



## Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in New York

### Voter Registration Deadline

- Applications submitted in person must be submitted 10 days before Election Day
- Applications submitted by mail but be postmarked at least 15 days before Election Day

### Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** New York does not require training for registration drives.

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** New York 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.

### Obtaining Applications

**State Form:** Blank state voter registration applications may be obtained from a [county elections office](#) or downloaded and printed from the [New York State Board of Elections website](#).

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

**Photocopying Blank Forms:** Blank forms may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

### Handling Applications

**Incomplete Applications:** 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. **A voter's date of birth, signature, full or partial Social Security Number, and driver's license number should be removed before copying any application.**

**Submitting Completed Applications:** Return completed applications in person to the appropriate [county elections office](#) by the 10th day before Election Day or earlier, or ensure they are postmarked at least 15 days before Election Day.

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