

# Voter Registration Information

**Last day to register for Primary Election:** April 22 at 4:00pm

Residents may register to vote if they meet the following requirements.

- You must be a U. S. citizen and a Kentucky resident for at least 28 days.
- You must be 18 years of age by the date of the next general election which is held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November.
- You are eligible to register and vote in the May primary election if you will be 18 before the general election, but not eligible to vote in Special Elections.
- You cannot be a convicted felon. If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have your civil rights restored before registering.
- You must not have been judged mentally incompetent in a court of law.
- You must not claim the right to vote outside the State of Kentucky.

If you meet the above requirements, you may register to vote by completing a voter registration card and submitting it to the County Clerk's Office.

You may contact the Clerks' Office and have a card mailed to you or you may download a copy from the State Board of Elections website.

Each voter must designate a party affiliation in order to register to vote. Party designations accepted in Kentucky are Democrat, Republican or Other. Since Kentucky conducts closed party primaries, you must be registered as a Democrat or Republican to vote in that party's primary election. If you are registered as "Other", you are eligible to vote for only nonpartisan offices (judicial, city commission, school board) in any primary election. You may vote for any candidate in all general elections.

**Note: You may change your political party affiliation at any time after the May Primary but before December 31st to remain eligible to vote in the following primary election.**

Other places where cards or forms are available are:

- Circuit Clerk's Office (Drivers Licensing) -When applying for or renewing a driver's license will generate cards or applications that update a voter's registration.
- KTAP (Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program), Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid recipients through these agencies.
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices, if you are a prospective member of armed forces.
- High School students may register at school.
- Federal mail-in registration form.

Voter registration or changes must be made no later than 28 days prior to each election.

After your registration is processed, you will receive a notification listing your address and the location of your polling place.

**There are four ways for Kentucky voters to cast their ballot:**

**Mail-In Absentee Ballot –**

**Saturday, April 6** – Online mail-in absentee request portal to open (45 days before the election).

**Tuesday, May 7** – online mail-in absentee request portal to close (14 days before the election) at 11:59PM

*Ballots for the May 2024 Primary may be returned by mail, or to the secure drop box located outside the McCracken County Courthouse during normal business hours of 8:30AM-4:30PM, Monday-Friday. Ballots must be received in the clerk's office by May 21, 2024 at 6:00PM.*

**In-Person Excused Absentee** – May 8-10 and 13-15, 2024, 8:30AM-4:30PM in County Clerk's Office

**3 Day Early Voting** – May 16-18, 2024, 8:30AM-4:30PM in County Clerk's Office

**Election Day** – Tuesday May 21, 2024. Polls open 6AM-6PM.

To register to vote go to [govote.ky.gov/](https://govote.ky.gov/)

## Military or Overseas Voters

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) created special provisions for absent uniformed services and overseas citizens to vote by mail in primary, general, and special elections for federal offices; and to allow these individuals to use a federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB) in the general election for federal offices.

To learn if you qualify and more please visit: [elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Military-or-Overseas-Voters.aspx](https://elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Military-or-Overseas-Voters.aspx)

## Absentee & Early Voting Information

**Mail-In Absentee** April 6-May 7, 2024

Ballots may be requested by:

[govote.ky.gov](https://govote.ky.gov) or calling the Clerk's Office at 270-444-4702. Ballots may be returned by mail or dropped in the drop box located by the front door of the McCracken County Courthouse during normal business hours.

**In-Person Excused Absentee Voting** May 8-10 and 13-15, 8:30AM—4:30PM in the Clerk's Office

Eligibility Requirements for Excused Voting are:

- Student who resides temporarily outside of his/her county
- Voter or voters spouse who has surgery/hospitalization scheduled during Early Voting & Election Day
- Member of the armed forces or dependent
- KY Voter who is a uniformed service voter confined to a military base
- In last trimester of pregnancy
- Voter who temporarily resides outside the state but is still eligible to vote in KY
- Age, Disability or Illness
- Voter who is employed and scheduled to work/commute during all no excuse voting.

**3 Day Early Voting** May 16, 17, and 18, 2024, 8:30AM-4:30PM in the County Clerk's office. You DO NOT need an excuse to vote early on these days.

**Election Day May 21, 2024, 6:00am-6:00pm**