



Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Nebraska

Voter Registration Deadlines

Applications must be delivered or postmarked by the 3rd Friday before the election. A different submission deadline applies to applications collected by Deputy Registrars. See below.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Nebraska law distinguishes between people who hand out registration applications and deliver completed applications, and people who additionally assist voters to fill out registration applications. Those who wish to assist voters are required to become deputy registrars by completing training and adhering to strict regulations, while those who only hand out and deliver applications do not have to complete training.

Any registered voter may apply to the election commissioner or county clerk to be appointed as a deputy registrar for the purpose of registering voters. The election commissioner or county clerk conducts training sessions for deputy registrars. A person who attends and successfully completes a training session shall be qualified as a deputy registrar for any county in the state. Deputy registrars must complete a training session at least once every three years.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Deputy registrars must notify the election commissioner or county clerk of the location and time of proposed voter registration drives, as well as the names and party affiliations of the deputy registrars. Deputy registrars are subject to additional requirements, including that they work in teams of two or more, at least one of whom is not of the same political party as the other's.

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

Fair Elections Center and Campus Vote Project intend the information contained herein to be used only as a general guide. This document should not be used as a substitute for consultation with a licensed Nebraska legal professional.

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Obtaining Applications

State Form: The [state mail-in voter registration application](#) can be obtained from the Secretary of State, the election commissioner, or county clerk. The secretary of state and election commissioner may place "reasonable limits" on the amount of applications requested. Anyone engaging in a voter registration drive, even if not deputized, must complete and submit a [VR distribution plan](#).

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: Only deputy registrars may assist voters in filling out registration forms. Anyone assisting an individual to register to vote must complete box 14 on the VR application; failure to do so is a punishable felony.

Photocopying Completed Applications: As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained.

Submitting Completed Applications: Deputy registrars must return completed registration applications to the election commissioner or county clerk of the county where the voter lives **no later than the end of the next business day after the registrations are collected**. All completed and uncompleted applications must be returned to the county office.

State voter registration applications from third-party registration organizations must be received by the office of election commissioner or the county clerk of the [county where the voter lives](#) by 6 P.M. or be postmarked by the 3rd Friday before Election Day.

Federal voter registration applications can be delivered/mailed to Nebraska Secretary of State; Suite 2300, State Capitol Bldg.; Lincoln, NE 68509-4608.