

UA VOTER GUIDE

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HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Registration is fast, free, and easy. Because each state has a different process, we recommend using [TurboVote](#), an online tool provided by UA to help students register to vote in any state. TurboVote can also help you start the absentee ballot request process and give you reminders before upcoming elections in your area. You can also register to vote by mail, at your local DMV, an armed forces recruitment center, and some state and county public assistance offices. You may need a photo ID or social security card to register. If you need assistance during the registration process, text **UAVOTES** to **47020** for help from an experienced UA student. Be sure to register as early as possible. Different states have different deadlines, so check the details for specific elections [here](#).

REGISTER TO VOTE

I'M NOT SURE IF I'M REGISTERED - HOW CAN I CHECK?

You can use [this tool](#) to check your voter registration or find your state's voter database. Please note that even if you are already registered to vote, you can register as usual in another state and need not notify the state you no longer wish to vote in.

SHOULD I REGISTER AT HOME OR IN TUSCALOOSA?

You can choose whether you wish to vote in Tuscaloosa or at home, even if you are from out of state. You can vote in Alabama if you are an adult citizen of the U.S., live where you are registered to vote for at least 30 days before the election and have not been convicted of a [disqualifying felony](#) or declared [mentally incompetent](#) by a court. Even if you only live in Tuscaloosa during the academic year or live in the residence halls, you are eligible to vote in Alabama. You are also able to register at home if you or your family have a permanent address there. Whether you decide to vote in Tuscaloosa or elsewhere, your residency status, tuition, financial aid, taxes, etc. will not be affected. See [this voter guide](#) for more information.

Please note that if you will be unable to make it to your polling place on election day, you will need to request an absentee ballot before the election or vote early if your state gives the option. If you use an on-campus residence hall as your registration address, you can vote at UA's Student Recreation Center. Depending on your schedule, you may find it easier to vote in Tuscaloosa than at home or vice-versa. You might consider which community you feel more connected to and wish to make a greater impact in when considering where to register. Remember, you can always change your mind and register at another address if you so choose; just make sure you have enough time to register before your state's [deadline](#).

HOW DO I CHANGE MY REGISTRATION AFTER MOVING?

If you are changing your registration from one state to another, just register in the new state. If you are changing your registration to a new address in the same state that you are already registered, use your state's registration system to ensure you do so properly. In Alabama, the [standard registration form](#) is used both to register for the first time and to change your registration. Find more information about your state's process [here](#).

HOW DO I REGISTER WITH MY DORM ADDRESS?

You can use your campus mail stop code (MSC) as your mailing address and your residence hall address as your residential address. Your mail stop code address will look something like this and can be found under the "Campus Services" tab of your myBama:

MSC #XXXXXX
1831 University Station
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Your residence hall address can be found [here](#). Remember that your residence hall address *cannot be used to receive mail* and your mail stop code *cannot be used as a residential address*.

VOTING IN PERSON

WHAT DO I NEED WITH ME ON ELECTION DAY?

Some states require voters to prove their identity at the polls. Find your state's policy [here](#). If you are voting in Alabama, you will need to bring a valid form of [photo ID](#). Options include your physical or digital ACT card, a valid driver's license, a valid U.S. Passport, and a military ID. It may be a good idea to bring an extra form of identification just in case.

CAN I VOTE EARLY?

It depends, but in most cases, you will be able to vote early either in person or with an absentee ballot. Find details for your state [here](#). In the state of Alabama, you will need a valid excuse to vote early and must use an absentee ballot. Some states will allow you to vote in person on designated dates before the election. Check your state's policies and make a plan early so you do not accidentally miss any deadlines.

WHERE CAN I LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES?

We recommend using a diversity of sources to make your decision before election day, but [BallotReady](#) is a good place to start. You can use it before an election to learn about the candidates on your ballot, sign up for election reminders, and more.

WHERE DO I NEED TO GO TO VOTE?

If you are voting in person on election day, find your state's polling place locator [here](#). If you plan to vote early and in-person (not available in Alabama), sometimes you will have to vote at a different polling location or election office. [Ballotpedia](#) offers an overview of each state's procedure, but we recommend checking your state's election website to confirm details.

VOTING ABSENTEE

AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Some states, including Alabama, require a valid excuse to vote absentee. Attending university away from home is a valid excuse to vote absentee. For more details on your state's absentee voting system, look [here](#). Students registered in Alabama may receive an absentee ballot if they:

- Expect to be absent from the county on election day
- Are ill or have a physical disability that prevents a trip to the polling place
- Are a registered Alabama voter living outside the county, such as a member of the armed forces, a voter employed outside the US, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person
- Are an appointed election officer or poll watcher at a polling place other than their regular polling place
- Expect to work a required shift, 10 hours or more, that coincides with polling hours
- Are a caregiver for a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity and the family member is confined to their home
- Are currently incarcerated in prison or jail and have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude

HOW DO I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Each state has its own procedure, but [TurboVote](#) can help you request an absentee ballot in any state. For more details on your state's absentee voting system, check [here](#).

WHEN SHOULD I REQUEST MY BALLOT?

As early as possible. Absentee requests and submission deadlines for specific elections can be found [here](#).

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