

Delaware

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.

- ✓ Delaware has pre-registration to vote starting at age 16.¹
- ✓ If you are under 18 and will not be 18 by the next general election, you can pre-register, but the only way to do that is to visit the Delaware Department of Motor Vehicles. If you are under 18 and will be 18 by the next general election, you can fill out the standard registration form.²
- ✓ Your pre-registration will be converted automatically into an active registration when you turn 18.³ You can also [check your registration status](#) online.

Delaware law does allow those younger than 18 to vote in primary elections, only if they will be 18 by the time of the general election.⁴

Delaware law does allow students age 16 and up to serve as poll-workers. The Department of Elections may appoint no more than 2 people under 18 to serve as clerks of election. The executive committee chair of a county's major political party may also nominate people younger than 18 to serve. Youth poll-workers must get an authorization signed by their parent or guardian and their school principal.⁵

For more information, see ACS's resources on [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.

¹ 15 Del. Code § 1701(b).

² 15 Del. Code § 1701(b) and Conversation with Cathy Sheehan at DE Department of Elections, March 1, 2018

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⁴ *Supra*, at Note 2

⁵ 15 Del. Code § 4701(a)(1).