

# Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Pennsylvania

## Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received by 5pm on the 15th day before Election Day.

### Getting Started

The state's voter registration drive guide is here:

[vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/PA-Voter-Registration-Guide.pdf](https://vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/PA-Voter-Registration-Guide.pdf)

**Training Requirement:** Pennsylvania does not require training for registration drives.

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** Pennsylvania does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

**Compensation Restrictions:** It is illegal to pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

### Obtaining Applications

**State Form:** Voter registration applications may be obtained from the Secretary of State's website: [pavoterservices.state.pa.us/documents/VoterApplication\\_English.pdf](https://pavoterservices.state.pa.us/documents/VoterApplication_English.pdf)

Pennsylvania application forms are available for free through the Department of State. To request copies of the Voter Registration Application email [RA-VOTERREG@pa.gov](mailto:RA-VOTERREG@pa.gov) or call 1-877-868-3772. Be sure to include the number of forms you want.

**Federal Form:** Voter registration organizations are asked to use Pennsylvania specific application forms, but may also use the federal voter registration application: [eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/](https://eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/)

**Photocopying Blank Forms:** Blank applications may be photocopied and used in registration drives if they meet paper quality standards set by the Secretary of State's office.

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*This document should not be used as a substitute for consultation with a licensed Pennsylvania legal professional.*

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### Handling Applications

**Web API:** Pennsylvania's online voter registration system accepts applications from voters who can provide an electronic signature, even if they do not have a driver's license. The state has developed a WebAPI for organizations, who must register with the Department of State's Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation in order to use it at [paovrwebapi.votespa.com/SUREWebAPIAdmin/](https://paovrwebapi.votespa.com/SUREWebAPIAdmin/)

More information is available here:

[dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/OtherServicesEvents/Pages/PA-Online-Voter-Registration-Web-API---RFC.aspx](https://dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/OtherServicesEvents/Pages/PA-Online-Voter-Registration-Web-API---RFC.aspx)

**Filling out the Form:** As a best practice, ask applicants to use their full legal name as it appears on their driver's license or Social Security card.

**Incomplete Applications:** Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have express consent from the applicant. Any person who assists in the completion of a registration application must sign the application and indicate the person's address.

**Photocopying Completed Applications:** As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained.

**Submitting Completed Applications:** Completed voter registration applications must be submitted to the voter's County Voter Registration Office: [vote.pa.gov/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx](https://vote.pa.gov/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx)

The Secretary of State recommends that voter registration organizations submit completed applications as they are received.

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