



ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Hello, I'm Al Jaeger, North Dakota's Secretary of State and the state's chief election official.

Elections allow United States citizens to exercise one of our most fundamental rights - the right to vote.

Elections give us a voice in state and national politics, to take an active interest in our schools and neighborhoods, and permit us to speak out on issues and causes of importance.

In North Dakota, voting is made very easy through absentee voting and early voting. Voting is especially accessible in North Dakota since voters are not required to register before voting.

I encourage college students who are North Dakota residents to take advantage of the ease of voting during this election year. And, for those college students who are not residents of North Dakota, I encourage you to participate in your home state through the absentee voting process.

As with any new activity, voting for the first time comes with questions and maybe even some anxiety. This brochure may answer some of your questions about the voting process and empower you to become an active citizen.

Please contact my office if you have any questions and have a great voting experience!

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WHERE TO VOTE AS A STUDENT

As a college student, who is a North Dakota resident, you may vote in North Dakota on the next Election Day if you:

- are a U.S. citizen;
- are at least 18 years old;
- are a legal North Dakota resident;
- are a resident in your precinct for 30 days immediately preceding the election.

If you meet these qualifications you may also have a choice about where to cast your ballot in North Dakota.

1) Voting in Your Hometown

If you are attending college in your hometown and still reside at home, you vote in the precinct of your residency.

If you are attending college outside your hometown in North Dakota and you live on or off campus, you may vote in your hometown elections, either by absentee voting or by voting in person on Election Day at your school address precinct polling location.

2) Voting in Your College Town

If you are attending college outside your hometown in North Dakota and you live on or off campus, you may vote at the polling location in the neighborhood where your college residence is located.

3) Voting Absentee in Your Home State

If you are attending college in North Dakota but are a resident of another state, contact the state election official in your home state for information about the voter qualifications and the procedures for voting absentee in your home state. Access to the Secretary of State's offices across the country can be found through the National Association of Secretary of State's web site www.nass.org/.

NO REGISTRATION

North Dakota is the only state without voter registration. Therefore, North Dakota voters have no registration requirements prior to voting.

VOTING IN NORTH DAKOTA

Precincts in North Dakota maintain a list of voters who have voted in previous elections. When a voter approaches a polling location they are asked to provide an acceptable form of identification. Then the election board will attempt to locate the voter's name on the voting list. If the voter's name is on the list, the voter's name and address are verified and the voter is then allowed to vote.

If a voter is not on the list, but a poll worker is willing to verify that the voter is a qualified elector of the precinct, the poll worker may vouch for the voter's eligibility. The voter is required to give their birth date, but then is given the right to vote.

If the voter is not on the list, and no poll worker is able to vouch for the voter's eligibility, the voter will be challenged. As part of the challenge, the voter is asked to sign an affidavit swearing to the fact that he or she is a qualified elector of the precinct and therefore qualified to vote in the precinct. If the voter agrees to sign the affidavit, the voter must be allowed to vote. If the voter refuses to sign the affidavit, the voter is choosing not to vote.

CHALLENGING VOTERS

Any member of the election board may challenge the right of an individual to vote if the election board member has knowledge or has reason to believe the individual is not a qualified elector. A challenge may be based upon any one of the following:

1. The individual offering to vote does not meet the age or citizenship requirements.
2. The individual offering to vote has never voted in the precinct before, the name of the individual offering to vote does not appear in the poll book, and the individual fails to provide reasonable evidence of residency in the precinct.
3. The individual offering to vote physically resides outside of the precinct.
4. The individual offering to vote does not meet the residency requirements provided in section 16.1-01-04.
5. The individual offering to vote fails or refuses to provide an appropriate form of identification.

CHALLENGING VOTERS (continued)

If the identification is not provided or does not adequately confirm the eligibility of the challenged individual, the challenged individual may not vote without signing a Voter's Affidavit, acknowledged before the election inspector, stating that the challenged individual is a legally qualified elector of the precinct.

Falsely swearing to be a qualified elector is a class A misdemeanor and carries a maximum penalty of one-year imprisonment, a fine of \$2,000, or both. A voter is to be made aware of these penalties when completing the affidavit. After the election, county auditors shall verify voter eligibility by contacting those who completed affidavits.

North Dakota college students should not be alarmed when challenged at the polls. The challenge process is not intended to be a threatening encounter or a form of intimidation. Rather, the challenge process is a normal component of the Election Day process in North Dakota. Without voter registration, the challenge process is the only safeguard on which election boards can rely.

VOTING ABSENTEE IN NORTH DAKOTA

If you are a college student who is a North Dakota resident and living away from your permanent hometown residence, you may wish to vote by absentee ballot so that your voice is heard in your hometown elections. An absentee ballot conveniently allows you to vote either in person before Election Day or by mail, without physically having to go to your polling location on Election Day.

Absentee ballot applications may be found at the following web site: <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/voting/voting-absentee.html>. Election officials of the county, city, or school district may also furnish absentee ballot applications to qualified electors. Application may also be made by providing the following information to the proper election official:

- the applicant's name;
- the applicant's current or most recent North Dakota residential address;
- the applicant's mailing address;
- the applicant's current home telephone number;
- the election for which the ballot is being requested;
- the date of the request;
- affirmation that the applicant resided or will reside in the precinct for at least thirty days prior to the election;
- the applicant's signature.
- a space for the voter to include the voter's precinct, if known
- the applicant's birth date and year
- the applicant's motor vehicle operator's license or nondriver identification number, if available

Qualified electors are not required to provide a reason for requesting an absent voter's ballot.

According to North Dakota law, absentee ballots are to be made available by the 40th day before the election. Returned absentee ballots must have an official postmark or date stamp by the day before the election.

For more information about voting absentee in North Dakota, contact your county auditor to learn the details of voting an absentee ballot or call the Secretary of State's office at 800-352-0867. See the listing of county auditor telephone numbers in this pamphlet.

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NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY AUDITORS

COUNTY	PHONE	FAX	EMAIL
Adams	567-4363	567-2910	pcarroll@nd.gov
Barnes	845-8500	845-8548	emcgough@co.barnes.nd.us
Benson	473-5340	473-5571	bserrickson@nd.gov
Billings	623-4377	623-4761	jjurgens@nd.gov
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Bowman	523-3130	523-4899	stivis@nd.gov
Burke	377-2861	377-2020	tbrewster@nd.gov
Burleigh	222-6718	222-7528	kglatt@nd.gov
Cass	241-5601	241-5728	montplaisirm@casscountynvnd.gov
Cavalier	256-2229	256-2546	droppel@nd.gov
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Divide	965-6351	965-4370	gjastrze@nd.gov
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