

Missouri: 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.

- ✓ Missouri allows people to register to vote starting at 17 years and 6 months of age.¹
- ✓ To register, fill out the Missouri [online registration form](#) or print and mail-in the [paper form](#) for your county.
- ✓ If you have any questions about your eligibility to register to vote in Iowa, contact your Missouri [Local Election Authority](#).

Missouri 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.²

Missouri allows students as young as 15 years-old to serve as assistants of election judges (poll workers). Their duties can include helping administer the polling place, counting votes, or any other duty there are instructed to perform. They must be full-time students in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, take an oath, show “age appropriate academic ability and demeanor” and good reputation, be fluent in English, and not be related within the 2nd degree to a candidate on a contested ballot. They must get written permission from the principal of their school, attesting to their academic and behavioral qualifications.³

For more, 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 MO. REV. STAT. § 115.133. “...any citizen of the United States who is a resident of the state of Missouri and seventeen years and six months of age or older shall be entitled to register and to vote in any election which is held on or after his eighteenth birthday.”

² *Id.*

³ MO. REV. STAT § 115.104