

# NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT Preference Form/Application

## Client's preference (check the box only in 1. or 2.)

If you do not check any box, it will be considered that you chose not to register or update your voter registration at this time.

1. If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to **apply** to register to vote today?

Yes  No, I decline.

2. If you are registered to vote where you live now, would you like to **update** your voter registration record?

Yes  No, I decline.

CLIENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name or identification number Date

## OFFICIAL USE ONLY (check all that apply)

[Note: Only a client who is eligible can decline or accept an opportunity to register or update a record on his or her behalf]

1. Client applied for:  New services/assistance  
 Renewal of services/assistance  Address change

2. How client applied:  In person  By phone  
 At home  Online/web service

3. Client:  Submitted registration application.  
 Was sent form/application on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_(date).  
 Did not complete application/took form/application.

Preference form must be retained by agency for two years from dated form (DS-DE 77-ENG; rev. 11-2011)

## =====Notice of Rights=====

**Help:** If you would like help in filling out your voter registration application, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the voter registration application in private.

**Benefits:** If you are applying for public assistance from this agency, applying to register, or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance you will be provided by this agency.

**Privacy:** Your decision not to register or update your record and the location where you applied to register or update your voter registration record is confidential and may only be used for voter registration purposes.

**Formal Complaint:** If you believe someone has interfered with either your right to apply to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to apply to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with: Florida Secretary of State, Division of Elections, NVRA Administrator, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250. Forms for filing a complaint are available at <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/nvra/index.shtml> or call 1-850-245-6200.

[Authority: National Voter Registration Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg); sections 97.023, 97.058, and 97.0585, F.S.]

## To Register to Vote in Florida, You Must:

- Be a U.S. citizen (a lawful permanent resident cannot register or vote)
- Be at least 18 years old (you may pre-register if you are at least 16 years old although you cannot vote until you are 18 years old)
- Be a Florida resident
- Have had your right to vote restored if you have ever been convicted of a felony
- Have had your right to vote restored if a court has ever declared you to be mentally incapacitated as to your right to vote.

**If you do not meet these requirements, you are not eligible to register.**

## You Can Register to Vote at:

- Any Supervisor of Elections' office
- Any driver's license office or tax collector's office that issues driver's licenses
- Any voter registration agency (that is, any public assistance office, any office that provides services for persons with disabilities, any center for independent living, any armed forces recruitment office or any public library)
- The Division of Elections (Florida Department of State)

## You Can Hand-in or Mail a Completed Application to Any of the Locations Listed Above

If mailing, mail with sufficient postage to:

Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**(contact information: 850-245-6200; <http://election.dos.state.fl.us>)**

Your Supervisor of Elections will contact you if your application is incomplete, denied, or a duplicate.  
Once you are registered, you will receive a voter information card.

\*\*\*\*\*Turn Page Over for Registration Application\*\*\*\*\*



# Application to Register in Florida

# Part 1 - Instructions

**To Register in Florida, you must:** Be a U.S. citizen, be a Florida resident and at least 18 years old (you may also pre-register if you are 16 or 17 years old but you cannot vote until you are 18).

If you have ever been convicted of a felony or if a court has ever found you to be mentally incapacitated as to your right to vote, your right to vote has to be restored before you can register.

**If you do not meet any one of these requirements, you are not eligible to register.**

**Where to Register:** You can register to vote in-person or by mailing or hand-delivering your application to any supervisor of elections' office, any office that issues driver's licenses, a ny voter registration agency (for example, any public assistance office, assisted living facility, office serving persons with disabilities, public library, or armed forces recruitment office) or the Division of Elections. *If mailing application, be sure to add sufficient postage.*

**Deadline to Register:** The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before an upcoming election. You can update your registration record at any time, but to change your political party for a primary election, you must make the change by the registration deadline. For a new application, you will be contacted if your application is incomplete, denied or a duplicate of an existing registration. If you receive a voter information card, that means you are registered to vote.

**Identification (ID) Requirements:** If you are a new applicant, state and federal law require you to provide a current and valid Florida driver's license number (FL DL#) or Florida identification card number (FL ID#). If you have not been issued a FL DL# or FL ID#, you must then provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). If you have not been issued any of these ID numbers, check "None" on the application. If you do not provide any number or do not check "None," your registration may be denied. See s.303, HAVA and section 97.053(6), Fla. Stat.

**Special ID requirements:** If you are registering by mail, have never voted in Florida, and have never been issued one of the ID numbers above, you must include with your application, or at a later time before you vote, one of the following:

- A copy of an ID that shows your name and photo (*acceptable IDs*)--U.S. Passport, debit or credit card, military ID, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID, or public assistance ID; or
- A copy of an ID that shows your name and current residence address (*acceptable documents*)--utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

You do not have to provide the special ID to register if you are 65 or older, have a temporary or permanent physical disability, are a member of the active uniformed services or merchant marine who is absent from the county for active duty, or a family member thereof, or are currently living outside the U.S. but eligible to vote in Florida.

**Political Party Affiliation:** Florida is a closed primary election state. That means voters registered with a political party can only vote for that party's candidates in a partisan race on a primary election ballot. However, regardless of the political party with which you registered, you can still vote in the primary election on any issue, any nonpartisan race or any race where the candidate will face no opposition in the general election.

Indicate the political party with which you wish to be registered. If you leave the political party affiliation box blank or write "None," you will be registered without any party affiliation. For a list of political parties registered in Florida, go to the Division of Elections' website under the heading *For the Voters* at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/>

**Race/Ethnicity:** You are not required to list your race or ethnicity. However, if you choose to do so, please choose only one of the following: American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Black (Not Hispanic) Hispanic, Multi-racial, White (Not Hispanic), or Other.

**Public Record Notice:** This application becomes a public record when filed. However, the following information is not available to the public and is used only for voter registration purposes: your FL DL#, FL ID# and SSN, where you registered to vote, and whether you declined to register or update your voter registration record when asked by a voter registration agency. Your signature can be viewed but not copied. (Section 97.0585, Fla. Stat.)

**Criminal Offense:** It is a 3rd degree felony to submit false information. Penalties include fines up to \$5,000 and/or up to 5 years of prison.

**Questions:** For more information, contact your local supervisor of elections, or refer to the Division of Elections' website at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us>.

**Información en español.** Sirvase llamar a la oficina del supervisor de elecciones de su condado si le interesa obtener este formulario en español.

# Application To Register in Florida

# Part 2 - Form (national mail-in application)

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? <b>If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form.</b> (Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)	This space for office use only.
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<b>1</b>	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)
<b>2</b>	Home Address	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town State Zip Code
<b>3</b>	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above		City/Town State Zip Code
<b>4</b>	Date of Birth Month Day Year	<b>5</b> Telephone Number (optional)	<b>6</b> ID Number - (See Item 6 in the instructions for your state)
<b>7</b>	Choice of Party (see item 7 in the instructions for your State)	<b>8</b> Race or Ethnic Group (see item 8 in the instructions for your State)	

**9** I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that:

- I am a United States citizen
- I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required.
- The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States.

Please sign full name (or put mark) ▲

Date:  /  /

Month Day Year

If this application is for a **change of name**, what was your name before you changed it?

<b>A</b>	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)
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If you were **registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2**, what was your address where you were registered before?

<b>B</b>	Street (or route and box number)	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town/County	State	Zip Code
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

■ Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live.

■ Draw an **X** to show where you live.

■ Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores, or other landmarks near where you live, and write the name of the landmark.

**C**

Example

Public School ●

Route #2

● Grocery Store

Woodchuck Road

X

NORTH ▲

If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

<b>D</b>	Name, address and phone number
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