

## Colorado

*Voting is the cornerstone right of our democracy. You can only have your voice and your needs reflected in government if you vote. Pre-registration is an important tool that allows people younger than 18 to vote as soon as they are eligible.*

- ✓ Colorado has pre-registration to vote starting at age 16, even for those who will not be 18 by the following election.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ To pre-register, either fill out the standard Colorado voter registration application [online](#), or print and mail-in the form (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)).
- ✓ You can also pre-register in person at Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles offices, other government offices, and more.
  - Colorado law allows for voter pre-registration at all public high schools for each student who will be 18 years of age at the time of the next election. The principal or their designee may serve as a deputy registrar.<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ There is no voter registration deadline in Colorado. Voters can register up to and on Election Day.<sup>3</sup> However, if you register less than eight days before the election, you will not receive a ballot in the mail, and instead will need to go in person to a polling center.<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ Your pre-registration will be converted automatically into an active registration when you turn 18.<sup>5</sup> You can [check your registration status](#) online.

Colorado does not allow people younger than 18 to vote in the primary election, even if they will be 18 by the general election. You must be 18 to vote in any election.<sup>6</sup>

Colorado allows students age 16 or older to serve as “[Student Election Judges](#)” (poll workers). You must be a junior or senior in high school and a US citizen, have permission from parents and school principal, not be an immediate relative of a candidate on the ballot, not been convicted of an election offense, complete training, and be “physically and mentally able” to serve.<sup>7</sup> You can submit an [application](#), or inquire with your [county elections official](#).

For more information, see ACS’s guide to [pre-registration](#) and [youth poll workers](#) in all 50 states.

*ACS encourages everyone to learn more about voter registration in their state. ACS is not a voter registration entity. This is simply an informational tool and is not intended, nor should it serve, as legal advice.*

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<sup>1</sup> Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. Title 1 Elections §1-2-101(2)(a)(I)

<sup>2</sup> Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. Title 1 Elections §1-2-402.

<sup>3</sup> Colo. Rev. Stat. Title 1 Elections § 1-2-50

<sup>4</sup> Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 1-2-2177 and <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/FAQs/VoterRegistrationFAQ.html>.

<sup>5</sup> *Supra* at Note 1

<sup>6</sup> Conversation with the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office, Feb 28, 2018

<sup>7</sup> Colo. Rev. Stat. Title 1 Elections § 1-6-101(7) and

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Resources/BecomeElectionJudge.html>