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.
  o You can also register in-person at your County Boards of Voter Registration & Election.
  o 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.

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