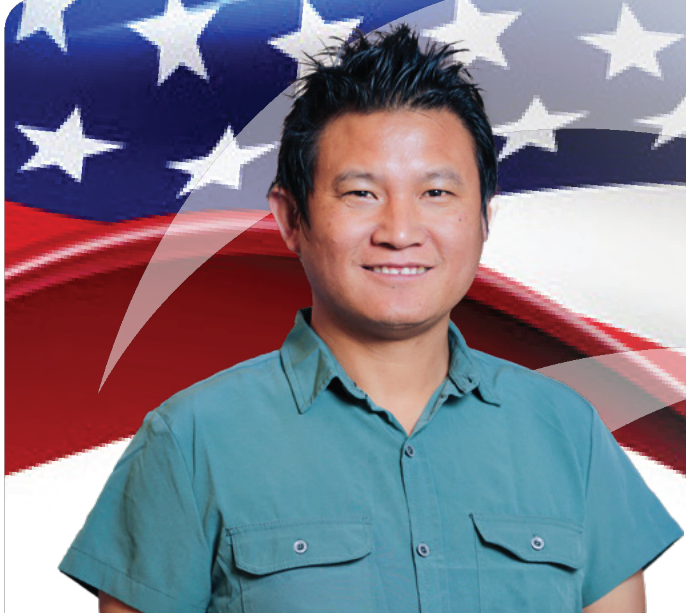




2026 VOTER OPTIONS

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:

You have 4 choices about how and when you vote. To make the best use of these choices, it is important to make a plan to vote.

1. Early by mail, OR
2. Early in person, OR
3. In person on Election Day, OR
4. Remote Marking System

1. Vote early by mail: Also called Absentee Voting, registered voters can request your ballot by mail.



**Request your
Absentee Ballot to
vote early by mail**

ADVANTAGES

- Vote from the safety and comfort of your own home.
- You decide when to vote, during the month before Election Day.
- You can choose someone to help you complete your ballot correctly – but they can't tell you how to vote.
- You can identify yourself with the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. A photo I.D. is not required.

DISADVANTAGES

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

2. Vote early in person:

Registered voters may cast an early in-person ballot at the Summit County Board of Elections.

[See the Summit County Board of Elections early voting hours.](#)



ADVANTAGES

- You decide when to vote, during the month before Election Day.
- The Board of Elections has parking spaces for curbside voting. If you are not able to get into the building or stand in line, elections workers will come to your vehicle
- You can choose someone to help you complete your ballot correctly – but they do not tell you how to vote.

DISADVANTAGES

- If you live far from downtown Akron, it may be hard to get to the Summit County Board of Elections.
- You must show a government-issued photo I.D. such as a driver's license or state I.D. card.

3. Vote in person on Election Day:

Registered voters can vote in person at their assigned location on election day.

[To find your polling location and hours, visit the Summit County BOE website.](#)



ADVANTAGES

- Your polling place is close to your home.
- You can vote any time during election day that the polls are open.
- You can choose someone to help you complete your ballot correctly – but they can't tell you how to vote.
- There are additional [resources available for voters with disabilities](#) (such as curbside voting) listed on the Secretary of State's website. *Note arrangements must be made ahead of time with Summit County's BOE at (330) 643-5200 or summit@OhioSoS.gov.

DISADVANTAGES

- If you are sick on Election Day and unable to go to your polling place, you may not be able to vote.
- 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.

4. Remote Ballot Marking System:

Any Ohioan with a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is qualified to use a remote ballot marking tool to vote. In this system, a ballot is sent to the voter electronically and any number of accessibility devices are used to mark the ballot on a computer. The completed ballot is then printed and mailed back to the voter's local Board of Elections.

[Click here to request to use a remote ballot marking system.](#)



- You must be registered to vote before using the remote ballot marking system.
- The deadline to request your ballot is seven days before Election Day.
- A separate absentee ballot request must be submitted for each election.
- Have your ID available to vote in person.

If you run into barriers to voting, you can contact the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.