

## ★ IS VOTING A RIGHT... OR A RESPONSIBILITY?

Voting is a right; however, there are certain responsibilities that come with that right. One of those responsibilities is to ensure that you are correctly registered in the state and locality where you are a resident. Determining residency is often confusing for college students. Residence is usually the place we call home. Establishing or changing residence should be an informed decision that is given careful consideration.

## ★ WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR VOTER REGISTRATION IN VIRGINIA?

To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia, a person must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. Citizen.
- Be 18 years old. Any person who is 17 years old and will be 18 years of age by the next General Election will be permitted to register in advance.
- Be a resident of Virginia. A person who is in Virginia temporarily with no intent to remain, lacks the intent required for residence.
- Is not claiming residence in any other state.
- Is not currently declared incapacitated by a court of law.
- If convicted of a felony, voting rights have been restored.

## ★ ELECTION LINKS

✓Contact Your Home State for Information  
<https://www.eac.gov/voters/register-and-vote-in-your-state/>

✓Virginia Department of Elections  
<http://elections.virginia.gov>  
✓Virginia Voter Registration Application  
[www.vote.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.virginia.gov)

✓National Voter Registration Application  
<http://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form>  
✓U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
<http://www.eac.gov>  
✓Norfolk Office of Elections  
<http://www.norfolk.gov/Elections/>

### WARNING

Your voter registration application contains very personal information that can be used by "Identity Thieves".

Protect your identity:

★ **DO NOT** give your application to anyone or any organization that you do not know and trust. If you are not sure, mail it yourself. A stamp is cheap...identity theft is not.

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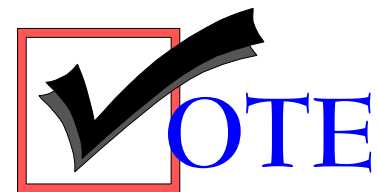
**If you are a Virginia Resident,  
REGISTER ONLINE at:**

[www.vote.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.virginia.gov)

If you have questions or need additional information, please e-mail us at [vote@norfolk.gov](mailto:vote@norfolk.gov) or contact us at:

**NORFOLK OFFICE OF ELECTIONS**  
810 Union Street (City Hall Building), Suite 100  
Norfolk, VA 23510  
757-664-4353

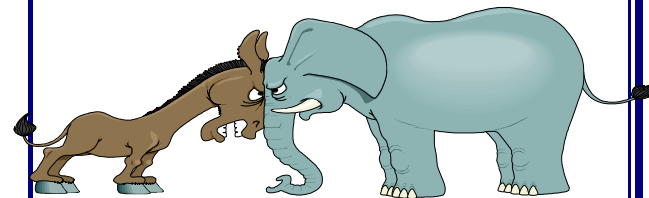
# REGISTER



AND

# GET INVOLVED

## DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!



Information for  
NSU Students

★ IF NORFOLK or VIRGINIA IS NOT YOUR HOME, HOW CAN YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

Use the link "Contact Your Home State for Information" below for state specific voter registration information for all 50 states and applications for your state OR...register to vote on the National Voter Registration Application, which is accepted by all states. Send your completed application to the registrar for your locality of residence.

★ HOW CAN YOU VOTE IF YOU ARE AWAY AT COLLEGE?

Each state has a process for voting by absentee ballot for those who are absent from their locality on Election Day. Use the link below for state specific absentee information and absentee applications for your state. The absentee process is quick and easy. Being away at college is likely a qualifying reason to vote absentee in your state.

★ ISN'T THE ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCESS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS?

Early voting is available in Virginia prior to Election Day. For General Elections, the absentee/early voting process begins 45 days prior to Election Day. You may choose to vote early in person or via absentee ballot by mail. Please check your local Registrar's webpage for dates and times available for voting. Virginia residents may request an absentee ballot by mail by visiting the Virginia Department of Elections' website at: [www.vote.elections.virginia.gov/Voterinformation](http://www.vote.elections.virginia.gov/Voterinformation)

✓Contact Your Home State for Information  
<http://www.eac.gov/voters/register-and-vote-in-your-state>

★ IS A COLLEGE STUDENT CONSIDERED A RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY ATTEND COLLEGE?

In order to establish "residence" in Virginia, a voter must have a physical location where they intend to stay for an unlimited time.

A college student should register where attending school only if the student considers that locality as his/her primary home and residence. College students who still consider themselves residents of their home city, county, or state should register to vote there. These students should contact the Voter Registrar for their home locality or use the link below.

✓Contact Your Home State for Information  
<http://www.eac.gov/voters/register-and-vote-in-your-state>

★ WHAT IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR RESIDENCE?

Although legal residence may be changed, you may have only one legal residence at a time and may be a registered voter in only one locality at a time.

★ IF VIRGINIA IS YOUR STATE OF RESIDENCE, WHAT IS THE FASTEST AND MOST SECURE WAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE?



ONLINE voter registration is available in Virginia

Eligible citizens of Virginia are able to register to vote or update their information online 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, using the link below. The online process offers a fast, convenient, and secure alternative to the old fashioned ways of registering.

✓Virginia Voter Registration Application  
[www.vote.elections.virginia.gov/Voterinformation](http://www.vote.elections.virginia.gov/Voterinformation)

Still have questions? E-mail us at [vote@norfolk.gov](mailto:vote@norfolk.gov) or call 757-664-4353

★ IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE YOUR NSU DORM/LIVING QUARTERS AS YOUR RESIDENCE ADDRESS, WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW BEFORE REGISTERING?

- Your voter registration application can only be processed if all requested information is provided.
- **Voting precincts and districts are determined by your location on campus.**
- In order to assign you to the correct voting districts and precinct, you must provide the exact location on campus where you reside.
- Address information must be updated each time you move.

★ IF YOUR DORM DOES NOT HAVE AN ADDRESS, HOW CAN YOU REGISTER?

On the Virginia Voter Registration Application, Residence (Permanent) Home Address line, list the following information:

700 Park Avenue -  
Full Name of Dorm (No initials please) -  
Room # Mail Box #

★ HOW WILL YOU KNOW THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED?

A "Virginia Voter Registration Notice" will be mailed to you within 30 days. The notice will contain information about your assigned voting districts and polling location. Acceptable identification is required to vote in Virginia.

**NOTE:** Once your Virginia registration is confirmed, cancel all previous registrations.