



GOTV in West Virginia

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 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 13.



Voter Identification

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

- There are three exemptions to providing ID when casting a ballot:
 - 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
- Vote Riders can assist you with getting proper ID: 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



Voting While Living With a Disability

- Each polling place in West Virginia 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.
- Voters with disabilities can receive assistance in the voting booth from two poll workers.
- 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.
- More information: <https://sos.wv.gov/voters-disabilities>

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.

- 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
- First time voters who are voting absentee must send a copy of a valid form of ID with their ballot.



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- Voters must request their absentee ballot by October 28.
- In West Virginia, an absentee ballot must be received by November 2 if dropping it off in person. If returning via mail, it must be postmarked by November 3.
- You can download an absentee ballot application here:
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 deliver it 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 20.**

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
- Early voting begins in West Virginia on October 21 and ends on October 31.
- In West Virginia, early voting must be available 9am to 5pm on Saturday, October 24 and Saturday, October 31.
- Voters who plan to vote early in West Virginia are required to have identification. Learn more here: <https://sos.wv.gov/be-registered-and-ready>



Voting on Election Day:

Vote on election day.

- Polls open in West Virginia at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm 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.**