





# Louisiana Voter Registration Application

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**QUESTIONS?** - Call your parish Registrar of Voters Office or call the Secretary of State at 1-800-883-2805 or (225) 922-0900.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**USE THIS LOUISIANA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION TO:** 1) register to vote; 2) change your address; 3) request a name change; 4) change party affiliation; or 5) request assistance in voting.

**TO REGISTER AND BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AN APPLICANT MUST:** 1) be a U.S. citizen; 2) be at least 17 years old (16 years old if registering to vote in person at the Registrar's Office or with an application for a Louisiana driver's license), but must be 18 years old before actually voting; 3) not be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony or, if under such an order not have been incarcerated pursuant to the order within the last five years and not be under an order of imprisonment related to a felony conviction for election fraud or any other election offense pursuant to R.S. 18:1461.2; 4) not be under a judgment of full or limited interdiction where your right to vote has been suspended; 5) reside in the state and parish in which you seek to register and vote.

**Instructions: the grey section numbers on this page correspond to the grey section numbers on the application.**

*Reason for Application:* Check "New Voter Registration", if this is a first time registration or if a new registration in a new parish after moving. Check "Updating Voter Registration", if you are making any change to your present registration. If new registration, fill out the form completely.

1. *Eligibility* - Federal law requires you to affirm that you are a citizen of the United States of America and that you will be 18 years of age on or before the election day in which you are eligible to vote. If you answered "No" to these questions, do not complete this application form. You are not eligible to vote at this time. If you are registering as a 16 or 17 year old, you may check "Yes" because you will not be allowed to vote until you are 18.
2. *Name* - You **must** provide your full name. Do not use nicknames or initials for middle or maiden name. *If this application is for a change of name, please also complete section 17: "Former Registered Name".*
3. *Residence Address* - "Residence Address" means the address (Number, Street, City, State and Zip) where you live and are registering to vote. Residence address **must** be the address where you claim homestead exemption, if any, except for a resident in a nursing home or veterans' home who may choose to use the address of the nursing home or veterans' home or the home where they have a homestead exemption. A college student may elect to use their home address or their address at school while attending. Do not use a post office box for your "Residence Address". If you use a rural route and box number, you may draw a map in box labeled "Give Location" to provide the exact location. Write in the names of the crossroads (streets) nearest to residence. Draw an X to show residence. Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores or landmarks near residence and write the name of the landmark.  
*Mailing Address* - If you check that you do not receive postal service at your residence address, you **must** provide your mailing address (Number, Street, City, State and Zip). Otherwise a mailing address may be provided and you may use a Post Office Box for a mailing address.
4. *Birthdate* - Print your date of birth. The month and day of your birth remains confidential by law.
5. *Social Security Number* - If you do not have a LA driver's license or LA special identification card, you **must** provide the last four digits of your social security number, if issued. The full social security number is preferred and may be provided on a voluntary basis and will be kept confidential. If you were not issued a social security number, you **must** attach either one or more documents to prove your identity, residence and date of birth. Documents may be: a) a copy of current and valid photo identification and/or b) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document. *Your SSN number remains confidential and is only used for registration purposes.*
6. *Sex* - Check male or female (*for statistical purposes only*).
7. *Race* - Race/Ethnic origin is optional (*for statistical purposes only*).
8. *Party Affiliation* - If you are registering for the first time, you may choose a party affiliation of Democrat, Green, Independent, Libertarian or Republican parties. You may specify any other party affiliation by checking "other" and then listing the party you wish to affiliate. If you do not want to register with a political party affiliation check "No Party", or if you do not complete this section, your party affiliation will be listed as "no party". If you are already registered with a party affiliation and no political party change is being made with this application, you may leave this section blank or re-enter your political party affiliation.
9. *Place of Birth* - Print the city/town, parish/county, state and country of your birth place (*for statistical purposes only*).
10. *Mother's Maiden Name* - Print your mother's maiden name, which is her last name at her birth. If unknown, write "unknown".
11. *Email* - Give your email address for election officials to contact you if there is a problem with your registration. *Email addresses are protected from disclosure by law and are for official use only.*
12. *Phone* - Give your phone numbers for election officials to contact you if there is a problem with your registration. *Phone numbers are optional and a public record unless you make a request for your phone numbers to be kept confidential by election officials.*
13. *LA DL/ID Card #* - Print your LA driver's license or LA special identification card number, if issued. If you do not have one, check "I do not have a LA DL/ID card". *This ID number remains confidential and is for official use only.*
14. *Assistance in Voting Needed?* - Indicate if you will need assistance in voting by checking either the "No" or "Yes" box. If "Yes", write the reason for needing assistance. The registrar of voters in your parish may contact you for proof of disability.
15. *Place of Last Residence* - Print the address (number and street), city, and state of your prior residence, if different from residence address in section 3 or write "Same".
16. *Place of Last Registration* - Print the state and parish (or county) of your last registration if you were registered in another parish or state prior to completing this application. **Important:** *Contact the local election office in your prior state and cancel your prior registration. Registering in Louisiana does not automatically cancel or transfer your voter registration from another state.*
17. *Former Registered Name* - If you are using this application to make a name change to your registration, print your former registered name (name you are changing) in this section. If name changed by court order, provide a copy of the order with this application.
18. *Affirmation and Signature* - Read the affirmation and sign your full name or make your mark and print the date this application was signed and completed. *If assistance in registering is being provided, make sure the applicant understands what they are affirming and that they meet the requirements to register to vote.*
19. *Witnesses* - If you are unable to sign your name, you may make your mark, but it **must** be witnessed by two people or it is not valid.

**Mailing Instructions** - If returned by mail, place in an envelope and mail to your Registrar of Voters Office. You can find your registrar of voters mailing address on the Registrar of Voters Address Page, by visiting our website at [www.geauxvote.com](http://www.geauxvote.com) or by calling the toll free at 1-800-883-2805. Your application or envelope **must** be postmarked 30 days prior to the first election in which you seek to vote.

**Online Voter Registration** - Voter registration is also available at [www.geauxvote.com](http://www.geauxvote.com) and you may register online before the 20<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election. Please call your registrar of voters if you do not receive your voter information card two weeks after registering.