

## RSU Students,

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If you are over the age of 18, a US Citizen, and resident of the State of Oklahoma, please take a few minutes to register to vote. Applications are available and may be turned in to the Office of Student Affairs at any time, and we will ensure they make it to the state election board. You may also [download an application form](#) online and mail it in to the local election board. The same form is used for changing your address or name on your voter registration card. Here is more information on the voter registration process in the state of Oklahoma:

## Eligibility

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A person who is eligible to register to vote must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen and a resident of the State of Oklahoma.

## How to Register

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You must fill out a voter registration application form. Voter registration applications are available at your County Election Board, post offices, tag agencies, libraries and many other public locations. You will be offered a voter registration application when you get your driver's license and when you apply for assistance at some government agencies. You also may [download an application form](#).

You must sign and date the oath printed on the form. When you sign the voter registration application form, you swear that you are eligible to register to vote.

## Changing Your Registration

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If you need to change your name, your address or your political affiliation, you must fill out another voter registration application form. You may change your registration at any time with one exception. You may not change your political affiliation during the period from April 1 through August 31, inclusive, in any even-numbered year. The last day on which you may change your political affiliation before the closed period is March 31; the first day on which you may change your political affiliation after the closed period is September 1.

## Submitting Your Application

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You may mail your voter registration application to the State Election Board. The card is already addressed, but you must add a first-class postage stamp. If you fill out your voter registration application form at a tag agency when you get your driver's license or when you apply for assistance at a government agency, the agency will mail the form to the State Election Board for you.

## Voter Identification Card

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You do not become a registered voter until the county election board in the county where you reside has approved your application. When your application is approved, the county election board will mail a voter identification card to you. Your voter identification card lists your name, address, political affiliation and the polling place for your voting precinct. When you receive your voter identification card, look at it carefully and report any errors to the county election board immediately. Keep your voter identification card in a safe place and always take it with you when you go to vote.

If your voter registration application cannot be approved, you will receive a letter from the county election board. The letter will tell you why your application was not approved and explain the steps you need to take to become registered. You may be able to return the letter with some additional information, or you may need to fill out and send in another voter registration application form.

## Closed Primary System

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Oklahoma has a **closed primary** system. Only voters who are registered members of a recognized political party may vote for the party's candidates in primary and runoff primary elections. Registered Independent voters may be eligible to vote in party's primaries and runoff primaries if authorized by the party.

However, nonpartisan judicial offices, state questions and county questions often are included in primary elections. All registered voters, including Independents, are entitled to receive those ballots. At general elections, all voters receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot.

## When to Register

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You may submit your voter registration application form at any time. However, voter identification cards cannot be issued during the 24 days prior to an election. If your registration application is received by the county election board during the 24 days before an election, you will not receive your voter identification card until after the election.

If you will become 18 during the 60 days before an election, you may apply for voter registration between 25 and 60 days before the election.

## Additional Information

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For additional information about voting in Oklahoma, contact your local [county election board](#) or the **State Election Board**.

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