Virginia

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.

✓ Virginia allows people who are currently 17 and will be 18 by the next general election to register in advance of the election.¹
✓ To register, just fill out the standard Virginia voter registration application online.
✓ You can also register in-person at public libraries, armed forces recruitment offices, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, state or local government offices, and more.
   o Applications completed in-person can be filed with the local registration office or mailed to the address provided on the form.
   o Mailed applications must be postmarked at least 22 days before the election you plan to vote in.
✓ For full details, see the Virginia Department of Elections Voter Registration Page. You can also check your voter registration status online.

Virginia law allows those younger than 18 to vote in primaries and special elections, if they will be 18 years of age on or before the day of the next general election.²

Virginia law does not allow those younger than 18 to serve as poll workers. Only persons qualified to vote on the day of the election may serve.³

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 Virginia Department of Elections, “How to Register”