Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Montana

Voter Registration Deadlines
Applications must be received or postmarked 30 days before any election and received within three days thereafter.
“Late registration” is also available and may be completed by an individual in-person at county elections offices through noon the day before Election Day.

Getting Started
Training Requirement: Montana does not require training for registration drives.
Notification and Registration Requirements: Montana does not have notification requirements for registration drives.
Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect.

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: 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: State voter registration applications must be delivered or mailed to the county election administrator of the county where the voter resides. Federal voter registration applications must also be delivered or mailed to the county election administrator. They must be submitted by the registration deadline 30 days before Election Day.

Obtaining Applications
State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded at the Secretary of State’s website or obtained from a county elections office.
Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in voter registration drives.
Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

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