ballot
Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. Your signature is needed to accept your ballot.

Return your ballot
Mail your ballot back to your county elections office postmarked on time — no stamp needed — or drop it into a drop box no later than 8 p.m. on election day. Find a list of drop boxes and voting centers at VoteWA.gov.