

Absentee Voting

Who can vote absentee?

- Any registered voter can vote absentee in any election (no reason has to be given). Any registered voter can request a permanent absentee ballot (you must certify that you are indefinitely confined).

How do I get an absentee ballot?

- Apply online at myvote.wi.gov.
- Request an absentee ballot from your city, town or village office by mail or phone.
- In-person early absentee voting is available. Contact your city, town or village office for dates, location and times.

Will my absentee ballot be counted?

- Yes, if the envelope is signed by the voter and has witness signature and address, and the ballot is received no later than the close of Election Day at 8:00 p.m.

Elections

What is a Primary Election?

A primary determines the candidate(s) for a general election when 2 or more members of one political party (partisan election) or 3 or more candidates (nonpartisan election) run for the same position.

- **Spring Primary:** *Third Tuesday in February*
- **Fall Partisan Primary** (even years): *Second Tuesday in August*

What is a General Election?

- **Spring Election:** For judicial and non-partisan municipal, county and educational officials, *first Tuesday in April every year*
- **Fall Partisan Election:** For U.S. Senators and Representatives, President, Governor and State and County offices, *Tuesday after the first Monday in Nov. (even years)*

Where Can I Get More Information?

My Vote Wisconsin

myvote.wi.gov



- Register to vote online
- Check your voter registration status
- Find your polling place and see what's on your ballot
- Request an absentee ballot and check provisional ballot status
- Available in English and Spanish

Bring It to the Ballot

bringit.wi.gov

1-866-868-3947



- How to get a free Wisconsin ID
- List of acceptable photo ID needed to vote in Wisconsin
- Available in English and Spanish

Vote Smart - votesmart.org

- Information on candidates
- Voting records and issue positions
- Campaign finance information

Wisconsin Elections Commission

elections.wi.gov - 1-866-868-3947

- Official elections website (see Voter Information Center for FAQ)

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About the League

The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

As a nonpartisan organization, the League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.

The League of Women Voters of the Northwoods is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since the League formed in 1920, its members, who are women *and* men, have taken an active role in making our democracy work.

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How to Register and Vote in Wisconsin

Your VOTE is Your VOICE



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Who Can Vote in Wisconsin?

To vote in the state of Wisconsin, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- A resident of Wisconsin
- One whose felony conviction has been served in full, including probation, parole or extended supervision
- Registered to vote

How Can I Register?

You have three options:

- Anytime up to 20 days before the election:
 - Online at myvote.wi.gov
 - With a paper registration form from your city, town or village office
- Less than 20 days before the election:
 - In person only at your municipal clerk's office or at an early voting site
- On Election Day:
 - At your polling place

Voting on Election Day

- Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - You must vote at your designated polling place.
 - Find your polling place at myvote.wi.gov
 - You must show an acceptable photo ID.
 - Curbside voting is available if you have mobility issues. Call your municipal clerk's office for more information on curbside assistance.
 - You can request a provisional ballot under three circumstances:
 1. If you are unable to provide a WI driver license number or WI ID number on your registration form
 2. If you are unable to provide acceptable photo ID at the polls
 3. If your mailed registration form was incomplete and you are unable to provide needed documentation at the polls
- For your provisional ballot to be counted, you must provide the missing information to your municipal clerk by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday following the election.



An acceptable photo ID is required for voting:

- Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin State ID *
- U.S. Passport book or card *
- U.S. Uniformed Services card *
 - * The expiration date on these documents must be after the date of the last Fall General Election.
- Certificate of Naturalization issued within 2 years
- Wisconsin Tribal ID card (expired or unexpired)
- Veteran's Affairs ID (unexpired or no expiration date)
- Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card receipt (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) ID Petition Process Photo Receipt (valid for 180 days from date issued)
- Student ID card PLUS proof of current enrollment (paper or electronic)
 - Must be from a Wisconsin accredited university, college or technical college. Card must show:
 - Date card issued
 - Student signature
 - Expiration date within 2 years of issuance

You can obtain a free ID for voting purposes

- Apply in person at any Department of Motor Vehicles location. Bring identifying documents, if available:
 - Proof of name and date of birth
 - Proof of identity
 - Proof of residency
 - Proof of U.S. citizenship
 - Social Security card
- If needed documents are missing, an ID Petition Process is available at the DMV. Bring whatever documents you have to the DMV and the staff will help you.

What Do I Need to Register?

To register online you must have a valid Wisconsin driver license/ID with current address on file with the DMV. If using a paper registration, present one of these proofs of residence in paper or electronic format showing your **current name and address**:

- Current and valid Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID
- Utility bill dated within 90 days of registration
- Bank or credit union statement
- Property tax bill or receipt from the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- Pay stub
- Residential lease if registering in person
- Government-issued document or license
- College tuition statement along with a valid student ID
- Residential care facility agreement

What if I move or change my name?

- Your current address determines where you vote. If any part of your address changes you must re-register.
- You must re-register if you change your name, but first change your name with Social Security and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

How do I know if I am registered?

- Check registration at myvote.wi.gov.
- A postcard from the state is sent to your address to verify registration.

