

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Nebraska

Voter Registration Deadlines

Mailed voter registrations must be mailed and postmarked by the 3rd Friday before Election Day. The deadline for in-person registration at the County Clerk/Election Commissioner's office is 6 p.m. on the 2nd Friday before Election Day.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Nebraska law distinguishes between people who hand out registration applications and deliver completed applications, and people who additionally assist voters to fill out registration applications. Those who wish to assist voters are required to become a deputy registrars by completing training and adhering to strict regulations, while those who only hand out and deliver applications do not have to complete training.

Any registered voter may apply to the election commissioner or county clerk to be appointed as a deputy registrar for the purpose of registering voters. The election commissioner or county clerk conducts training sessions for deputy registrars. A person who attends and successfully completes a training session shall be qualified as a deputy registrar for any county in the state.

Deputy registrars must complete a training session at least once every three years.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Deputy registrars must notify the election commissioner or county clerk of the location and time of proposed voter registration drives, as well as the names and party affiliations of the deputy registrars. Registrars are also subject to additional requirements, including a requirement that they work in teams of two or more, at least of which is not of the same political party as the others.

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 obtained from the Secretary of State, the election commissioner, or county clerk. The secretary of state and election commissioner may place "reasonable limits" on the amount of applications requested.

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

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Only deputy registrars may assist voters in filling out registration forms.

Photocopying Completed Applications: Contact the Secretary of State's office for more information.

Submitting Completed Applications: Deputy registrars must return completed registration applications to the election commissioner or county clerk of the county where the voter lives no later than the end of the next business day after the registrations are collected.

State voter registration applications from third-party registration organizations must be received by the office of election commissioner or the county clerk of the [county where the voter lives](#) or be postmarked by the 3rd Friday before Election Day.

Federal voter registration applications can be delivered/mailed to Nebraska Secretary of State; Suite 2300, State Capitol Bldg.; Lincoln, NE 68509-4608.

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