

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in West Virginia

Voter Registration Deadline
21 days before Election Day

Getting Started

Training Requirement: West Virginia does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements: West Virginia doesn't require notification or registration requirements, but if an organization or individual requests more than 10 forms from the Secretary of State or county clerk, they must [submit a request form](#) to either office.

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

Obtaining Applications

State Form: The West Virginia [voter registration form](#) may be downloaded from the Secretary of State.

Registration drive organizers can also obtain up to 200 voter registration applications at a time by submitting a [Mail-In Voter Registration Request Form](#) to the Secretary of State's office.

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: 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.**

Delivering Completed Applications: Registration applications must be mailed or delivered **within 15 days** after the applicant signs the application, **or by the registration deadline if it comes first.**

Applications must be mailed to the county clerk of the county where the voter resides. Applications sent to the Secretary of State's office will be forwarded to the appropriate county.

All unused forms must be returned to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office.

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