

EMORY VOTES INITIATIVE

SIGNING UP STUDENTS WITH TURBOVOTE (Condensed Version)

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What is TurboVote? Turbovote is an app/website that makes voting easy. The platform helps students gain access to information about voting in Georgia or elsewhere, whether they are registered to vote or not.

To Access:

- Go to emory.turbovote.org or use the QR code assigned for your event
- Students click through the interface and enter their personal address information to get details about registering to vote and to set up reminders for voting deadlines
- Encourage students to sign up for TurboVote **even if they are already registered**

What does it do?

- Provides you with emailed reminders about deadlines to register (and reminders about checking your registration status)
- Deadlines for requesting absentee ballots and the resources to do it
- Reminders about voting hours
- Polling place locations
- Will not share personal information with any other services, campaigns, or candidates

Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aYOxI6lqcw>

Reminders:

- Encourage students to make sure that the name they enter matches that on their government-issued identification (this match is necessary in many states that require this identification to vote)
- For students wishing to register on campus, the address they should use is:
 - 1762 Clifton Rd NE
 - MSC #####
 - Atlanta, GA 30322
 - County: DeKalb
- MSC numbers are located on students' Emory Opus account
- Students should NOT use the address of their residence hall to register to vote because they will not be able to receive official voter mail using the residence hall address
- Students should fill out as much information on TurboVote as possible
- Because registration varies from state to state, some students might have to fill out a paper form
- Students that wish to register in Georgia that do not have a Georgia license must register using a paper Georgia voter registration form
- Students that wish to register in another state that are ineligible to register online must use a federal voter registration form

Georgia Registration Paper Form

If students fill out their Georgia voter registration on paper to mail in or return in-person, please remind them:

- Pay particular attention to Row 5. New registrants must provide one of the following (1) a GA driver's license or Georgia ID number; (2) the last four digits of their Social Security number; or (3) must check the box indicating that have neither a GA driver's license nor a Social Security number
- Remember to sign and date the form!
- Remember to double check that all parts of the form have been filled out. Pay close attention to all parts of the form, ESPECIALLY:
 - Birthdate in correct format - MM/DD/YYYY
 - Boxes affirming that they are a citizen and are 17.5+ years old
 - County (if registering at Emory – DeKalb)
 - Zipcode

Federal Registration Paper Form Instructions

If someone wishes to register in another state but is ineligible to register online, offer them a FEDERAL voter registration form.

- Double check everything is filled out
- Social Security Number for ID number
- Any other questions about federal forms:
https://www.eac.gov/assets/1/6/Federal_Voter_Registration_ENG.pdf

Other things to remember:

- Never write on someone else's form as it is **very illegal**. The only time you can write on someone else's form is when they are disabled or illiterate, and you must then sign in the designated box at the bottom of the form.
- Forms **MUST** be in blue or black ink
- If a form is illegible or a mistake has been made, feel free to start over with a fresh form and shred the old form.

NOTE: Please encourage students that sign up for email updates from TurboVote to be sure that the first email (which they should receive shortly after completing the process) does not end up in their Junk folder if they sign up with their Emory email addresses. Some users have reported issues with this and Emory IT is working to correct the problem.

The three most common ways to complete the voter registration process:

- 1) Online:** If the state where you'd like to register offers online voter registration (OVR), TurboVote will link you to that state's OVR portal and spell out the requirements for usage.

2) By mail: If your state does not have OVR or if you do not have the right ID handy to complete the process online, you can register to vote by mail using a paper form. You may print out the form yourself or elect to receive TurboVote mailings. For the latter, we will send you a bright blue TurboVote envelope with your pre-filled voter registration form inside, plus a second envelope pre-stamped, with your local election authority's address enclosed.

Once you receive your pre-filled registration form from TurboVote, all you need to do is fill in your ID number, sign at the bottom, and send it off. However, if you are pressed for time with an approaching voter registration deadline, you can always download, print, add your information, sign, and mail your registration form on your own (ask your roommate if they have stamps lying around!).

3) In person: TurboVote provides you with a downloadable PDF of your voter registration form that you can print, add your information, sign, and drop off in-person at your local election authority.