

West 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.

- ✓ West 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 West Virginia voter registration application [online](#).²
- ✓ You may also register to vote in person at your [County Clerk's office](#) or by mail. You can get a paper registration form at your high school/campus or by calling your County Clerk's office requesting that one be mailed to you.
- ✓ When you submit an application, you will get a confirmation card in the mail.
- ✓ For full details, see the [West Virginia Secretary of State's Voter Registration](#) page. You can also [check your registration status](#) online.

West Virginia law does allow those younger than 18 to vote in primary elections, so long as they are registered and will be 18 by the time of the corresponding general election.³

West Virginia law does allow those younger than 18 who are registered to vote to serve as poll workers. To serve, you must be a registered voter in the county where you are serving and must be able to read and write the English language.⁴ Additionally, West Virginia law allows 16 and 17 year-olds who are not registered voters but who meet all of the requirements for registration to serve as "election official trainees."⁵ Contact your [County Clerk's office](#) for details.

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 W. Va. Code §3-2-2(a)

² You will need to provide a West Virginia driver's license or ID card number and the last four digits of your Social Security Number to submit your application online. If you do not have a West Virginia driver's license or ID card number and the last four digits of your Social Security Number, you may enter your information online to be auto-filled in a voter registration application to be printed out and sent by mail.

³ W. VA. CODE §3-2-2(a) and West Virginia Secretary of State, "[Voter Registration FAQs](#)" ("How old must I be to register to vote?").

⁴ West Virginia Secretary of State, "[Become a Poll Worker](#)".

⁵ W. Va. Code §3-1-29(a)(4).