

Qualifications

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction. 16- and 17-year-olds can sign up as Future Voters and will be registered to vote when they turn 18.



How do I register to vote?

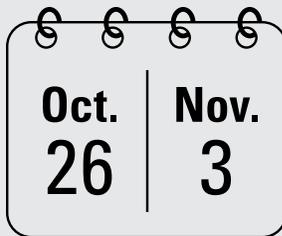
Online: Register at VoteWA.gov

By mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you or print your own at sos.wa.gov/elections

No internet access? Call (800) 448-4881.

In person: Visit a county elections office (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

Registration deadlines



By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than October 26.

In person: Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 3.

Moved? Update your voting address

Contact a county elections office to request a ballot at your new address.

By October 26: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

By November 3: Visit a local voting center in person.



What if I'm not 18 yet?



If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!

Future # Voter

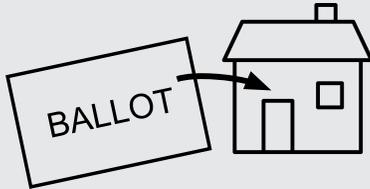
16- and 17-year-olds can use the Voter Registration form to sign up as Future Voters and be automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.

Every January on Temperance and Good Citizenship Day, high school students 16 and older are given the opportunity to complete a voter registration in class.

How do I cast a ballot?

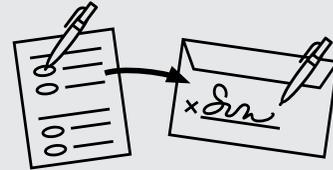
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Your ballot will be mailed by **October 16** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



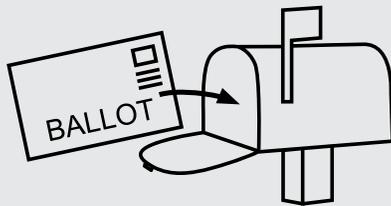
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 3**. Or use an official ballot drop box until 8 p.m. on November 3.



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Someone offer to drop off your ballot for you? Only give your ballot to someone you trust. We recommend returning your ballot by mail or to an official ballot drop box. Find drop box locations at **VoteWA.gov**.



5

Check the status of your ballot on **VoteWA.gov** to see if it has been received by your county elections office.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

View election results online

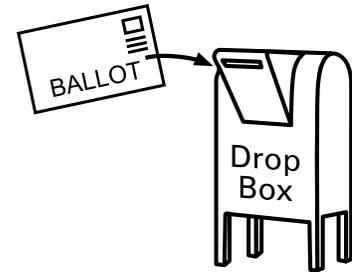
After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at **sos.wa.gov/elections**

Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

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Your county receives your ballot

Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day, or return your ballot by mail — postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked no later than Election Day!



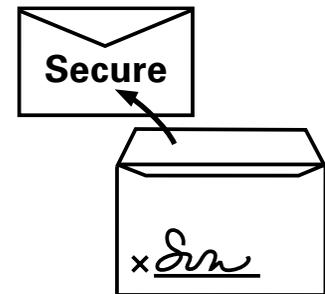
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Your signature is verified

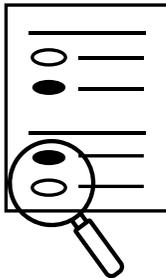
The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure only one ballot is counted for you.



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Envelopes and sleeves are separated

The return envelope is opened and the security envelope or sleeve containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.



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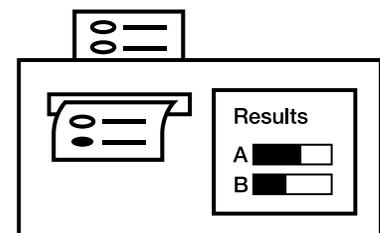
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope or sleeve is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned.

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Your ballot is counted

After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted.



Military or overseas voter

Register to vote anytime on or before Election Day. You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Spouses and dependents also away from home have the same voting rights.

**New Washington resident**

Welcome! Register to vote online, by mail, in person, or when you get your new driver's license or ID at the Department of Licensing. You may not vote in more than one place, so cancel your previous voter registration.

**College student**

Register to vote using either your home or school address, but you may not vote in more than one place. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington.

**Non-traditional address voter**

Use any physical location you consider your residence such as a shelter, park, or marina. Your mailing address can be general delivery at a local post office, a PO Box, or an address of a trusted friend or relative. A federally recognized tribe may designate tribal government buildings to serve as residential or mailing addresses for voters living on tribal lands.

**Seasonal resident**

Vote in Washington even if you're away during an election. To ensure you receive your ballot, update your mailing address at **VoteWA.gov** or with a county elections office. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington. You may not vote in more than one place.

**Convicted felon**

If you were convicted of a felony in Washington, your right to vote is restored when you are no longer under Department of Corrections supervision. You must register to vote in order to receive a ballot.

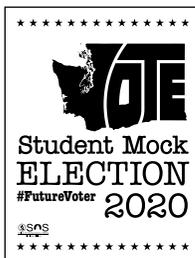


Teachers: Classroom Activity



Student Mock ELECTION

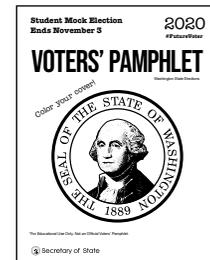
The Student Mock Election is a non-partisan, educational event that teaches kids to be informed voters. Over 285,000 students have voted in Washington's annual Student Mock Election since 2004.



- Students vote on real ballot measures, on real candidates, and on real paper, just like they will when they turn 18.
- Participants learn about the unique vote-by-mail elections process used in our state.
- Non-partisan and free to all public, private, tribal, and homeschool K–12 students.
- No pre-registration needed.

Free resources for educators:

- Teacher toolkit includes print-friendly Voters' Pamphlet, lessons from Teaching Elections in Washington State curriculum book, posters, and coloring sheet.
- Request "I Voted" stickers for your students.



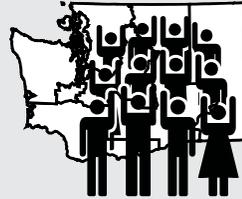
Visit sos.wa.gov/mockelection for more info.

Want to be notified of the next Student Mock Election?
Scan with your smartphone camera to sign up.

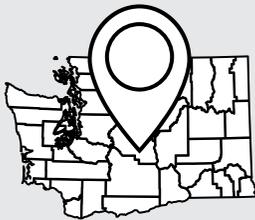


Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

December 14, 2020 –
Electoral College casts votes



January 15, 2021 –
Temperance and Good Citizenship Day



February 9, 2021 –
Special Election, only in some counties

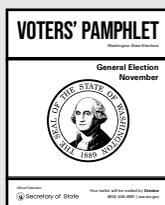
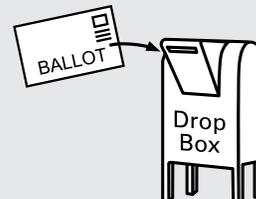
April 27, 2021 –
Special Election, only in some counties

Look for this in July 2021 –
National Disability Voter Registration Week



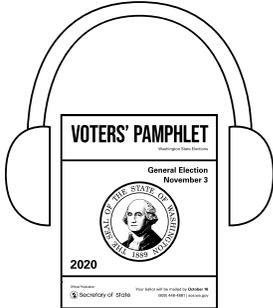
September 28, 2021 –
National Voter Registration Day

August 3, 2021 – Primary Election



November 2, 2021 –
General Election

Are accessible voting options available?



Audio and plain text voters' pamphlets available at www.sos.wa.gov/elections

No internet access? To receive a copy on a USB drive, call **(800) 448-4881**.

Contact a county elections office to find an **accessible voting unit** near you.

Are language services available?

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Se habla español

Todos los votantes del estado de Washington tienen acceso al folleto electoral y a los formularios de inscripción en español por internet en www.sos.wa.gov/elections

Adicionalmente, los votantes de los condados de Yakima, Franklin y Adams recibirán su boleta y folleto electoral de forma bilingüe antes de cada elección.

Si usted o alguien que conoce necesitan asistencia en español llame al **(800) 448-4881**.

中國口語

所有華盛頓州的選民都可以在網站 www.sos.wa.gov/elections 查看中文選民手冊和選民登記表格。

此外，金郡選民也可登記在每次選舉前自動獲取中文選票和選民手冊。

如果您或您認識的人需要語言協助，請致電 **(800) 448-4881**。

Nói tiếng Việt

Tất cả cử tri ở Tiểu Bang Washington có thể truy cập sách dành cho cử tri và đơn ghi danh cử tri bằng tiếng Việt trực tuyến tại www.sos.wa.gov/elections

Ngoài ra, cử tri ở Quận King có thể đăng ký để tự động nhận lá phiếu và sách dành cho cử tri bằng tiếng Việt trước mỗi cuộc bầu cử.

Nếu quý vị hoặc người nào quý vị biết cần trợ giúp ngôn ngữ, xin vui lòng gọi **(800) 448-4881**.