Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in South Carolina

**Voter Registration Deadlines**

Applications must be received or postmarked 30 days before Election Day. If the deadline falls on a Sunday or U.S. Postal Service holiday, the postmark deadline is extended to the next day that is not a Sunday or holiday.

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### Getting Started

- **Training Requirement:** South Carolina does not require training for registration drives.

- **Notification and Registration Requirements:** South Carolina does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

- **Compensation Restrictions:** Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

### Handling Applications

- **Incomplete Applications:** Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have permission from the applicant.

- **Photocopying Completed Applications:** There is no law or rule prohibiting photocopying or retaining information from completed registration applications. As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained.

- **Submitting Completed Applications:** Return completed applications to the county elections office where the applicants are registering.

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### Obtaining Applications

- **State Form:** The state voter registration application can be found on the State Election Commission website.

  A maximum of 300 forms can be requested at a time in-person at the State Board of Elections.

- **Federal Form:** The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in voter registration drives.

- **Photocopying Blank Forms:** South Carolina law does not forbid photocopying blank forms for use in voter registration drives.

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