

VOTING IN CHARLESTON COUNTY



How do I register to vote or update my address?

You must be registered in your county of residence at least 30 days before an election to vote in that election.

You can register to vote in Charleston County or update your information:

- **Online** at [CHSVotes.gov](https://chsvotes.gov) (requires an SC DMV ID with your current address)
- **By mail, email, or fax** by returning a completed voter registration form
- **In person** at the Charleston County Board of Voter Registration & Elections (BVRE)
- **At a National Voter Registration Act Mandated Agency** like the DMV or DSS

For more information, visit [CHSVotes.gov](https://chsvotes.gov).

How can I vote in Charleston County?

- **Early Voting:** Vote early at any early voting location in Charleston County.
- **Election Day:** Vote at your assigned polling location on Election Day.
- **Absentee by Mail:** If you're 65 or older, have a physical disability, or have another qualifying reason, you may vote by mail. (See the back of this page for eligibility details.)

For election dates and to preview your sample ballot for upcoming elections, visit [CHSVotes.gov](https://chsvotes.gov).

What do I need to bring with me to vote?

You will need to show a valid, unexpired photo ID that falls under one of the following categories:

- SC Driver's License
- SC DMV ID Card
- US Passport Book or Card
- SC Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID

Contact the Charleston County Board of Elections



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How do I request an absentee ballot for myself?

1

REQUEST AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Starting January 1 each year, you can request absentee ballot applications for that year's elections by phone, in person, or by mail. Please note that absentee ballot requests do not roll over—you must submit a new request each year to receive a ballot for that year's elections, including any special elections that may arise.

2

RETURN YOUR APPLICATION

Completed applications must be returned to our headquarters 11 days before Election Day by 5:00 PM, either by mail or in person.

3

RECEIVE AND FILL OUT YOUR BALLOT

Ballots will be mailed out approximately 30 days before an election or as applications are received, and sent to the address listed on the your application.

4

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Ballots must be received by 7:00 PM on Election Day and can be returned by mail, to our office, or to a Charleston County early voting location during voting hours.

Can someone else request or return my absentee ballot?

Yes, immediate family members and authorized representatives can request or return a ballot on behalf of another voter. For more information about who qualifies as an immediate family member or authorized representative, call us or visit CHSVotes.gov.

- **Immediate Family Members**

May request an absentee ballot application by phone, in person, or by mail. If returning the application for a voter, they must do so in person.

- **Authorized Representatives**

Must complete the Authorized Representative Form with the voter before requesting or returning an absentee ballot application. They can request applications in person or by mail but not by phone. If returning an application, they must do so in person with the Authorized Representative Form.

Limits & Ballot Return

Both immediate family members and authorized representatives may submit up to five requests and returns in addition to their own. To return a completed absentee ballot, they must present the Authorized Returnee Form and a photo ID.