



A Short Guide to Oklahoma Voter Registration Drive Requirements

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

In Oklahoma, a person is eligible to register if she is:

- At least 18 years old (or will be 18 years old within 60 days of the next election).¹
- A United States citizen
- A resident of Oklahoma.²

Oklahoma restricts the following individuals from voting:

- A person convicted of a felony may not register until a period of time equal to the original sentence has passed.
- A person adjudged to be an incapacitated person may not register.
- A person adjudged to be a partially incapacitated person prohibited from voting may not register.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A COMPLETE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION?

In Oklahoma, the following information about the applicant must appear on the voter registration application in order for it to be considered complete:

1. Full name.
2. Date of birth.
3. Residence address.
4. Mailing address.
5. Political affiliation. (If not listed, the applicant will be registered as an Independent.
6. Applicant's Oklahoma driver license number or state identification card number. If the applicant does not have a driver license or a state identification card, the last four digits of applicant's social security number are required.
7. Applicant's original signature or applicant's original mark.
8. Name and address of person who helped applicant complete application if applicant is unable to complete it unassisted.³

A post office box number can be used as a mailing address, but not a residence address. The mailing address can also be the actual emergency notification or 911 address on file in the local community, a rural route and box number, or a street address.

If the applicant is registering for the first time by mail, she may include a copy of one of the following:

- A current driver's license or other photo identification.
- A utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government

If a mail-in applicant who is registering for the first time does not send a form of identification with the registration application, she will be asked to present identification at the polls.

¹ 26 O.S. § 4-103.

² 26 O.S. § 4-101.

³ 26 O.S. § 4- 112 (2005), OK. Admin. Code 230:15-5-84.



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WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS?

The deadline for submitting voter registration applications in Oklahoma is 25 days before the election. Registrations submitted or post-marked on or after the 24th day before an election will not be processed until after the election.⁴

When the voter registration is processed, the county election board will mail the applicant a voter identification card, which the voter must bring to the polls. If the voter doesn't receive a card within 30 days, she should contact the county election board.

WHAT ARE THE STATE RULES GOVERNING VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES?

A. Are there restrictions on copying completed voter registration applications prior to submitting them to the registrar?

No.

B. Are voter registration groups subject to time limits for submitting the voter registration applications they have collected?

There are no time limits in Oklahoma law or in its administrative code on when a voter registration drive must submit applications they have collected. If the applications are not turned in or mailed 25 days before an upcoming election, the applicant will not be eligible to vote in that election.

C. Are voter registration groups prohibited from putting identifying marks on completed voter registration applications?

No.

D. Are there special rules requiring a third party to sign her name to the completed voter registration application?

A third party is not required to sign her name to the application. However, if the applicant can not sign the application, he or she must place their mark on the application. Any person can assist the applicant in filling out the form. That person must then fill out the box on the application that says: "If someone helped you fill out this application, give name and address."

E. Does the state require voter registration organizations to register or file other information detailing its voter registration activities?

No.

F. Does the state require any training in order to conduct voter registration drives?

No.

G. Does the state have restrictions on who may help others register to vote?

There are no Oklahoma laws restricting who may assist others to register. Voter registration drives are encouraged under a statute that requires the state and county election boards to place "particular emphasis shall be placed on making voter registration applications available for organized voter registration programs."⁵

⁴ 26 O.S. § 4-110.1

⁵ 26 O.S. § 4-109.



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WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR CORRECTING INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS?

A. *If a voter registration application is incomplete, may the voter registration drive write the missing information on the application with the consent of the applicant?*

No.⁶

B. *How may an applicant correct an incomplete application after it has been submitted to county election officials.*

If the voter registration application is not approved, the applicant will receive a letter from the county election board advising the applicant why the application was not approved and explaining the steps the applicant needs to take to become registered. The applicant may be able to return the board's letter with some additional information, or she may need to fill out and send in another voter registration application form.⁷

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⁶ Telephone conversation, State Board of Elections, July 25, 2007.

⁷ OK. Admin. Code 230:15-5-87.