

## Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Georgia

### Voter Registration Deadline

Voter Registration Deadline: The 5<sup>th</sup> Monday before Election Day

If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the deadline will move to next business day.

### Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** There is no training requirement but the county boards of registrars offer optional training on completing the state registration form and procedures for voter registration groups.

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

**Compensation Restrictions:** Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect.

### Obtaining Applications

**State Form:** The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded and printed from the [Secretary of State's website](#). State forms are also available in bulk from the secretary of state or county boards of registrars.

Applicants with a Georgia driver's license or identification card issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services can [register to vote online](#).

**Federal Form:** The [federal mail-in voter registration application](#) may be used in voter registration drives.

**Photocopying Blank Forms:** Georgia allows photocopying blank forms for use in voter registration drives.

### Handling Applications

**Sealed Applications:** Applications accepted by voter registration organizations from applicants must be sealed, unless the application is accompanied by a signed acknowledgement that the applicant willingly and knowingly provided the unsealed application.

**Application Assistance:** All registration forms must be filled out by the applicant. Only those applicants who are illiterate or disabled may receive assistance in completing the form. The person providing assistance is required to sign his or her name in the appropriate section of the application.

**Photocopying Completed Applications:** An organization conducting voter registration may not copy a completed registration application without the express, written permission of the applicant, and may only use such copy to verify the timely processing of the application by the board of registrars. Archival copies of completed voter registration applications must be discarded within 90 days of submitting them to election officials.

**Required Voter Registration Notice:** Written notice must either be posted at the registration site or handed out to all applicants. For more information go to: [http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/voter\\_registration\\_drive2](http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/voter_registration_drive2)

**Submitting Completed Applications:** A group conducting a voter registration drive must postmark or deliver a completed application within 10 days of receiving the application. However, if the group receives a completed voter registration application 14 or fewer days before the registration deadline, the group must transmit the application within 72 hours or by midnight on the close of registration, whichever is earlier.

- The state registration form can be mailed to the secretary of state or the appropriate [county board of registrars](#).
- The federal registration form can be mailed to the following address: Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State, 802 West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. SE, Atlanta, GA 30334-1505.
- With each delivery of completed applications, an organization should, at a minimum, provide a [transmittal summary sheet](#) that contains the name of the submitting individual, the name of the entity sponsoring the voter registration programs (if different than the submitting individual), the physical residence or business address of the submitting individual, the daytime/evening telephone numbers of the submitting individual, and the total number of applications being submitted.

**For more information, visit [www.fairelectionsnetwork.com](http://www.fairelectionsnetwork.com)**

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