CONNECTICUT SECRETARY OF THE STATE VOTING FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS

ON ELECTION DAY IS POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 6AM TO 8PM.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN CT?

- Are you at least 17 and turning 18 on or before Election Day?
- Are you a United States Citizen living in Connecticut?
- If you have been convicted of a felony, have you completed confinement and parole?

If you can answer YES to all three of these questions, you are eligible to vote in CT

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE IN CT?

There are two different ways you can register to vote in CT. You are able to register online if you have a CT DMV ID, otherwise you are able to complete a paper registration card and deliver it to your local Registrar of Voters before the registration deadlines. CT also has Election Day Registration available. Visit www.sots.ct.gov/vote, for more info.

WHAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING?

Your Student ID is one of the many types of accepted IDs. Your identification must fit one of the following requirements for it to be accepted as a valid form of ID at the polls:

- name and address, <u>or</u> name and signature, <u>or</u>, name and photograph

There may be other instances where some additional types of identification may be required. Contact your local registrar of voters' office or visit www.sots.ct.gov/vote, for more information on ID requirements.

IMPORTANT CONNECTICUT ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd

Online/Mail Postmark Voter Registration Deadline- October 20th

In-Person Voter Registration Deadline- October 27th

Absentee Ballots Available- Friday, October 2nd

Absentee Ballots Returned to Town Clerk (or will not be counted)- 8pm Close of Polls

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I attend college in CT but am from another state, where do I vote?

There are some college students who would prefer to vote in their home state. Each State's deadlines for registering to vote and obtaining an absentee ballot are different. Make sure you check with that State's Secretary of State. If you are already registered to vote in another state, you may choose to vote by casting an absentee ballot in that state. Visit www.sots.ct.gov/vote, for more info and links to other Secretary of States' websites.

I am from CT and attending college in CT (or in another state), how do I vote back in my hometown?

You are able to apply for an absentee ballot if you are out of your town on the day of the election and for a few other reasons. After you mail in your absentee ballot application to the local Town Clerk, they will mail you back your absentee ballot to fill out and send back. For links and deadlines to apply visit www.sots.ct.gov/vote

What is the difference between my physical and mailing address?

A mailing address is some place where you are able to receive mail and your physical address is where you are located. Your physical address determines where you vote, not mailing address. Some colleges use your dorm room or apartment number as both your physical and mailing address, where some do not. An example would be you live in Smith Hall but you get your mail delivered to the Student Center. Your mailing address could be 5555 Education Circle, College in CT, Anytown, CT, 06000; where your physical address would be 101 Smith Hall, College in CT. Visit www.sots.ct.gov/vote, for more info.

What happens if I miss one of the registration deadlines, can I still register and vote? (Election Day Registration)

You may register and vote in person on Election Day if you meet the eligibility requirements for voting in this state and you are not already registered, OR you are registered in one town and want to change your registration because you currently reside in another town. Election Day Registration is not available at your polling place. Contact your local registrar of voter's office for information about your town's designated EDR location and ID requirements. You will need to provide proof of identity and residency. Visit www.sots.ct.gov/vote, for more info.

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