



Election Technical Assistance

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About us

The Alliance represents nonprofit organizations across all categories, from Health and Human Service programs to Arts and Culture. We share the passion and purpose behind each and every one of our member's mission and channel that purpose into a powerful, unified voice.

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Why engage voters?

- Increase awareness and knowledge
- Build capacity
- Advance your mission
- Facilitate constituents having a voice in government and civic life
- [Every vote counts](#)



Voter Registration

- Hard copy “N” coded voter registration forms
- Allows us to track how many people registered to vote through nonprofit voter engagement efforts
- English and Spanish versions available



STATE OF CONNECTICUT MAIL-IN VOTER REGISTRATION

(Disponible en Español)
ED-671 N
REV. 9/15
(CGS §9-23g)

■ YOU MAY USE THIS EASY FORM TO:

- register to vote in Connecticut;
- change your name and/or address on current registration;
- enroll in a political party or change party enrollment;

Note: (Changing parties may result in losing rights in all parties for 3 months)
IMPORTANT! Keep your voter record up to date

■ REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill in all boxes that apply to you on this application.
2. Place a first-class stamp on the application card, fold, and mail it to the town hall where you live (or deliver it to your town hall or voter registration agency).
3. **You are not a voter until your application is approved by the Registrar of Voters.**
4. You should receive a confirmation within 3 weeks. If you do not, contact the Registrar in your town hall.
5. If (1) you submit this form by mail and (2) you are registering for the first time in town, you may wish to submit with this application your driver's license number or if none, the last four digits of your social security number; or (a) a copy of a current and valid photo I.D. or (b) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address, in order to avoid additional I.D. requirements the first time you vote.

■ QUESTIONS?
Call your local Registrar of Voters or the Secretary of the State at (800) 540-3764 or (860) 509-6100 (TDD, 800-303-3161)

■ TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN CONNECTICUT YOU MUST:

- be a United States citizen;
- be a resident of a Connecticut town;
- be at least 17 years old (**must turn 18 before election day**) 17 year olds, who will turn 18 on or before election day, may participate in general primary **see section 1b below**; and
- have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a disfranchising felony

■ IF YOU MOVE:
You must fill out a new voter registration card if you have moved to a new town. Also, use this form to change address within town. (**See section 1a and section 10 below**)

■ REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR NEW VOTERS:
PRIMARY: Your application must be postmarked by the 5th day before a primary (OR received by your Registrar of Voters or a voter registration agency by the 5th day before a primary). You may apply in person to your town clerk or registrar until 12:00 noon on the last business day before a primary.
ELECTION: Your application must be postmarked or received by a voter registration agency by the 7th day before an election (OR you may register in person with your Registrar of Voters by the 7th day before an election).

■ If you are unable to register prior to the registration deadlines for new voters at an election, you may be able to register and vote on election day at the designated location in your town.

FOLD ----- PLEASE USE PEN ----- PRINT CLEARLY ----- FOLD

1a Check Boxes that Apply:		<input type="checkbox"/> New Voter Registration (includes move to a new town)	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Change (within the same town)	<input type="checkbox"/> Name Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Enrollment Change
1b Are you a U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Will you be 18 on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		If you checked "NO" to either of these questions, do not complete this form.	
Name of Applicant Last Name		First Name		Middle Name or Initial	
2 Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.		Jr. Sr.		II III IV	
3 Date of Birth (Month Day Year)		4 CT Driver's License Number (if none, last 4 digits of Soc. Sec. No.)		5 Address Where You Live (No., Street, Apt. # Town State Connecticut Zip)	
6 If Different, Address Where You Get Your Mail (P.O. Box, etc.)			7 Telephone Number (optional)		8 Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
9 Do you wish to enroll in a political party? <input type="checkbox"/> YES. Name of party: ___ Democratic ___ Republican Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO. I do not wish to enroll in a party at this time.			10 NAME or ADDRESS CHANGE Previous Voting Address (if none, write "NONE") No, Street, Apt # _____ Town _____ County _____ State _____ Name Under Which Registered (if different from above)		
11 I swear or affirm that: • I am a U.S. Citizen • I live at the address shown in box 5 at the time I am eligible to register to vote • I am at least 17 years old • I have not been convicted of a disfranchising felony • The information provided here is true Signature _____ Today's Date: ____/____/____					12 Would you like to work at the Polls on Election Day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
NOTE: The particular social service office at which you register to vote or whether you decline to register, remains confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.			N		
THIS SECTION COMPLETED ONLY BY AGENCY (OR SPECIAL ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OR TOWN CLERK) (Date Received by Agency)			THIS SECTION COMPLETED ONLY BY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS		
DATE RECEIVED BY REGISTRAR		REGISTRAR INITIAL		APPLICATION IS HEREBY: <input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED	
DATE ENROLLMENT EFFECTIVE IF CHANGING PARTY		REASON FOR REJECTION		NOTICE RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE <input type="checkbox"/> DATE NOTICE MAILED	

NEW: Online nonprofit voter registration

- Allows us to track how many people registered to vote through nonprofit voter engagement efforts
- To maximize awareness and consistency, please add the official “Nonprofits – Register to Vote Here” logo and button to your website homepage or in your email communications.
- Using this online system requires a Connecticut DMV ID number.

Use this link to register voters:

<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/department.do?nvraCode=OP>



Placing the logo/link on your website

You or your website manager can copy and paste this HTML code to embed the logo and link to your website:

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<a href="https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/departments.do?nvraCode=OP" target=" blank">
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Voter Registration – Rules to Follow

- Staff and volunteers can help people register to vote, but must do so in a nonpartisan way.
- If someone asks for information about candidates, staff and volunteers should refer them to information from newspapers and other unbiased sources.
- Staff and volunteers may not suggest which candidate to support or what party to join and may not withhold registration from anyone.
- The IRS specifically cites voter registration as an appropriate nonpartisan activity for a 501(c)(3).

Engaging Candidates – Why It Matters

- Representation Matters
 - Representation of consumers and their needs
 - Representation of nonprofit services and their impact
 - Every vote counts
- Advocacy works
 - Relationship-based – relationship building now leads to legislative victories later
- We are stronger together
 - Nonprofit-organized protests over program cuts have resulted in reversals



Engaging Candidates: Two Ideas

Give candidate tours

- Keep facility tours simple and short - an hour or two
- Meet with your staff and individuals that you serve

Host a candidate forum

- A “Town Hall” format allows attendees to ask questions about issues important to them
- Forums can increase awareness about your organization and the community you support, or address critical policy issues

Engaging Candidates: Rules to Follow

- **Maintain strict nonpartisanship.** Do not explicitly or implicitly endorse any candidates
- **You must invite all candidates for a particular office.** They don't all have to attend, but they must be invited.
- **Give each candidate equal opportunity** and provide a similar venue, time and presentation format for each event.
- Invite elected officials who are candidates to appear in their official capacity. If you do so, make sure that the candidate is chosen to speak solely for reasons other than their candidacy. While you can't control what they say, take steps to ensure that the atmosphere of the event is kept free of campaign activity.
- Candidates are free to arrive uninvited to a public event you host. If that occurs, take care that there is no actual or implied endorsement.



Alliance Resources

- Dedicated 2018 Election Program webpage:
<http://ctnonprofitalliance.org/public-policy/election-program-2018/>
- Election-related Alliance Member Benefits:
 - Candidate Contact Information
 - Talking points, candidate issue briefs and questionnaires
 - Weekly election e-newsletters
 - Regional election captains
 - In-person trainings for Boards of Director or staff
 - Materials (forms, stickers, sample letters & flyers)
 - Other information & resources

Important Deadlines

- September 25** National Voter Registration Day
- October 30** Voter Registration Deadline* (General Election)
- November 6** Election Day

For more info. on voter registration deadlines, visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Registration-Deadlines/Registration-Deadlines>



Thank You!

For more information, visit

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