

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Washington

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be postmarked or delivered 29 days before election day by mail or one week before election day in-person.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Washington does not require training for registration drives, but the Office of the Secretary of State provides training and encourages all organizations, employees or volunteers to participate.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Washington 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 form may be obtained from the [county auditor](#) or downloaded at the [Secretary of State's website](#). Up to 1,000 can be requested for a voter registration drive.

Voter registration forms are also available in Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodia, Korean, Laotian, and Russian at <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Print-Voter-Registration-Forms.aspx>.

For larger bulk orders, voter registration organizations should contact the Secretary of State's office for delivery.

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

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have permission from 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: Registration applications collected as part of a voter registration drive must be returned no later than 5 days after receiving them, or before the voter registration deadline, whichever is first.

Voter registration applications must be delivered/mailed to the [county election office](#) of the county where the voter resides. Voter registration applications can be mailed/delivered to the Secretary of State's Office, Election Division: 520 Union Ave. SE; PO Box 40229; Olympia, WA 98504-0229.

If you have forms from multiple counties you can mail them to the Secretary of State and they will forward them.

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