

South Carolina: 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.

- ✓ South Carolina allows 17-year-olds who will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election to register to vote.¹
- ✓ To register, those who will be at least 18 years old on or before the next statewide general election should fill out the standard South Carolina voter registration online [Voter Registration](#) form or print the [voter registration form](#) and mail, fax, or email the completed form to your [county board of voter registration](#).
 - You can also register in-person at your [County Boards of Voter Registration & Election](#).
 - Online registration requires a S.C. Driver's License or DMV ID, and the county board of elections will need to have a current and valid photo ID on file for your vote to count in South Carolina.²
- ✓ You can check your [voter registration status](#) online.

South Carolina does allow 17-year-olds to vote in the primary as long as they are registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the date of the primary.³

South Carolina does allow 16-17-year-olds to be a Poll Manager's Assistant. One 16 or 17-year-old assistant may be appointed for every two poll managers. Assistants must complete poll manager training. Assistants may not serve as clerks but have the same responsibilities as a poll manager.⁴ Please contact your [County Boards of Voter Registration & Election](#) for more information.

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 S.C. Code § 7-5-120; S.C. Const. Art. II, § 4; <https://www.scvotes.org/south-carolina-voter-registration-information>.

² <https://www.dmv.org/sc-south-carolina/voter-registration.php>

³ <https://www.scvotes.org/south-carolina-voter-registration-information>.

⁴ S.C. Code § 7-13-110.