

# Know Your Student Voting Rights

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2012 Voter Information  
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- **August 14, 2012 State Primary**
- **November 6, 2012 General Election**

There are many important choices facing Minnesota voters in 2012. Minnesotans will be electing a new president, eight members of the United States Congress, all 201 members of the Minnesota House and Senate, as well as many other local and statewide offices. As a college student living in Minnesota, you can choose to have a voice in these

## Decide where you reside

You can only vote from the address where you “reside.” Your residence is the place you consider your home, from which you have no current intent to move. As a college student, if you consider your campus residence as your home, you may vote at that address, but if you consider your parents’ address, or some other address as your home, you must vote from that address. Of course, you can only vote from one address in each election.

## Register to Vote before Election Day

Once you’ve decided which address is your residence, you can register to vote. You can download a Voter Registration Application at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) and return it in person or by mail to your local election official.

## Register to Vote on Election Day

In Minnesota, you also have the right to register and vote on Election Day when you provide proof of residence. For students, proofs of residence can include:

- Student photo ID (if your college or university provides a housing list to election officials)
- A valid Minnesota driver’s license, Minnesota ID card or permit with your current address
- If your Minnesota ID has an old address, you can use it or your college or university ID in combination with another document that has your current address, including a student fee statement, a utility bill, or a rent statement from your landlord that itemizes utilities
- A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address with a signed oath, also known as a “voucher”

For all the details, go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).

## Absentee Student Voting

If you are going to be somewhere other than your residence on Election Day, you can still vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications and instructions are available at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).

If you are going to be out of the country or studying abroad on the day of the elections, you can also still vote in Minnesota. Visit <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org> for information and resources related to overseas voting. You can even receive your ballot by e-mail, although you’ll need to print it out and send a hard copy back.

## Get Involved

As a Minnesota resident, you are eligible and encouraged to serve as an election judge. Election judges are paid to serve in the over 4,100 polling places in Minnesota. This is a great way to get involved with the electoral process and make a difference in your community. Go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) for more information on serving as an election judge.

The Secretary of State’s office conducts many outreach activities for students including first time voter workshops and campus visits with the Secretary of State. To host a visit or a workshop call our offices at 651-201-1339.