



## VOTER REGISTRATION 2026

### CHANGES From 2024!

- **Photo ID** is *required*
- Absentee Ballots need Photo ID too!
- People convicted of a felony must have completed **ALL** probation, supervision or parole **and re-register**
- **Express Vote** devices will be used for marking ballots for *Early Voting* only

## WHO CAN VOTE?

- U. S. Citizen
- Resident of the county where you are voting
- At your address for the last 30 days prior to the election
- 18 on or before election day (may vote as a 17-year-old in the Primary of the Election for which you will be 18)
- \* Not currently serving sentence (including any probation, post-release supervision, or parole and must re-register). \*
- Must rescind any previous registration

## HOW TO VOTE - Step 1

1. REGISTER to vote at least 25 days before Election Day – October 9 for the Nov. 3 election



## HOW TO VOTE – Step 2

2. **PREPARE** to vote by going to the BOE website

<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

- **Get a sample ballot**
- **Find out where your polling place is**
- **Does not offer early voting polling locations**

Search Criteria ^

Search for voter details, including jurisdictions, polling place, sample ballot when available, absentee ballot information, and voter history.

**\* required fields**

\* First Name  
Aiden

Middle Initial

\* Last Name  
Carson

Year of Birth

County  
BUNCOMBE

\* Voter Status  
 Registered  
 Removed or Denied

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Search Results (1)

County	Status	Full Name	City/State/Zip
BUNCOMBE	ACTIVE	CARSON, AIDEN FLYNN	ASHEVILLE, NC 28804

1 - 1 of 1 Records

AIDEN FLYNN CARSON  
 14 E CRABAPPLE LN  
 ASHEVILLE, NC 28804

## HOW TO VOTE – Step 3

### 3. **SHOW UP** to vote:

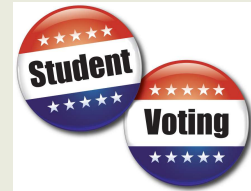
- **Early Voting**
- **Election Day**
- **Absentee Ballot (when used)**

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## HOW TO REGISTER

- Be sure you **meet all requirements** for voting
- **CHECK** your registration online
- **GET** a **registration form** online or at the BOE & mail it in or drop off at the BOE office **or**
- **ONLINE** at the **DMV website**
- **RE-REGISTER** if your name, address, or party affiliation has changed

### *How about college students??*



- May register and vote in the county where they are attending college
- May register or remain registered at the address where they lived previous to moving away for college

***They can choose!***

## *What about 17 year-olds??*

- If you'll be **18** by the date of the general election, you can register and vote in that election's primary
- **16** year olds can pre-register too!



## WHEN TO REGISTER

- No later than **25** days before the election (10/9 for the 11/3/26 election)
- If you **miss the deadline**, you can still register during Early Voting (Oct. 15-31)
- You may **NOT** register on Election Day\*
- 16 & 17 year-olds can pre-register anytime

## HOW TO REGISTER VOTERS



## WHO CAN REGISTER OTHERS?

- **ANYONE!**
- No special certification required
- You don't have to be eligible to vote to register others

## YOUR OBLIGATIONS

- **NEVER** try to influence political party choice
- You **MAY** complete the form for someone but they must sign and date it
- You **MAY NOT** copy or record any personal information from the form
- You **MUST** turn in completed forms in a timely manner

**North Carolina Voter Registration Application** *(Sections in red are required.)* **06w**

**1 Eligibility**  
You must be a U.S. citizen and old enough to register to submit this form. *Required.*

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  Yes  No  
*If you checked "no" in response to this question, do not submit this form. You are not qualified to vote.*

Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?  Yes  No  
*If you answered "no" to the question above, are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote?*

*If you checked "no" in response to both of these age questions, do not submit this form. You are not qualified to register or preregister to vote.*

**2 Print your name**  
*Required.*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (Jr, Sr., II, III, IV) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Identification information**  
*Required.*

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ **AND** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(mm/dd/yyyy)*

NC Driver's License/DMV ID number \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR, if you do not have one**  
 Last 4 digits of your Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR**  
 I do not have a driver's license/DMV ID or Social Security number.

**4 Residential address**  
*Your home address. Required.*

Address (not P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ NC Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you have lived at this address less than 30 days, when did you move here? (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

**5 Mailing address**  
*If you do not receive mail at your residential address, you must provide a mailing address. Required.*

Same as above  
 Address or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**6 No physical address?**  
*If you do not have an address, show on the map where you live or normally sleep.*

Write the names of the nearest crossroads (or streets).  
 Draw an **X** on the map to show where you live/sleep.

Remember to provide a valid **mailing address** in Section 5 so that the board of elections can send you a voter card.

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Native Hawaiian/

where you live or normally sleep. 5 so that the board of elections can send you a voter card.

**About you** **7**

**Gender**  
 Male  Female  
 Hispanic/Latino  Not Hispanic/Latino

**Ethnicity**  
 African American/Black  
 American Indian/Alaska Native

**Race**  
 Asian  White  
 Multiracial  Other

**Political party affiliation** **8**

Democratic Party  No Labels Party  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Green Party  Republican Party  
 Libertarian Party  Unaffiliated (No Party)

If you select a party that is not recognized in North Carolina, you will be registered as *Unaffiliated*.

**Old registration**  
If you are currently registered to vote somewhere else, complete this section so that your prior registration can be cancelled.

**Name and address on last registration to cancel** **9**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information** **10**

This optional information is helpful if we have questions.  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** **11**

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

I have reviewed the contents of this form and attest that:  
• I am a U.S. citizen;  
• I am at least 18 years old, or will be by the date of the general election; or I am at least 16 years old and understand that I must be at least 18 years old on the day of the general election to vote;  
• I will have lived at the residence identified on this form for 30 days before the date of the election in which I intend to vote;  
• If I filled out Section 9 above, I am requesting that my old registration be cancelled; and  
• I am not currently serving a felony sentence (including any probation, post-release supervision, or parole).

**Voter, sign and date here (Required)**

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  I would like to be contacted to be a poll worker.

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## To volunteer at LWVAB events

- You must be a member of LWVAB
- You must take this training
- You must take the certification quiz at the bottom of the page:  
<https://www.lwvab.org/voter-registration-training/>
- Events are posted in the LWVAB Newsletter

## Now for the details

- A large part of the service registration volunteers provide is answering the often detailed questions from folks:
  - Acceptable photo IDs
  - Photo ID exception forms
  - Absentee ballots and ID exception forms
  - Express Vote ballot marking machines
  - High school registration efforts

## *What about Photo ID??*



- **Photo ID is required!**
- Voters will be asked to show Photo ID at polling places
- County BOEs provide photo ID to registered voters at no charge, call ahead
- Absentee ballots must include a photocopy of the voter's Photo ID or ID Exception Form

## Photo ID cont.

- Acceptable IDs listed on NCSBE website:  
<https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id#acceptable>
- ✓ *NC Driver's license*
- ✓ *State ID from NCDMV*
- ✓ *US Passport or Passport Card*
- ✓ *NC Voter ID issued by County BOE*
- ✓ *Approved college or university IDs*
- ✓ *Approved government or charter school IDs*
- ✓ *Military or vets ID card issued by US Govt.*
- ✓ *Recognized tribal enrollment card*
- ✓ *Public assistance program ID card issued by US govt. or state of NC*

## Photo ID cont.

### ***What if you don't have a Photo ID?***

- You can still vote
- Must fill out an ***ID Exception form*** and vote using a ***provisional ballot***
- ***OR***
- Vote using a ***provisional ballot*** and bring ***Photo ID*** to county BOE by the day before county canvass (failure to do so will result in the ballot not being counted)

NORTH CAROLINA [COUNTY] COUNTY	<b>PHOTO ID EXCEPTION FORM</b>	ELECTION DATE: XXXX/XXXX	PROVISIONAL FOLIO BOOK NO. XXXXXXXXXX
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Voter, please complete this form to explain why you cannot show photo ID.  
Your vote will count if you truthfully complete and sign this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Name Suffix

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address (if available) Phone

I AFFIRM that I am the registered voter identified above, that I am casting a provisional ballot while voting in person, and that: *(choose from the exceptions below)*

**EXCEPTION 1: REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT**

I suffer from a reasonable impediment that prevents me from presenting photo ID.  
**[CHOOSE ONE OR MORE REASONS BELOW]**

1. I cannot get photo ID due to:

- Lack of transportation
- Disability or illness
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to get photo ID
- Work or school schedule
- Family responsibilities

2.  I did not know photo ID was required for voting

3.  My photo ID is lost, stolen, or misplaced

4.  I applied for photo ID but have not received it

5.  Other reasonable impediment to presenting photo ID (you **must** write the reason if choosing this option):  
\_\_\_\_\_

6.  State or federal law prohibits me from listing my reason

**EXCEPTION 2: RELIGIOUS OBJECTION TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED**

I have a religious objection to being photographed.

**EXCEPTION 3: VICTIM OF A NATURAL DISASTER**


I was a victim of a natural disaster occurring within 100 days before election day that resulted in a disaster declaration by the President of the United States or the Governor of North Carolina.

**VOTER, SIGN BELOW** FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS 1 FELONY UNDER CHAPTER 163 OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES.

X  
VOTER'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTION OFFICIAL TO COMPLETE**

Voting Site: \_\_\_\_\_ VRN: \_\_\_\_\_ Official's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- Any NC Registered Voter
- *No reason needed*
- ***Absentee Ballot must be accompanied by a copy of Photo ID or ID Exception Form***
- Step 1 - submit **Absentee Ballot Request Form** via portal or paper
- Step 2 – complete **Absentee Ballot**  
BOE will *mail* absentee ballot to you with a ballot envelope that has a clear plastic sleeve and a ballot return envelope  
Ballot **must** be *witnessed* by 2 people over 18 or 1 notary

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS *cont.*

- Step 3 – place completed ballot in ballot envelope & seal **and** place Photo ID copy or exception form in the clear plastic sleeve on the ballot envelope. Place both in the ballot return envelope and seal **Voter** and either 2 witnesses or 1 Notary must **sign** back of envelope as well
- Step 4 - **mail Absentee Ballot Return envelope** or **drop off** at county BOE or any Early Voting site  
 If hand-delivered to BOE office, only the Voter or near relative may deliver and must sign a log  
 If dropped of at Early Voting site, must be delivered to election official at check-in station

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS *cont.*

- Absentee Ballots whether hand-delivered or mailed, must be **received** by BOE by 7:30 PM Election Day
  - The grace period has been eliminated and Absentee Ballots **MUST** be received by 7:30 PM on Election Day
  - Near relatives who can hand deliver completed ballots include spouse, siblings, parents, parents-in-law, son/daughter-in-law, grandparents, step parents, children, step children,
- **Track** your ballot using **BallotTrax** on the NCSBE website

**North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2023 Municipal Elections** 2023.04

*Required sections are outlined in red.*

**Election date**  
 You can request 1 ballot for only 1 election at a time.  
 1  09/12/23 Primary  10/10/23 Election/Primary  11/07/23 Election/Runoff

**Print voter name**  
 Any name change you give on this form will be used to update your registration.  
 2 Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former name (if your name has changed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter identification**  
 3 Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ AND NC Driver's License/DMV ID number \_\_\_\_\_  
 OR Last 4 digits of your Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address**  
 Provide your residential address where you live and your mailing address (if different). Your residential address is always required.  
 4 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you moved in the last 30 days?  Yes  No If yes, date moved? (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you receive mail at a different address or at a Post Office box, provide your regular mailing address.  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Where should we send your ballot?**  
 5  Your home address in section 4  Your mailing address in section 4  
 Check 1.  The address below: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Accessible voting options**  
 6  Due to continued or expected illness or disability, I request absentee ballots for all elections this year.  
 Due to blindness/visual impairment, I require an accessible ballot (Provide your email address in section 7).  
 Only if applicable.

**Requester's contact information**  
 7 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Requesting ballot on behalf of voter by name**  
 8 Requester's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Include relationship to voter, or status as legal guardian or disability requester. Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relative/legal guardian/disability requester, sign and date here (required if requesting on behalf of a voter).  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

**Assisting a voter to fill out or return this request?**  
 9 Assistant's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant's full address \_\_\_\_\_ Facility name below: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If the voter is in an eligible care facility and needs assistance in voting and returning the ballot, enter the facility name below.

**Are you a military member on active duty (including spouse/dependents) or a U.S. citizen overseas?**  
 10  Uniformed Services or Merchant Marines on active duty  U.S. citizen outside the U.S. (Overseas address required)  
 Overseas full address \_\_\_\_\_ I want my ballot delivered to my:  Email  Yes  Address indicated in section 5  Overseas address provided in this section

**Voter's signature**  
 11  \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voter, sign and date here (Required unless ballot requested by a near relative, legal guardian, or disability requester).  
 Use a pen. No electronic signatures allowed. *Required.*

Return form to the County Board of Elections by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the election. Do not email or fax.

NORTH CAROLINA (COUNTY) COUNTY **PHOTO ID EXCEPTION FORM FOR ABSENTEE VOTING** ELECTION DATE: XX/XX/XXXX

**Voter, please complete this form to explain why you cannot include a photocopy of photo ID with your ballot. You must write your name below, check a box for at least one exception, and sign and date the form. Your vote will count if you truthfully complete and sign this form with your absentee ballot form.**


I (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_ AFFIRM that I am the voter casting the absentee ballot, and that: (choose from the exceptions below)

**EXCEPTION 1: REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT**  
 I suffer from a reasonable impediment, selected below, that prevents me from including a copy of photo ID. (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE REASONS BELOW)  
 1.  I am unable to include a photocopy of my photo ID with this absentee ballot envelope (you must write one of the following numbers if choosing this option):  
 North Carolina Drivers License/DMV ID number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last four digits of Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. I cannot get photo ID due to:  
 Lack of transportation  
 Disability or illness  
 Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to get photo ID  
 Work or school schedule  
 Family responsibilities  
 3.  My photo ID is lost, stolen, or misplaced  
 4.  I applied for photo ID but have not received it  
 5.  Other reasonable impediment to including photo ID (you must write the reason if choosing this option): \_\_\_\_\_  
 6.  State or federal law prohibits me from listing my reason

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 VOTER'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)


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## Multiparty Assistance Teams (MAT Teams)

- Appointed by county BOE to assist with registration and mail-in voting for voters living in nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, & the like
- MAT Teams consist of a minimum of 2 people who have different party affiliations
- Allowed to deliver completed registration forms and Absentee Ballots to the county BOE

## EXPRESS VOTE Machines

- A way to **mark your ballot** with a touch screen
- Have been used since 2023 for all **Early Voting**
- Election Day voting unchanged
- Already in use in 11 counties in NC
- Still uses a **paper ballot** that will be marked using Express Vote device then read, as always, by a scanning device

  
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 NC FAVORITE THINGS DEMO  
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PREFERRED NC VACATION DESTINATION-----  
 MOUNTAINS

FAVORITE NC UNIVERSITY-----  
 DUKE UNIVERSITY

FAVORITE NC STATE FAIR FOODS-----  
 TURKEY LEG  
 W/I APPLE CRISP ←

FAVORITE FAMOUS NORTH CAROLINIAN-----  
 ANDY GRIFFITH

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR-----  
 CHOCOLATE

ELECTION DAYS-----  
 YES

FREE LUNCH ON FRIDAYS-----  
 YES

## Resources & Links

Buncombe County BOE: <https://www.buncombenc.gov/199/Election-Services>

Voter lookup: <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

Downloadable Registration Form (English)

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter\\_Registration/NCVoterRegForm\\_06W.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter_Registration/NCVoterRegForm_06W.pdf)

Downloadable Registration Form (Spanish)

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter\\_Registration/NCVoterRegForm\\_09W.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter_Registration/NCVoterRegForm_09W.pdf)

Absentee Ballot Portal: <https://votebymail.ncsbe.gov/app/home>

DMV Registration

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/online/Pages/voter-registration-application.aspx>

Acceptable Photo IDs

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id#acceptable>



**VOTE 411**  
ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED  
**VOTE411.ORG**

*Non-partisan, personalized voting information you need*

- Candidate Information
- Voter Registration
- What's on the Ballot
- And More!



*High School  
registration efforts*

## **High School Registration Activities for 2026**

### **History of Collaboration**

- LWVAB has collaborated with Buncombe County Election Services since 2015 to provide student voter registration in high schools.
- LWVAB assists with material and volunteer support AS REQUESTED by local schools.

### **History of Collaboration – cont'd**

- Up to 18 Area High Schools May Participate
  - 10 High Schools in Buncombe Co. Schools
  - 2 High Schools in Asheville City Schools
  - 2 Charter High Schools
  - Select Independent High Schools
- Events are scheduled with school representatives each year and may differ depending on school needs/requests.

## **History of Collaboration – cont'd**

- LWVAB High School Voter Registration Coordinator assembles a team each fall of trained members to assist with high school registration activities.
- In 2024 our team completed registration activities at 9 schools and had an additional 6 schools scheduled before Hurricane Helene.
- Focus for 2025-26 Activities: Education and Registration for the 2026 Elections

## **Volunteer Requirements**

- **Be a current LWVAB Member**
- **Attend High School Voter Reg. Planning Meeting/Call with M. Murphy**
- **Complete LWVAB Voter Registration Training Video + Quiz**
- **Complete Volunteer Screener (For Buncombe County School Sites)**
- **Complete Google Form to Sign up (coming!)**

## **Volunteer Needs**

- Drop off/pick up of materials
- Delivery of completed forms to BOE
- Leading/Assisting Table Registration at a School
- Leading/Assisting Assembly Registration at a School
- Training Student Leaders in Voter Reg.
- Being a Site Leader for a Student-run Registration

## **Student Information Needs**

- Voting in the March Primary as a 17-year-old if 18 by General Election 2026
- PHOTO ID, Accessing Free Photo ID, and Photo ID Exemption
- Student Election Assistant – November 2026
  - Paid position - \$200
  - Training provided
  - Need approval from parents and principal

*Questions?*

*Thanks for attending!*