



Oklahoma | Campus Compact

2017 Voter Registration Contest

July 1st – October 13th, 2017

Creating Lifetime Citizens through Civic Education

Colleges and universities are vital agents and architects of preparing students for democratic citizenship. Oklahoma Campus Compact’s goal is to support campuses leading in civic engagement through partnership on voter registration and election participation.

CONTEST RULES

The Contest will run from **July 1st through October 13th**, to allow for maximum utilization of campus efforts to get students registered over back-to-campus and orientation events. This period encompasses Constitution Day on Sept. 17th, during which many institutions enhance civic education efforts per the federal citizenship and civic focus requirement for the students. The Contest cutoff date of October 13, 2017 is in keeping with the window for registration to vote in November in general election years, as state law does not allow for voting inside of 24 days of registration preceding an election.

Special Elections Impact

There are several special elections scheduled for this summer and fall, most notably for some vacated state House and Senate seats. Since state law does not allow a voter to register for 24 days preceding the election in which voting is intended, please go [here](#) to ascertain whether or not any of these elections will affect the registration windows in your area. (https://www.ok.gov/elections/Election_Info/2017_Election_Calendar.html). **Note:** registrations are always accepted, but voting is not allowed earlier than 24-days of registration.

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Democracy has to be
born anew every
generation, and
education is its
midwife.

John Dewey



COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Oklahoma Registrations

Eight awards will be presented for in-state registrations for first place and runner up in each of 4 categories of institutions:

- Democracy (smallest institutions)
- Liberty (small to mid-sized institutions)
- Equality (mid-sized to large institutions)
- Independence (largest institutions)

Out-of-State Registrations

Two awards will be presented for out-of-state registration of out-of-state students:

- Stars (institution with the greatest overall number of out-of-state students registering)
- Stripes (institution with the highest proportion of its out-of-state students registering)

The choice for out-of-state students of whether to register in Oklahoma or out-of-state is a personal choice. For purposes of this contest, registrations to vote in Oklahoma elections are counted as In-State Registrations, and registrations to vote in other states' elections are counted as Out-of-State Registrations.

CONTEST PROCEDURE

Results are determined by proportion of registered students to institution full time enrollment. Institutions are listed by category in this document. Institutional-size categories are based on the criteria used to structure Oklahoma Campus Compact membership dues using full-time enrollment.

Only voter registrations taking place on college/university campuses within the **July 1–October 13, 2017** timeframe may be counted. Voter registration drives may be organized by individual students or campus student organizations. Registration conducted by outside groups will not count toward the contest. *Institutions are responsible for delivery of registrations to county election boards and self-reporting the total. Experience has shown that county election boards appreciate a periodic submission of registrations, as opposed to a massive quantity hitting their desk on deadline day. One institution active in the contest advises weekly submissions over the course of the contest.*

In overseeing the voter registration of students, please be aware that the law prohibits giving away anything of value to people for registering to vote. Any campus practice of offering pizza, t-shirts, etc. must be provided to everyone, regardless of whether a person registers or not, in order to avoid violation of this provision.

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The federal Higher Education Act requires institutions to act as a catalyst for voter registration.

VOTER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Oklahoma Registration

Voter registration applications are available at County Election Boards, post offices, tag agencies, libraries and many other public locations, or may be downloaded from the Oklahoma State Election Board website: <https://www.ok.gov/elections/index.html>. "Oklahoma registered voters" will be counted as college/university students who have fully completed a voter registration application and submitted it to the campus voter registration volunteers, who then submit the completed forms to the County Election Board.

Out-of-State Students | Out-of-State Registration

It is a personal choice for out-of-state students of whether to register in Oklahoma or out-of-state. For purposes of this contest, registrations in other states (as observed by an institutional representative) are counted as "Out-of-State registrations". In order to create a record of registrations, it is recommended that the institution designate an office site with available computers at which out-of-state students may come and register to vote in their home state. State voter registration sites are available at various cost-free online sites:



United States Election Assistance Commission

http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/register_to_vote.aspx

Rock the Vote

<http://www.rockthevote.com/register-to-vote/?source=rtv.com-topnavigation>

All Registrations

- All registrations should be counted, whether first-time, change of voting precinct, party affiliation, etc.
- Sensitivity should be exercised toward those not eligible to vote, e.g., former felons, underage, non-resident, etc.

Given the residential mobility of college students during the course of their education, consideration of approaching all students to register or reregister is recommended. By law, Oklahoma employs a system to regularly purge unresponsive voters from the registration rolls who are inactive, or whose name and birthdate match another voter in the state, or who have an address to which mail is undeliverable, or who meet several other criteria. See <http://www.ok.gov/elections/faqs.html> at the Oklahoma State Election Board on Voter Address Confirmation for further information.

When it comes time to vote, students voting in person will need to be cognizant of the Oklahoma voter ID law and carry their voter registration card with them to the voting booth as proof of identity. If something like a driver license is offered for ID in lieu of the voter registration card, the address on the license must match the address on the voter registration records. However, students without acceptable proof of identity at the voting booth should be able to vote by *provisional ballot*.

SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATIONS AND REPORTING PROCESS

Reporting for the purposes of this contest is on an honor system. Each campus is responsible for counting and submitting its students registrations to the proper election authorities. Institutions may physically collect and submit completed in-state registration applications to its County Election Board, again, with the County Election Board preferring periodic submissions, as opposed to a large quantity of submissions coming in on the last date to register. To locate your **County Election Board** go to the Oklahoma State Election Board website at <http://www.ok.gov/elections/> and scroll down on the left hand menu to *County Election Boards*. Only registrations made and reported during the Contest period will count toward the Contest results. All reports of registration are self-reported, meaning the institutional representatives are responsible for monitoring the total for both in-state and out-of-state registrations.



The registered total must be reported to Oklahoma Campus Compact on the attached Voter Registration Contest Submission Form. Each institution must use the official submission form signed by the Vice President of Student Affairs or Dean of Students. **Voter registration totals are due to OKCC by scan or fax by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2017.**

AWARDS

- Results for in-state registrations are determined by the proportion of the number of the students registered to the number of students enrolled by FTE.
- Results for out-of-state registrations are determined for the greatest number of overall out-of-state registrations, and for the highest proportion of out-of-state registrations for the institution's out-of-state student enrollment by FTE.

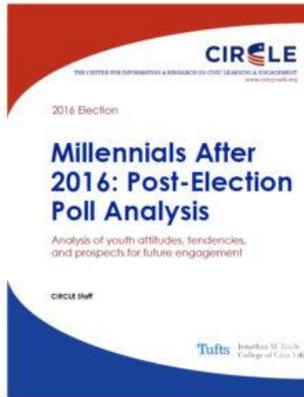
All winners will receive recognition and a plaque from Oklahoma Campus Compact presented to the institution's contest coordinator and student representatives during an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education regular meeting.

OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD DEADLINES

Voter registration application forms may be submitted at any time - however, voter identification cards cannot be issued during the 24 days prior to an election. If registration applications are received by the county election board during the 24 days before an election, voter identification cards will not be received until after the election. Any students who will become 18 during the 60 days before an election may apply for voter registration between 25 and 60 days before the election. Since there are no statewide elections scheduled until 2018, only the people directly affected by a special election, e.g. State Senate District, will need to be cognizant for registration and voting purposes. This site includes the registration cutoff dates for voting: **State Election Board list of upcoming Special Elections** at https://www.ok.gov/elections/Election_Info/2017_Election_Calendar.html.

RESOURCES

See the [Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement](http://www.civicyouth.org/) (CIRCLE) at Tufts University for state-by-state longitudinal youth data on voter turnout and registration rates, analysis on why young people don't vote, state civic education policies, and much more on youth voting. <http://www.civicyouth.org/>. Website excerpt:



Youth Voter Turnout

As of this writing (noon on November 9, 2016), an estimated 23.7 million young voters participated in the 2016 presidential election, which is 50% of citizens aged 18-29 in the United States. While we produced a preliminary national turnout estimate of 50% based on best-available data, it is vital to note that there can be dramatic differences in youth voter turnout by state. By another measure of youth participation, the proportion of all votes cast by young people, in most of the 28 states where exit polls were conducted youth made up an equal or larger share of the electorate than senior citizens: higher in 14 states, and tied in three.

Note: No national official count of voters by age is immediately available after an election. Therefore, any statistic on youth voter turnout is an estimate based on survey data.

There's another national election in two years! Only one in five young people voted in the 2014 midterms, and after an election in which many youth were disappointed with both nominees (and most youth voted for the losing candidate) it may be even harder to keep youth politically motivated. Stronger civic education and strategic, intentional youth outreach remains key.

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Everyone who receives
the protection of
society owes a return
for the benefit.

John Stuart Mill

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Institutional Categories

As determined by FTE student enrollment, OSRHE
(Category divisions used for Campus Compact membership)

DEMOCRACY

FTE 0 – 1,500

Eastern Oklahoma State College
Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Redlands Community College
Seminole State College
Southern Nazarene University
Southwestern Christian University
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Western Oklahoma State College

LIBERTY

FTE 1,501-3,000

Carl Albert State College
Connors State College
Langston University
Murray State College
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Oklahoma Christian University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
Rogers State University

EQUALITY

FTE 3,001 – 7,000

Cameron University
East Central University
Northeastern State University
Northern Oklahoma College
Oklahoma State University-OKC
Oral Roberts University
Rose State College
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
University of Tulsa

INDEPENDENCE

FTE 7,001 – 30,000

Oklahoma City Community College
Tulsa Community College
University of Central Oklahoma
Oklahoma State University
University of Oklahoma



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Voter Registration Contest Submission Form

Institution: _____

Contest Period: July 1st – October 13th, 2017

Please describe voter registration activities that took place on your campus during the contest duration:

Total Number Registered to Vote in Oklahoma: _____

Total Number Registered to Vote Out-of-State: _____

Print: _____ Signature: _____
Contest Coordinator(s)

Print: _____ Signature: _____
Vice President for Student Affairs

Return by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 27th, 2017 to:

Oklahoma Campus Compact
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Attn: Debbie Terlip

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