

PRIMARY VOTER EDUCATION GUIDE



JUNE 2026

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues
13	14	15	16
Early Voting			
20	21	22	23
Period			PRIMARY ELECTION DAY! Polls will be open from 6AM to 9PM

WHY VOTE IN PRIMARIES?



Your Vote Matters More! Turnout in primaries is historically low. Those who do vote have an outsized impact on the election.

Voting in a primary allows you to express your preferences and priorities within your chosen political party and support candidates who reflect your views and values. When you vote in a primary, you are helping to direct the future of the party and the policies it promotes.

In New York City, where one party holds dominant control, primary elections essentially serve as the main election. Voting in these elections is the most effective way to have your values reflected by the candidates who win public office.



IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The final day to register in person for the June Primaries is **Saturday, June 13**. Mail registration applications must be received by the Board of Elections by June 13.

DEADLINE FOR ADDRESS CHANGE

If you are registered to vote and need to update your address, you must do so by **Monday, June 8**.

MAIL BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINES

The final day to request a primary election mail ballot online or by mail is **Saturday, June 13**. You may request a mail ballot in person until **Monday, June 22**.

The deadline to change party affiliation to vote in the 2026 Primary has passed. Only registered Democrats can vote in the June 2026 Democratic Primary, and only registered Republicans can vote in the Republican Primary.

REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY!

REGISTER ONLINE: New York City residents can easily register to vote online at e-register.vote.nyc New York State residents can register to vote online at elections.ny.gov/voter-registration-process

REGISTER IN PERSON: You may register in person at your local County Board of Elections Office, the closest DMV, or any authorized registration center.

REGISTER VIA MAIL: Prospective voters can also register by completing and mailing a Voter Registration Form at elections.ny.gov/voter-registration-process#registration-forms

REGISTER USING YOUR ID: New York allows prospective voters to register online if they have a New York State-issued driver's license or New York State ID card. You can register in person through the DMV office or online by visiting voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter

PREREGISTRATION: New York State lets residents preregister to vote starting at age 16. Preregistration allows those under 18 to register so they're ready to vote at 18, the legal voting age.

VOTING PRACTICES

AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

The quickest way to find out if you are registered to vote is to go to: voterlookup.elections.ny.gov

TO REGISTER, YOU MUST:

- ✓ Be a citizen of the United States
- ✓ Be 18 years old by the end of this year (you may pre-register at 16 or 17, but cannot vote until you are 18)
- ✓ Not be in prison for a felony conviction
- ✓ Not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- ✓ Not be deemed incompetent by a court



Voting in Person

Voting in person is the most traditional way to cast your ballot. NY State residents, visit voterlookup.elections.ny.gov to find your poll site.

NYC Residents, please visit findmypollsite.vote.nyc and locate your polling location to vote in person during the early voting period of June 13 to June 21, or on New York City Primary Election Day, June 23rd, 2026.



Requesting an Early Mail Ballot

Any New York City registered voter can request an Early Mail Ballot. Once requested, you can't vote on a machine if you lose it or plans change. Voters with mailed early or absentee ballots can still vote in person using an affidavit ballot. To request a mail ballot, visit: requestballot.vote.nyc or elections.ny.gov/request-ballot

Residents outside NYC can apply online for a mail ballot at ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/earlymail. You can also apply in person at your local county board of elections site.

QUESTIONS ABOUT REGISTRATION?

NYC residents, always contact the NYC Board of Elections with questions. The easiest way to do so is to call 311 or visit their FAQ section at: vote.nyc/page/faqs

VOTING PRACTICES

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO MAIL?

All ballots must be **postmarked no later than June 23, 2026**, and/or need to be received at any election day polling site **no later than 9 pm on June 23, 2026**. You can also drop off your mail ballot at any early voting location during early voting from June 13 to June 21, 2026.

When mailing your completed ballot, the USPS recommends that voters do so in advance, allowing enough time for ballots to reach the board, generally **7 days before the general election**.

If you designate another person to drop off your ballot for you, you must sign the affidavit on the board of elections-provided envelope on the mail ballot.

I'M A CITIZEN LIVING ABROAD WITH NY AS MY RESIDENCE, AM I STILL ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

YES! U.S. citizens living outside of the United States, who intend to return and whose last U.S. residence was in New York, may register as a UOCAVA voter in New York, entitling them to receive an absentee ballot for all races on the ballot that they would be able to vote in based on their address in New York.

To qualify for a UOCAVA ballot, there are several steps you must take. After registering to vote in New York, you need to then register as an overseas U.S. resident voter.

More information can be found about absentee voting by visiting: **fvap.gov/new-york**

PRIMARY VOTERS HAVE POWER.

Primary elections have a ripple effect beyond individual races. They shape the overall political landscape by influencing public discourse, media coverage, and voter engagement.

Your participation helps shape the narrative and dynamics for the coming years. Ultimately, voting in a primary election allows you to have a direct impact on candidate selection, party platforms, and the future direction of New York City and State government. By exercising your right to vote in the 2026 primary, you play a crucial role in shaping the political landscape and determining the future of your neighborhood, state, and ultimately, country.

Track your ballot at: requestballot.vote.nyc/tracking or voterlookup.elections.ny.gov

GET EDUCATED ON VOTING



CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION AND LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING SITE



REGISTER TO VOTE



GET ELECTION REMINDERS



CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION AND WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING TO VOTE



ASK ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT VOTING



VOTING FAQ

NEED MORE HELP? CALL:

ENGLISH:

866-OUR-VOTE

ASIAN LANGUAGES/ENGLISH:

888-API-VOTE

SPANISH/ENGLISH:

888-VE-Y-VOTA

ARABIC/ENGLISH:

844-YALLA-US

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

REGISTER VOTERS

When We All Vote's initiative to help you lead voter registration efforts:



How to run voter registration drives in high schools:



MOBILIZE VOTERS

Help mobilize the collective voice of Jewish communities across New York City, Westchester, & Long Island:



Write letters to mobilize voters:



Volunteer with the New York Solidarity Network (NYSN):



VOLUNTEER ON ELECTION DAY

Apply to be a poll worker:



Learn what's required to work the polls:



VOTING GROUPS TO PARTNER WITH

NYC AT LARGE

NYC Votes: an initiative of the New York City Campaign Finance Board, the independent city agency that ensures local elections are fair, inclusive, and open.



Let NY Vote: a nonpartisan, state-wide coalition working to improve our elections by making voting more accessible, secure, and equitable for every New York voter.



Common Cause NY: a nonpartisan statewide coalition that harnesses the power of grassroots activists, civil rights organizations, advocacy groups, labor unions and everyday New Yorkers in the fight to bring more people into the democratic process.



LOCAL COMMUNITY BOARDS

Learn about Community Boards:



Find your Community Board:



JOIN NYSN

If you want to get involved in volunteering for campaigns, **become a NYSN member**, and we'll reach out to you directly with volunteer opportunities!

BECOME A MEMBER



WWW.NYSN.ORG/JOIN

PERKS OF BEING A MEMBER:

- ✓ Exclusive access to a **values-driven community** of Jewish New Yorkers who also care about making an impact.
- ✓ Find **meaningful ways to show up, connect, and have an impact** on local issues
- ✓ **Stay informed without being overwhelmed!** NYSN provides the insider scoop on the local and state issues that matter most to our community via email, webinars, and events
- ✓ Build **real-world political skills** through trainings and hands-on opportunities.