



# Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Minnesota

## Voter Registration Deadlines

- Registration applications must be received by 5 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> day before Election Day.
- Online registrations may be received through the [Secretary of State's website](#) no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> day before Election Day.
- Third parties may not electronically submit a voter registration application on behalf of another individual; however, they may help a voter submit an online application as long as it is done with the voter's consent and in the voter's presence.
- A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.
- Minnesota has Election Day registration as well.

## Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** Minnesota does not require training for registration drives. You may reference the Secretary of State's guide [here](#).

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

**Compensation Restrictions:** It is illegal to 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.

## Obtaining Applications

**State Form:** Contact a [county auditor](#) or the secretary of state, or download forms from the [secretary of state's website](#). The county auditor is required to provide voter registration applications to any person or group who requests a reasonable number of applications for the purpose of distribution.

**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.

## Handling Applications

**Incomplete Applications:** Voter registration volunteers are encouraged to assist people with completing applications, but pre-filled forms may not be used. Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have express 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:** All completed applications must be submitted to the Secretary of State at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 100, St. Paul, MN 55103 or to the [county auditor](#) within 10 days after the applications are dated by the voter or the registration deadline, whichever is sooner.

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