



# **GOTV in West Virginia**

# First things first

## Register to vote.

- Go to: [vote411.org/pflag](https://vote411.org/pflag)
  - Check your registration status
  - If you are not registered – REGISTER NOW.
  - Find information about who is eligible to vote in West Virginia
- When you register online you will be asked for your current address and ID Number (driver's license, state ID, or social security number).
- The voter registration deadline in West Virginia is October 15.



# Voter Identification

In West Virginia, identification is required to cast a ballot in person.

- There are three exemptions to providing ID:
  - An adult who has known you for 6+ months vouches for you.
  - A poll worker knows you.
  - You are a resident of a state care facility.
- For more information visit: [vote411.org/pflag](https://vote411.org/pflag)
- Vote Riders can assist you with getting proper ID: [voteriders.org/freehelp/](https://voteriders.org/freehelp/)

## Acceptable Photo ID

Driver's license

State ID card

Student ID card

Tribal ID card

US Passport

**And more!**

# Voting While Trans/Nonbinary

The state of West Virginia does not provide any specific guidance for trans and nonbinary voters. Here are a few recommendations from Advocates for Trans Equality:

- Bring valid ID and backups (voter registration card, utility bill)
- Share the #VotingWhileTrans guide with poll workers
- If needed, connect with a volunteer attorney on-site or call the National Election Protection Hotline (866-OUR-VOTE)
- Worst case, request and cast a provisional ballot and be sure to ask for follow-up instructions



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# Voting While Living With a Disability

- Curbside voting is available if: 1) you cannot leave your vehicle, 2) the polling place is not accessible, and 3) no voters are waiting inside the polling place.
- If you have a permanent disability, you may apply to your county clerk to be added to the permanent absentee voting list. You may also participate in regular absentee voting—no doctor's note required.
- Each polling place will have an accessible voting machine that features a touch screen that requires little dexterity, braille embossed navigation buttons, and audio reading of your ballot.
- More information:  
[sos.wv.gov/FormSearch/Elections/Administrators/West%20Virginia%20Voters%20with%20Disabilities.pdf](https://sos.wv.gov/FormSearch/Elections/Administrators/West%20Virginia%20Voters%20with%20Disabilities.pdf)

# Absentee voting or voting by mail

## Vote by mail.

- West Virginia requires an excuse for absentee voting. The excuse must be applicable during the early voting period and election day. Valid excuses include:
  - Advanced age or physical disability
  - Illness or injury
  - Employment that makes voting in person impossible
  - Being out of the county
- More excuses can be found on the application.



# Absentee voting or voting by mail

## Vote by mail.

- Voters must request their absentee ballot by October 30.
- In West Virginia, an absentee ballot must be received by November 4 if dropping it off in person. If returning via mail, it must be postmarked by November 5 and received by November 12.
- You can download an absentee ballot application here:  
[sos.wv.gov/FormSearch/Elections/Voter/Absentee](https://sos.wv.gov/FormSearch/Elections/Voter/Absentee)
- Your absentee ballot cannot be hand delivered to your polling place on election day. You must return it via mail or hand delivered to your county clerk.



**PFLAG recommends that voters request their absentee ballots as soon as possible and get them in the mailbox no later than Tuesday, October 22.**

# Early Voting

## Vote early.

- All registered voters in West Virginia can vote early for any reason.
- You can find information about early voting locations here: [vote411.org/pflag](https://vote411.org/pflag)
- Early voting begins in West Virginia on October 23 and ends on November 2.
- Voters who plan to vote early in West Virginia are required to have identification. Learn more here: [sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/BeReg.aspx](https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/BeReg.aspx)



## Getting Out The Vote

# Voting on Election Day:

### **Vote on election day.**

- Polls open in West Virginia at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 5.
- You can find information about the location of your polling place here:  
[vote411.org/pflag](https://vote411.org/pflag)
- If you arrive and are told you won't be allowed to vote:
  - Don't panic. Ask why, fix any problems, ask about same day registration, request a provisional ballot, etc.
  - Call 866-OUR-VOTE or 888-VE-Y-VOTA.





**If you are in line to vote  
when the polls close,  
STAY IN LINE.**