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Tips on Voting and Registering to Vote for UW–Madison Students in 2017

Elections in 2017 are February 21 and April 4. Students have the right to register and vote either at their school address or at their home/parent’s address. A voter who moves or changes their name must re-register. Voters can register and vote using their new address if they move more than 10 days before Election Day. If they move within 10 days of an election, they vote at their old polling place.

PHOTO ID TO VOTE: All voters, with limited exceptions, must show a photo ID at the polls. The standard UW–Madison issued ID (Wiscard) is NOT acceptable. Students can easily get a free special student voting ID at the Wiscard office in Union South, simply by showing their Wiscard. Students who use the special voting ID card will also need to show proof of enrollment, such as a current student bus pass or the document at go.wisc.edu/verify.

Other typical IDs are a State of Wisconsin Driver License or State ID Card (WI DL/ID), US passport, military ID, tribal ID, or a certificate of naturalization. The address on the ID does not matter. Out-of-state driver licenses are NOT acceptable. The DOT issues free voter IDs, but anyone with an out-of-state driver license cannot get the Wisconsin DOT issued ID without giving up their out-of-state license. Details are at www.bringitwisconsin.com.

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION: Any eligible voter with a current and valid WI DL/ID can complete their voter registration online. Online registration closes at end of day on a Wednesday, 20 days before Election Day.

First, go to the DOT website (TinyURL.com/DOTaddress) and update your address so that your current address is in the DOT database. (This needs to match your voting address to complete online voter registration. The address printed on the WI DL/ID card does not matter.)

Second, go to myvote.wi.gov, and click on “Register To Vote” to complete the process. Online voter registration details are at elections.wi.gov/node/4879.

REGISTRATION USING A PAPER FORM: Voters can register by mail until 20 days before Election Day; or at their Clerk’s Office until the Friday before the election. Find your clerk at myvote.wi.gov. Madison voters can register at any Madison Public Library until the Friday before Election Day. There will be early voting and registration at the UW Student Activity Center, 333 East Campus Mall, 10 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday, Feb 1 to Feb 17.

If the voter has been issued a current and valid WI DL/ID, that number **must** go on the registration form. If unsure of the number, call the DMV at 608-266-2353, press 1, 4, 4, 1. Voters who have not been issued WI DL/ID will need to provide the last four digits of their social security number.

PROOF OF RESIDENCE: Registrants who use a paper registration form must provide Proof of Residence (POR) with their full current name and address. If registering in person, POR can be shown in electronic form on a phone or computer. Since UW is a government agency, any document, whether paper or electronic, that is issued by UW can be used as POR. The document at go.wisc.edu/verify can be used as POR. If the student’s current address does not appear on the above documents, the student should go into their online “Student Center,” which is also used to register for classes. Students can update their mailing address (near the bottom) by clicking on “Mailing Address.” After updating the address, the Student Center or go.wisc.edu/verify can be used for POR. *Note to election officials: For the above, the POR type is government document; POR # is only needed if it appears on that document.* Other typical POR: WI DL/ID with current address, paycheck, bank statement, or utility bill. A lease can be used if registering in person.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION: On Election Day, eligible voters may register at their polling place. Find your polling place at myvote.wi.gov. Madison polling places can also be found at go.wisc.edu/polls. The registration process is the same as described above for paper forms. POR can be paper or electronic.

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