

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.

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](#)"