

## Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Maryland

### Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked by 21 days before Election Day.

### Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** The State Administrator and local boards of elections in Maryland offer training for “voter registration volunteers” or “Voter Registration Application Distributors” who will be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election. After completing the training, the volunteer will receive a Certificate of Instruction.

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** Volunteers are required to present their Certificate of Instruction to obtain more than 25 Statewide Voter Registration Applications per day.

**Compensation Restrictions:** Voter Registration Application Distributors may not be compensated per registrant.

**Voter Registration Volunteer Restrictions:** All registration volunteers/staff must be at least 18 years of age. Voter registration volunteers are allowed to distribute Voter Registration Applications, assist people with completing Voter Registration Applications, and return completed applications to the county election office. Volunteers must inform the voter that they can either return the registration him/herself or have the volunteer complete this task.

### Obtaining Applications

Voters may register online at the [Board of Elections website](#).

**State Form:** Voter registration volunteers may be required to present their Certificate of Instruction to the state Board of Elections or the county Board of Elections to receive more than 25 Statewide Voter Registration Applications per day. The forms are also available online at the [Board of Elections website](#).

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

**Photocopying Blank Forms:** There are no restrictions against photocopying blank applications for use in registration drives.

### Handling Applications

**Incomplete Applications:** There is no law or rule prohibiting a voter registration drive volunteer or organizer from filling in missing information on an application. FELN does not recommend making corrections to applications or adding missing information without the express consent of the applicant.

**Photocopying Completed Applications:** There is no law or rule prohibiting photocopying or retaining information from completed registration applications. **A voter’s date of birth, signature, full or partial Social Security Number, and driver’s license number should be removed before copying any application.**

**Submitting Completed Applications:** Voter registration applications should be submitted to the [local board of elections office](#) “promptly” and no later than the registration deadline. Voter Application Distributors must submit completed applications within five days of receiving them or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier.

Completed voter registration applications may also be sent to the State Board of Elections at P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486 or to the applicant’s [county Board of Elections](#).

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