

Organizing a Voter Registration Drive

What You Need to Know



If your organization/group wants to hold a voter registration drive follow these laws:

- To be eligible to register to vote in Oregon you must be
 - a citizen of the United States
 - a resident of Oregon
 - at least 16 years of age (You will get your first ballot after you turn 18.)
- The deadline to register to vote is the 21st day before an election.
- You can register to vote or update your voter information online at oregonvotes.gov or by filling out an Oregon Voter Registration Card.

When voters are filling out the Oregon Voter Registration Card:

- Ask them to fill out the form using black or blue ink only. Voters should print legibly, read the directions on the form, and **fill out all required information completely**.
- Voters must provide a valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID number, the last four digits of their Social Security Number **OR** other acceptable identification listed on the Voter Registration Card.
- Eligible voters **CAN** register to vote if they are experiencing homelessness or upon release from prison after a felony conviction.
- Eligible voters without a permanent residence address can provide any physical location within the county that describes where they spend time (shelter, park, or cross street). The mailing address is the address where they want their ballot mailed (PO BOX or they may use the Elections Office address).

As a voter registration drive organizer you:

- May **NOT** alter any information on the card. (ORS 247.125)
- May **NOT** coerce or direct voters to choose a particular political party. You must accept all Voter Registration Cards no matter party selection and cannot turn anyone away.
- May **NOT** keep a copy of the registration card unless you block out the voter's signature, DMV Driver's License/ID number, and social security number. This information is not public record.
- Must return all voter registration cards to a county elections office **within five calendar days** of the voter registration drive (date you receive the card). (ORS 247.012(2)(a))

If you have questions or would like more information about voter registration drives or elections processes:

Visit the Oregon Secretary of State's website at oregonvotes.gov or call 1.866.673.VOTE.

For Voter Education and Outreach support please contact Multnomah County Elections' Voter Education and Outreach Program Specialist Senior, Catherine McMullen at 503.988.9764 or catherine.mcmullen@multco.us.

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