



GOTV in Mississippi

First things first

Register to vote:

- Go to: vote411.org/pflag
 - Check your registration status
 - If you are not registered – REGISTER NOW.
 - Find information about who is eligible to vote in Mississippi
- When you register 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 Mississippi is October 5.



Voter Identification

In Mississippi, photo IDs are required to register and cast a ballot.

- If you do not already have an acceptable form of photo ID, you can get a free Mississippi Voter Identification Card at any Circuit Clerk's Office.
- Voters whose names do not appear on the poll book or who don't have an acceptable ID can vote by affidavit ballot.
- For more information visit: vote411.org/pflag
- There are resources available to help:
 - **Legal Defense Fund:** voting.naacpldf.org/voting-rights/prepared-to-vote/mississippi/
 - **Vote Riders:** voteriders.org/freehelp/

Acceptable Photo ID

Driver's license

US Passport

Photo ID issued
by MS State
Government

Voter ID Card

Tribal photo ID

Military ID

Some Student IDs

And more!

Voting While Trans/Nonbinary

The state of Mississippi 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



Voting While Living With a Disability

- The Mississippi Secretary of State does not (currently) provide much guidance online for people with disabilities.
- Voters with a temporary or permanent disability are permitted to vote absentee in-person or absentee by mail. Additional information is available here: sos.ms.gov/yall-vote/absentee-voting-information
- In accordance with ADA and HAVA, all polling places in Mississippi must be accessible and have at least one accessible voting machine.
- If you have any issues on Election Day, call Disability Rights Mississippi at 800-772-4057.
- For more information on voting while living with a disability in Mississippi, visit: disabilityvotesms.com/

Voting as a New Citizen

Naturalized citizens have the same right to vote as citizens born in the United States. VoteRiders, a nonpartisan organization focused on voter-ID, recommends that new citizens:

- Update ID documents to be sure your citizen status is reflected accurately.
- Check your voter registration to ensure that you are registered (and then check again before your state's voter registration deadline).
- Familiarize yourself with the laws in your state that have to do with voting. Verify if language assistance is readily available.
- You can find additional information here: voteriders.org/voter/citizen



Absentee voting or voting by mail

Vote by mail.

- Mississippi requires an excuse for absentee voting. Valid excuses include:
 - You're temporarily residing outside of your county of residence
 - You have a temporary or permanent disability
 - You have a parent, spouse, or dependent that has a temporary or permanent disability who is hospitalized outside of their county of residence, and you'll be with them on election day.
 - You are over the age of 65.



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- Voters must request their absentee ballot by October 29.
- In Mississippi, an absentee ballot must be postmarked by November 3 and received within 5 business days.
- You must contact your County Election Office to receive an absentee ballot application. Contact info is available here: sos.ms.gov/elections-voting/county-election-information.
- Your absentee ballot cannot be hand delivered on election day or at any other time. It must be returned by mail to the Circuit Clerk.



**You must complete your
absentee ballot in front of
an authorized witness,
most often a notary.**

**PFLAG recommends that voters
request their absentee ballots as soon
as possible and get them in the
mailbox no later than Tuesday,
October 20.**

Early voting (Absentee In Person)

Mississippi does not offer early voting. Voters with a valid excuse are permitted to vote absentee in person at their Circuit Clerk's Office.

- Valid excuses include:
 - You'll be away from your county of residence on election day for any reason
 - You have a temporary or permanent disability
 - You're 65 years of age or older
 - You're unable to vote in person because you have to work while polls are open



Getting Out The Vote

Early voting

- You can vote early (absentee in person) at your County Circuit Clerk's Office, if you have a valid excuse.
- You can find information about early voting locations in Mississippi here: sos.ms.gov/elections-voting/county-election-information
- You may vote absentee in person from 8am-5pm, Monday to Friday, September 19 – October 31.
- The City Clerk's Office will also be open for early voting on Saturday, October 24 and Saturday October 31 from 8am-12pm.
- Voters who plan to vote early in Mississippi are required to have identification. Learn more here: sos.ms.gov/voter-id/acceptable



Voting on Election Day:

Vote on election day.

- Polls open in Mississippi at 7am and close at 7pm on Tuesday, November 3.
- You can find information about the location of your polling place here:
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.**