



# VOTER INFORMATION

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<https://www.lwvohio.org>

# Why vote?

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- ❖ Voting is our right as a citizen.
- ❖ Voting is our responsibility as a citizen.
- ❖ Voting is how we protect our rights as citizens.
- ❖ Voting is the way we make choices in a democracy.
- ❖ In a democracy, each of us has a voice and a vote that matters.
- ❖ We choose our leaders by voting.

# Why vote?

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- ❖ We make ourselves heard by people who have the power to get things done. They have power because we give them the power to act for us.
- ❖ Voting tells others what is important to us and what we want those in power to do.

# Why vote?

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- ❖ We express our opinions on important issues.
- ❖ We get a say in things like taxes or how our government works.
- ❖ We help make sure that people in our community get the services they need, like health care, housing, public transportation, and funding for schools.

# Who can vote?

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You must be:

- A United States citizen
- At least 18 by the general election
- Registered to vote

# Who can vote?

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You may vote if you:

- Have a legal guardian and have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court
- Are not currently in prison for a felony conviction



# Step 1: Register

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# Are you registered?

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You can check online at

<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/summit/>

You must be registered by **October 6** to vote in the 2025 general election.



# How to register to vote

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- You can complete a voter registration form on paper or online.
- You can register online at <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

# How to register to vote

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You can complete a voter registration form at:

- Summit County Board of Elections
- Any Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- Any local library branch
- Summit DD offices

# Voter Registration Form

## Voter Registration and Information Update Form

Please read instructions carefully. Please type or print clearly with blue or black ink.  
For further information, you may consult the Secretary of State's website at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) or call 877-SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446).

### Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in jail or in prison) for a felony conviction.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of election laws.

**Use this form** to register to vote or to update your current Ohio registration if you have changed your address or name.

**NOTICE:** This form must be received or postmarked by the 30th day before an election at which you intend to vote. You will be notified by your county board of elections of the location where you vote. If you do not receive a notice following timely submission of this form, please contact your county board of elections.

**Numbers 1 and 2 below are required by law.** You *must* answer *both* of the questions for your registration to be processed.

**Please see information on back of this form to learn how to obtain an absentee ballot.**

### Identification Requirements

If you have a current Ohio driver license or state ID card, you must provide that number on line 10. If you do not have an Ohio driver license or state ID card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number on line 10. If you have neither, please write "None."


### Residency Requirements

Your voting residence is the location that you consider to be a permanent, not a temporary, residence. Your voting residence is the place in which your habitation is fixed and to which, whenever you are absent, you intend to return. If you do not have a fixed place of habitation, but you are a consistent or regular inhabitant of a shelter or other location to which you intend to return, you may use that shelter or other location as your residence for purposes of registering to vote. If you have questions about your specific residency circumstances, you may contact your local board of elections for further information.

### Your Signature

In the area below the arrow in Box 14, please write your cursive, hand-written signature or make your legal mark, taking care that it does not touch the surrounding lines so when it is digitally imaged by your county board of elections it can effectively be used to identify your signature.

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

I am: <input type="checkbox"/> Registering as an Ohio voter <input type="checkbox"/> Updating my address <input type="checkbox"/> Updating my name				<b>FOR BOARD USE ONLY</b> SEC4010 Revised 03/2025
1. Are you a U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO EITHER OF THE QUESTIONS, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.</b>				
3. Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Jr., II, etc.	City, Village, Township
4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed)		Apt. or Lot #	5. City or Post Office	6. ZIP Code
7. Additional Mailing Address (if necessary)			8. County (where you live)	Precinct
9. Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY) (required)	10. Ohio driver license number, state ID card number, OR last four digits of Social Security number (one form of ID required to be listed or provided)		11. Phone Number (voluntary)	School District
12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS # UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION - Previous House Number and Street				Congressional District
Previous City or Post Office		County	State	Senate District
13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY Former Legal Name		Former Signature		House District
14. I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.				
Your Signature  Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I completed this form on behalf of the applicant due to disability, blindness, or illiteracy. I attest that the applicant indicated that he/she desired to register to vote or update the applicant's name or residence.				
<div></div> <div>Signature of assister for applicant in accordance with R.C. 3503.14(C).</div>				

# Voter Registration Form

I am: ☐ Registering as an Ohio voter ☐ Updating my address ☐ Updating my name

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO EITHER OF THE QUESTIONS, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.**

3. Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Jr., II, etc.
4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed)		Apt. or Lot #	5. City or Post Office
6. ZIP Code			
7. Additional Mailing Address (if necessary)			8. County (where you live)
9. Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY) (required)	10. Ohio driver license number, state ID card number, OR last four digits of Social Security number (one form of ID required to be listed or provided)		11. Phone Number (voluntary)

# Voter Registration Form

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14. I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.

**Your Signature** ↓ **Date** (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I completed this form on behalf of the applicant due to disability, blindness, or illiteracy. I attest that the applicant indicated that he/she desired to register to vote or update the applicant's name or residence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of assister for applicant in accordance with R.C. 3503.14(C).

# Signature

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- If you are unable to sign your name, you may write an X on the signature line, then have someone who witnesses you making that mark sign the form.
- If you are unable to sign your name, you may also use assistive technology or a device such as a signature stamp to sign the voter registration form.

# Change of name or address

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If you have moved or changed your name since the last election, fill out a new voter registration form with the change of name or address section completed.

12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS IF UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION - Previous House Number and Street		
Previous City or Post Office	County	State
13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY Former Legal Name		Former Signature

# After registering

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You will receive a postcard or letter from the Board of Elections before Election Day notifying you of your precinct and the address of your polling location.





# Step 2: Educate

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# Where to find information

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- **Vote 411 website:** The League of Women Voters provides factual information about voting, issues and candidates. They do not endorse candidates or political parties.  
<https://www.vote411.org/ballot>
- **Summit County Board of Elections website:** You can find a sample ballot for an upcoming election here.  
<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/summit/>

# Where to find information

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- **Candidates' websites:** Many candidates have websites where you can find information about their experience and their views about important issues. (Note that these sites can offer their opinions not just facts.)
- **News sources:** Many print, broadcast and online sites offer election information. (Note that social media is not regulated and can include misleading or untruthful information.)
- Check the reliability and bias of news sources



# Step 3: Vote!

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# Choices for voting

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- Early by mail
- Early in-person
- In-person on Election Day
- Remote ballot marking system



# Early voting by mail

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- Any registered voter can vote by mail without a reason or excuse.
- You must complete an Absentee Ballot Application.
- Absentee Ballot Applications can be found at Secretary of State or Summit County Board of Elections websites:  
<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-voting>



**Absentee Ballot Application**

R.C. 3509.03, 3505.24

please print clearly (highlighted fields are required)

# Absentee Ballot Application

**1) Your name**

First: \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Your contact information** (recommended)

Contact information will be used by the board of elections to contact you in a timely manner if your application is incomplete.

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Your home address at which you are registered to vote** (no P.O. Boxes or polling place addresses)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: **OH**

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**4) The address where you receive mail** (if different than above)

Street Address (or P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**5) Your date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_**6) Your identification**Provide **ONE** of the following:

A. Write in the last four digits of your Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Write in your Ohio driver license number or state ID card number: \_\_\_\_\_

C. A **COPY** of a different form of current photo identification (a driver license, state ID card, or interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV; a US passport or passport card; or a US military ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card). The copy of the photo ID must include images of the front and back, except for a passport which must include the passport's identification page.**7) Election in which you would like to vote** (you must complete a separate application for each election)**November General Election****Special Election**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Election**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If a primary election is selected, indicate the type of ballot you would like to receive by selecting **ONE** of the following:

Democratic



Libertarian



Republican



Issues Only

**Important:** If selecting a partisan ballot in a primary election, the ballot will include all questions and issues which the voter is eligible to vote.**8) Affirmation**

- I understand that, per Ohio law, the board of elections must receive this request no later than the close of business seven days before Election Day.
- I understand that if an absentee ballot is mailed to me and I change my mind and go to my polling place to vote on Election Day, I will be required to vote a provisional ballot.
- I understand that if I do not provide the board with all of the required information, my application cannot be processed.
- I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, that I am a qualified elector and the statements above are true.

**Signature X** \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**9) I am interested in serving as a poll worker on Election Day.** (optional)

Yes



No

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# Absentee Ballot Application

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- Print the form and fill out all highlighted fields **OR** complete it online.
- Provide **one** form of identification:
  - Last 4 digits of Social Security number
  - Ohio driver's license number or state ID card number
  - Photocopy of a current photo ID (US passport, US military ID, US Department of Veterans Affairs ID)
- Mark the box for the **November General Election**.

# Absentee Ballot Application

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- Sign and date the form.
- Mail the Absentee Ballot Application **no later than October 23, 2025**
- **OR** take it to the Board of Elections by **October 28, 2025**
- Mail or take the Absentee Ballot Application to:  
**Summit County Board Of Elections**  
**1050 East Tallmadge Avenue**  
**Akron, Ohio 44310**
- You will receive your ballot in the mail.

# Absentee ballot

- After you get your Absentee Ballot, complete and return the voted ballot using the enclosed return envelope.
- You can mail your ballot to the Summit County Board of Elections. The safest way is to take it to the Post Office and have the Post Office employee check to make sure it has enough postage.
- You can also take your ballot to the Summit County Board of Elections at 1050 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron.
- Someone you designate can also deliver your ballot by taking it into the Board of Elections at 1050 East Tallmadge Avenue and signing a form.

# Absentee ballot

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Deliver or mail your ballot to:

**Summit County Board Of Elections  
1050 East Tallmadge Avenue  
Akron, Ohio 44310**

If you or your representative will deliver your ballot in person, the Board of Elections must receive your ballot by 7:30 pm on **November 4, 2025.**

If you mail your ballot, it must be postmarked by **November 3** and received by the Board of Elections by **November 8.**

# Advantages:

## Early voting by mail

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- ✚ Voting by mail allows you to vote from the safety and comfort of your own home.
- ✚ You decide when to vote, at your convenience.
- ✚ Someone you choose can help you complete your ballot.
- ✚ Someone you choose can deliver your ballot.
- ✚ A photo I.D. is not required.
- ✚ Your vote is complete before Election Day. You can sit back and relax!

# Disadvantages:

## Early voting by mail

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- You must make sure that your ballot goes to the Board of Elections in time.
- You have to deliver your ballot yourself, or find someone willing to deliver your ballot, or mail your ballot.
- If you mail your ballot, you have to provide postage (stamps).

# Form for family member



## ☐ Family Member Absentee Ballot Delivery Attestation

*RC. 3509.05, RC. 3599.21(A)(9)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby attest that I  
*full name of assistor*

am returning a ballot for \_\_\_\_\_  
*full name of voter*

a family member defined under RC 3509.05 and that I am one of the following: spouse of the voter, the father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the voter.

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Form for other delegated person



## ☐ Disabled Voter Absentee Ballot Delivery Attestation

*VRA Section 208*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby attest that I  
*full name of assistor*

am returning a ballot for \_\_\_\_\_,  
*full name of voter*

who has designated me to assist them. The person I am assisting is a disabled voter, as defined by state or federal law, and I am not the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union under Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. §10508.

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Early voting in person



New  
location!

# Early voting in person

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- Early voting begins the day after voter registration closes.
- You can vote early in person **beginning October 7, 2025.**
- All early in-person voting takes place at:

**Summit County Board Of Elections**  
**1050 East Tallmadge Avenue**  
**Akron, Ohio 44310**



**New  
location!**

# Early voting in person

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You must show a valid government-issued photo identification.

- Ohio driver's license or State of Ohio ID card
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV
- A US passport or US passport card
- US military ID card or Ohio National Guard ID card
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

# Your rights when you vote

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- You can bring any materials you need—including your phone, pamphlets, voter guides, or your own notes.
- You have the right to request and use a ballot marking device, an accessible voting machine with headphones to listen to your ballot and tactile keypad, touch screen and sip and puff device to mark your ballot.
- You have the right to vote alone, if that's what you prefer.
- You have the right to take as long as you need to vote.

# Assistance for voters with disabilities

- You can have help with voting from anyone you choose, except a candidate on the ballot in that precinct, your employer or a union representative.
- You can have help with voting from two poll workers (each of a different political party).
- Anyone who helps you can only help you with the process of voting, such as understanding the machine, making something accessible, or clarifying instructions. They are not allowed to tell you who or what to vote for or tell other people about how you voted.

# Curbside voting

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- The Early Voting Center is accessible for people with physical disabilities.
- If you are physically unable to enter the building, you have the option of curbside voting. Look for designated curbside parking places at the Board of Elections.
- Call the Board using the phone number that is posted on a sign near the curbside voting parking places. Two poll workers from different political parties bring a ballot to your vehicle, and you can vote while sitting in your vehicle.

# Advantages:

## Early voting in person

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- + You decide when to vote, **during scheduled dates and times.**
- + You can use curbside voting if you are not able to enter the building.
- + You can choose someone to help you complete your ballot correctly – but they do not tell you how to vote.
- + Your vote is complete before Election Day. You can sit back and relax!

# Disadvantages:

## Early voting in person

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- If you live far from Tallmadge Avenue in Akron, it may be hard to get to the Summit County Board of Elections.
- You can vote only during scheduled dates and times.
- You may have to wait in line to vote.
- You must show a government-issued I.D. such as a driver's license or state I.D. card.





# Voting on Election Day

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- You vote on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025.**
- Voting hours: **6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
- You vote at your designated polling place. You cannot go to another polling location.
- You must provide required identification.

# Curbside voting at your polling place

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- On Election Day, you can send another person into the polling location to inform poll workers of your desire to vote curbside.
- To get more information about curbside voting on Election Day at your polling location, contact the Summit County Board of Elections at 330-643-5200.

# Acceptable forms of identification

You must show a valid government-issued photo identification.

- Ohio driver's license or State of Ohio ID card
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV
- A US passport or US passport card
- US military ID card or Ohio National Guard ID card
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

# Voting on Election Day

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- Instructions for marking and casting a ballot are posted in each polling place
- If you have a question about marking, casting, or correcting a ballot, ask a Precinct Election Official.
- Vote for no more than the number of choices indicated for each race or issue.

# Advantages: Voting on Election Day

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- + Your polling place is close to your home.
- + You can vote any time **from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025.**
- + You can choose someone to help you complete your ballot correctly – but they can't tell you how to vote.

# Disadvantages: Voting on Election Day

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- If you are sick on Election Day and unable to go to your polling place, you may not be able to vote.
- If the weather is bad on Election Day, you may not want to go out.
- You may have to wait in line to vote.
- You must show a government-issued I.D.



# Remote ballot marking system

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# Remote Ballot Marking System

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- ❖ A voter with a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may use a remote ballot marking system to vote.
- ❖ If you would like to take advantage of Ohio's remote ballot marking system, you must fill out an application on the Ohio Secretary of State's website, download and print it, and mail it to the address provided.

<https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/11-g/>

# Remote Ballot Marking System

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- ❖ The Board of Elections sends you electronically two forms and an xml file with your ballot.
- ❖ You use your own accessibility device in your computer to mark the ballot.
- ❖ You print the completed ballot as a PDF and mail it back to the Board of Elections.
- ❖ The Board of Elections has a bipartisan team that remakes the ballot onto an absentee mail ballot and casts it for you.

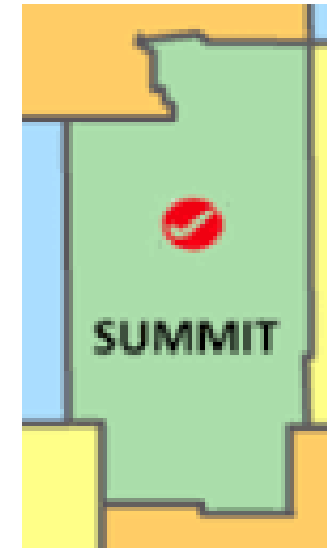
# What's on the ballot?

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# November 4 General Election: Summit County

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- ❖ Cities: School board members, municipal judges, city council members
- ❖ Local issues such as tax levies or local liquor options that qualify for the ballot



**By October:**  
**Make a plan to vote**

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# How will you vote?

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Each way of voting has some advantages and some disadvantages. It is important to consider your options before Election Day and decide about the best way of voting for you. Once you have decided on which way you want to vote, make a plan.

# How will you vote?

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Early voting? When will you vote? Pick a day that works for you.

In-person voting? How will you get to the Early Vote Center or to your polling place? Make a plan for transportation.

Voting on Election Day? Where is your polling place? How far away is it? Your polling place may have changed since the last election. Confirm the location before Election Day.

What will you need help with? Who will help you? Make a plan for assistance.

# My Plan to Vote

## Part 1: Register

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➔ I am **registered to vote** at my current address.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I don't know

➔ I know **when** to vote.

My next election is Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

I can vote early starting October 7, 2025.

➔ I have the right **form of ID** to vote.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I will get help from a person I trust.

☐ I will ask VoteRiders to help me register.

[voteriders.org/freehelp](https://voteriders.org/freehelp)

866-ID-2-VOTE

866-432-8683



# My Plan to Vote

## Part 2: Educate

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➔ I know what is on **my ballot**.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I will use [vote411.org](https://vote411.org) to learn what's on my ballot.

☐ I will get a sample ballot from the Board of Elections website.

<https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/summit/pollfinder.aspx>

**Remember:** You can ask for help to do research. You can talk to people you trust about what's on your ballot. But **only you can decide how you vote!** You do not have to tell anyone who or what you vote for.

# My Plan to Vote

## Part 3: Vote and use your power!

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Pick **one method** for how you will vote.

☐ I will vote early at the Summit County Voting Center, 1050 E Tallmadge Ave  
I will go on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ at (time) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I will vote early by mail. Check all that are true:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have requested my absentee ballot. \_\_\_\_\_ My ballot has arrived!

\_\_\_\_\_ I need help filling out my ballot. \_\_\_\_\_ I have filled out my ballot.

\_\_\_\_\_ I sent in or dropped off my ballot.

☐ I will vote in person on election day. I will go at (time) \_\_\_\_\_  
My election day polling place is (address) \_\_\_\_\_.



# Questions?

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# Useful resources

- Ohio Secretary of State: [www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/)
- Summit County Board of Elections: <https://www.summitcountyboe.gov/>
- [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org)
- Disability Rights Ohio: <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/akron-area>
- Election Protection: <https://www.ohiovoterrights.org/election-protection>
- Election Protection Hotline    866-OUR-VOTE    866-687-8683