

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Alabama

Voter Registration Deadline

Voter registration applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by the 15th day prior to Election Day.

If the registration deadline falls on a federal holiday, applications not submitted online must be hand-delivered 18 days or postmarked 17 days before Election Day.

The Secretary of State states that applications collected by drives should be submitted to county officials within 5 days of the drive unless the registration deadline is at any earlier date.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Alabama does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Alabama does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: Voter registration forms are available for download at the [Secretary of State's website](#).

- There is no limit on the number of forms that may be obtained.

Federal Form: The [federal mail-in voter registration application](#) may be used in registration drives.

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank forms can be photocopied for registration drives.

Fair Elections Center and Campus Vote Project intend the information contained herein to be used only as a general guide. This document should not be used as a substitute for consultation with a licensed Alabama legal professional.

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Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: If you assisted an applicant in completing the registration form, you must provide your name and address in the appropriate box on the voter registration form. The Secretary of State's Voter Registration Drive guide provides information as to which fields are required.

Photocopying Completed Applications: As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained. The [Secretary of State's guide](#) states that completed applications contain confidential information and should not be duplicated.

Submitting Completed Applications: The Secretary [of State's guide](#) states that completed voter registration forms should be submitted to the appropriate [county board of registrars](#) within five days of the voter drive being held unless the voter registration deadline is at an earlier date.

Voter registration applications may also be delivered/mailed to the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, P.O. Box 5616, Montgomery, AL 36103-5616.

Each package to the County Board of registrars or Secretary of State [should include](#) a cover page with the name, address, and phone number of the voter drive group and the number of forms being submitted.