



## Can I Register to Vote If I'm under 18?

**Yes! You can register at 17 ½ years old if you will turn 18 by April 6 2021**

Our democracy is at its strongest when all eligible citizens participate. To do so, they must be registered to vote.

### **To be qualified to register to vote, you must be:**

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of the State of Missouri
- Must not be incarcerated or on probation & parole for a felony conviction

**Visit [aclumoelectionhub.org](http://aclumoelectionhub.org) for information on how to register, requesting a ballot, finding a notary, finding your polling location, and creating a voting plan.**

### **Why is it important to learn about registering and voting before turning 18?**

It is important for all citizens to have a strong civic engagement. Youth who reported having been either encouraged to vote or taught how to register to vote in high school are more likely to vote and participate in other civic activities, more knowledgeable about voting processes, and more invested in and attentive to the 2020 election than other youth.

Those who learned about voting procedures in high school are more prepared for voting: they are more likely than their peers to know if their states had online voter registration, and at least 10 percentage points more likely to respond that they had seen information on how to vote by mail, and to state that they would know where to go to find information on voting if their state's election was shifted to all mail-in ballots.

Historically, those 18-24 years old have voted at lower rates than older adults. However, this may be a changing trend as youth turnout in 2018 was the highest ever recorded for a midterm. It is important to be informed and to turn out!

**You will be asked to show an ID. Acceptable forms include a driver's license, state-issued ID, US Passport, or military ID. If your physical address is not the same as your ID or you do not have an ID, you can use a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains your name and address.**

### **What are the important dates for this year's General Election?**

- This year's General Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 6.**
- You must register to vote by **March 10.**
- If voting absentee or by mail-in, you must request the application by **Wednesday, March 24.**

**More Questions? Call the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)**