

## Georgia: Youth Pre-Registration to Vote

*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.*

- ✓ Georgia allows people to register to vote starting at 17 years and 6 months of age.
- ✓ Georgia law provides as follows:
  - “Any person who possesses the qualifications of an elector except that concerning age shall be permitted to register to vote if such person will acquire such qualification within six months after the day of registration; provided, however, that such person shall not be permitted to vote in a primary or election until the acquisition of all specified qualifications.” -- GA. CODE ANN. § 21-2-216(c)
- ✓ To register, fill out the [Georgia online voter registration](#) application.
  - The online registration will ask you to verify that, “I am 17½ years of age at the time of registration and will be 18 years of age by the time I can vote”
- ✓ If you have any questions about your eligibility to register to vote in Georgia, you should contact your [county registrar](#).

Georgia law does not allow those younger than 18 to vote in primary elections, even if they will be 18 by the time of the general election. You can only vote after turning 18.<sup>1</sup>

Georgia law allows students age 16 and up to serve as poll-workers. Students can serve if they are enrolled in school full-time, are US Citizens, have a GA Driver’s License or ID card, have demonstrated “age appropriate academic ability” in the past year and good behavior, and meet other poll worker qualifications. Students must be supervised and get parental permission. They will get credit for the days they serve, up to two school days.<sup>2</sup>

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.*

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<sup>1</sup> GA. CODE ANN. § 21-2-216(c)

<sup>2</sup> GA. CODE ANN. § 21-2-92(a)-(c)