Frequently Asked Questions
When Doing Voter Registration in Your State

Q: Can I look up my voter registration on line?
A: Almost every state has a voter registration look up tool. It may require you providing your birth date or other identifying information. Find yours here. www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-in-your-state/

Q: Can people with a past felony conviction register and vote?
A: Every state is different. Two states, Maine and Vermont, have no restrictions. 13 other states restore your right to vote immediately upon release from jail or prison. Find out about your state at: www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-as-an-ex-offender/

Q: How do people experiencing homelessness register and vote?
A: We recommend using the address of a shelter or other nonprofit. In most states, a person can also mark a cross street on the form to indicate the place where they usually sleep. For more information: www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-and-homelessness/

Q: How can a survivor of domestic violence keep their current address private?
A: Address Confidentiality Programs (ACP) and Confidential Voter Listings are programs administered by the state that enable survivors of domestic violence. The National Network to End Domestic Violence provides a list of currently available programs. Or for more information, please contact your local election official.

Q: How do I know if my registration was accepted?
A: You will receive a registration acknowledgment card in the mail from your local election officials. You can also check your registration status online at the statewide voter registration portal. Find yours here. www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-in-your-state/

Q: What ID do I need to vote?
A: 31 states have voter ID laws of which half require a photo ID. The majority of photo ID states allow voters without another form of ID to vote a provisional ballot or sign an affidavit and vote a regular ballot. Remember, most every state asks for some form of ID from first time voters who vote on Election Day at the polls. Find your state’s current ID law on your state’s election website here: www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-in-your-state/
The website Long Distance Voter also has detailed information on state voter ID laws. www.longdistancevoter.org/voter-id-laws

Q: How do I find my polling place or information about early or absentee voting?
A: Most states have polling place look up tools that are part of their voter registration. In some states you have to contact your local election office. Use our 50 state map for polling place look up, early and vote by mail information and get contact information for your local election office. http://www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-in-your-state/