

Get Registered

YOU can vote in Pennsylvania if you are:

- A U.S. citizen for at least 30 days before election day
- A resident of PA for at least 30 days before election day
- At least 18 years old on or before election day (you can register when you're 17)
- Convicted of a misdemeanor, or a convicted felon who has completed your sentence
- Registered to vote by the deadline for each election

Voter Registration DEADLINES

- By May 5, 2025 for the Primary election
- By October 20, 2025 for the General election



4 Ways to Register to Vote

1. Online at vote.pa.gov
(The QR code takes you to the secure website.)
2. Mail in a paper application
(download from vote.pa.gov)
3. At PennDOT locations (where you get a driver's license)
4. In person at your County Voter Services office
(in Chester County 601 Westtown Rd, Suite 150, West Chester)

How do I CHECK to see if I'm registered?

Online at vote.pa.gov OR call your County Voter Services office (Chester County 610-344-6410)

FYI: Your registration may have been purged if you have not voted in the past 5 years. You can register again!

Make Your Plan to Vote

To vote by MAIL

1. Request a mail-in ballot from vote.pa.gov OR contact your county voter services office. (In PA you must do this every year. You can request ballots for both elections when you apply for your Primary ballot)
 - Deadline to apply for a Primary mail in ballot is May 13, 2025
 - Deadline to apply for a General mail in ballot is Oct 28, 2025
2. When you receive your mail-in ballot, carefully follow the directions to complete it:
 - Use black pen to fill in the oval next to your choices on the front and back
 - Put ballot into the secrecy envelope & seal it
 - Put secrecy envelope into the mailing envelope; DATE and SIGN the envelope
 - Add a stamp if needed
3. Mail it or take it to your county voter services office
 - It must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) by 8pm on election day or your vote will not be counted
 - Use a ballot DROP BOX if you are returning it less than 2 weeks before election day

To vote IN PERSON

- Find your polling place on your voter registration card, or on vote.pa.gov
- Polls are open 7am – 8pm
- You do not need an ID UNLESS you are voting for your first time or if you are voting in a new precinct.*

*Acceptable ID: driver's license, US passport, voter registration card, military, student or employee ID, firearm permit, current utility bill or bank statement, paycheck or government check, any ID issued by PA or federal government.



The PRIMARY Election is Tuesday May 20, 2025

In the Primary:

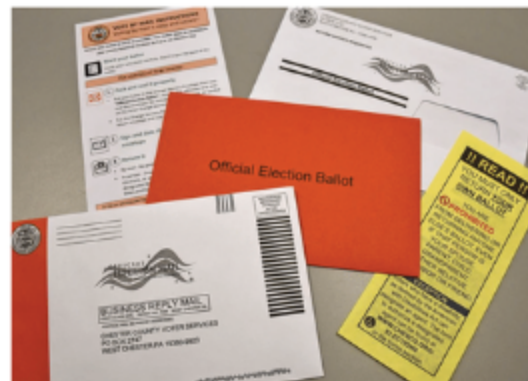
- Registered Democrats and Republicans choose the candidates for each position on their ballot who will represent their Party in the General Election
- Each Party has their own ballot
- In PA, voters who are registered as an INDEPENDENT cannot vote in a Primary election

The GENERAL Election is Tuesday November 4, 2025

In the General Election:

- EVERY registered voter can vote for their chosen candidate, from any Party, for each position on the ballot
- All voters use the same ballot

In 2025 we vote for the people who run our LOCAL GOVERNMENT, our SCHOOLS, and our COURTS!



What's on YOUR Ballot this year will be based on your address:

Local & Municipal Government

- Township Supervisor/Mayor
- Constable (election day security)
- Judge and/or Inspector of Elections (they run your voting precinct)
- County Clerk of Courts
- County Controller
- County Coroner
- County Treasurer

Schools

- School Board Director*

Courts / State & Local

- Magisterial District Judge*
- Chester County Common Pleas Court Judge (2 positions open) *
- PA Supreme Court Judges (3 up for retention)
- PA Commonwealth Court Judges (2 up for retention)

*These positions may CROSS FILE (see next panel)



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Be an Informed Voter

What is "Cross Filing"?

- In the Primary election only, Democrats and Republicans have different ballots, with candidates competing to represent their Party in the General election
- BUT candidates for 3 positions on the Primary ballot MAY BE FROM THE OTHER PARTY (see positions with an * on the prior panel), without Party affiliation indicated on the ballot
- These positions are supposed to be non-partisan once elected, so they have the option of running on both Party ballots
- How will you know which Party these candidates represent? Ask your Party's Greeter on election day, OR Google candidate names to find out before you vote by mail

How to research the candidates on your ballot

1. Google each Party's County website for a list of Candidates running for each position. For Chester County visit: www.chescodem.org www.republicanccc.com
2. Visit your county voter services website to find YOUR sample ballot (this will be available a month before each election). For Chester County: www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services
3. Google each candidate's name to find their campaign website and social media channels
4. Attend your local Party's monthly meetings (many are on zoom) to learn about and meet your local candidates
5. Attend campaign events to meet the candidates and have an opportunity to ask questions