Ohio

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.

- ✓ In Ohio you may register to vote before you turn 18 if you will be 18 on or before the day of the general election.¹
- ✓ To register, fill out the standard Ohio voter registration application online.

Ohio law does allow those younger than 18 to vote in primary elections, provided that they will become 18 on or before the date of the general election.²

Ohio law does allow 17-year-old students who will become 18 on or before election day to serve as poll-workers. To serve, you must live in the county, be at least 17 years old, be enrolled in your senior year of high school, and declare a political affiliation. Service as a poll worker is an excused absence from school.³ You will also need permission from your parents.

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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¹ OH REV. CODE §3503.01
² OH REV. CODE §3503.011. See also, Ohio Secretary of State, “Voter Eligibility & Residency Requirements”
³ OH REV. CODE §3501.22. See also, Ohio Secretary of State, “High School Students”