

Kentucky

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.

- ✓ Kentucky law allows registration by 17-year-old individuals who will become 18 on or before the date of the general election, if otherwise qualified.¹
- ✓ To register, fill out the standard Kentucky voter registration application [online](#) or in person at your county clerk's [office](#).
- ✓ You can also register by completing and mailing a [voter registration card](#) to the State Board of Elections
- ✓ You can check your registration, voting precinct location, legislative districts, and see sample ballots [here](#).

Kentucky law allows those younger than 18 to vote in primary elections, provided that they will become 18 on or before the date of the general election and are otherwise qualified.²

Kentucky law allows 17-year-olds who will become 18 on or before the date of the regular election to serve as precinct election officers (poll workers). Only one, however, may serve in that role per precinct.³ Moreover, Kentucky law provides for students who serve as poll workers to be given a day of excused absence from school for each election day served.⁴ Training and pay are provided.⁵ To volunteer, contact your [county clerk](#).

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 Ky. Rev. Stat. § 116.045, § 116.055

² Ky. Rev. Stat. § 116.045, § 116.055

³ Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.045(9)

⁴ Ky. Rev. Stat. § 158.292

⁵ Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.045(11), §117.187(4)