2018 Voter Registration Contest
June 1st – October 12th, 2018

Creating Lifetime Citizens through Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement

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 runs from June 1st through October 12th, 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 12, 2018 is the state deadline to register to vote in the November general election. Campus participation in the Contest is voluntary.

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

John Stuart Mill
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**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.

### June 26 Primary Election

- **Last day to register to vote:** June 1
- **Deadline to request absentee ballot:** 5 p.m. June 20
- **Early voting:** Thursday, June 21, 8 AM - 6 PM  
  Friday, June 22 8 AM - 6 PM  
  Saturday, June 23 9 AM - 2 PM

### August 28 Runoff Primary Elections

- **Last day to register to vote:** Aug. 3
- **Deadline to request absentee ballot:** 5 p.m. Aug. 22
- **To count:** Absentee ballots must be received by county election board in the mail by 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 28 (Election Day)
- **Early voting:** Thursday, Aug. 23, 8 AM - 6 PM  
  Friday, Aug. 24, 8 AM - 6 PM  
  Saturday, Aug. 25 9 AM - 2 PM

### November 6 General Elections

- **Last day to register to vote:** Oct. 12
- **Deadline to request absentee ballot:** 5 p.m. Oct. 31
- **To count:** Absentee ballots must be received by county election board in the mail by 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 6 (Election Day)
- **Early voting:** Thursday, Nov. 1, 8 AM - 6 PM  
  Friday, Nov. 2, 8 AM - 6 PM  
  Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 AM - 2 PM

**Deadline for Submitting Electronic or Postal Mail Application**  

Source: Oklahoma State Election Board  
[https://www.ok.gov/elections/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/elections/index.html)

**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/About_Us/County_Election_Boards/](https://www.ok.gov/elections/About_Us/County_Election_Boards/). Party and address may be changed through the online process, but a name change must be done on paper. "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 to vote 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:


- Rock the Vote [https://www.rockthevote.org/](https://www.rockthevote.org/)


**All Registrations**

For purposes of the Contest, 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.

**Registration Status / Automatic Removal from Rolls**

Given the residential mobility of college students during the course of their education, consider approaching all students to register or reregister. By law, Oklahoma employs a system to regularly purge unresponsive voters from the registration rolls who are inactive (voters who have not voted since before the second prior general election – for this year, the 2014 general election), 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 pages 9-11 for some excerpts from the Oklahoma State Election Board FAQs, and relevant sections of the
Oklahoma law allows a registered person to vote at an old residence once.

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 (county election boards can replace lost voter ID cards – see page 9). 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. **Per state law, students with a photo ID card from a state (public) institution of higher education can use this ID as valid, even if it lacks an expiration date** (see 26 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 7-114, Section A, Paragraph 4 here). 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. Locate your County Election Board here. 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 19, 2018.**

**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.
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 June 1–October 12, 2018 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.

Note: Customarily, the contest results are announced in late October and the awards presented at the December State Regents meeting.

RESOURCES
See the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (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.

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.

Art Sources for Registration and Voting Display

https://www.google.com/search?q=aiga+2016+election+posters&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjIzOrswJzbAhUGvVMKHS6ECuUQsAQIQw&biw=1280&bih=575

Rock the Vote partners with Amplifier at: https://amplifier.org

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

EQUALITY
FTE 3,001 – 7,000
Cameron University
East Central University
Northeastern State University
Oklahoma State University-OKC
Oral Roberts University
Rose State College
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
University of Tulsa

LIBERTY
FTE 1,501-3,000
Carl Albert State College
Connors State College
Langston University
Murray State College
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
Northern Oklahoma College
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Oklahoma Christian University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
Rogers State University

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

John Dewey
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Voter Registration Contest Submission Form

Institution: _____________________________________________________

Contest Period: June 1st – October 12th, 2018

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

1. 

2. 

3. 

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 19th, 2018 to:

Oklahoma Campus Compact
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Attn: Debbie Terlip
Email (scan): dterlip@osrhe.edu
Phone: 405-225-9128
Fax: 405-225-9230

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Address Confirmation

1. I have received a State of Oklahoma Voter Address Confirmation card in the mail. Is it really from the State Election Board?

Address confirmation forms are sent to some registered voters to help us verify and update voter registration records. Federal and state laws require us to send these cards every two years. This document is an example of what the inside of the mailing looks like.

8. Which voters will get a notice?

Voters who fall into one of five categories will receive a notice. The categories are:

- Voter has not voted since before the 2014 General Election.
- Voter has the same last name, first initial, and birth date as another voter in the state.
- First-class mailing sent to voter since January 1, 2015, was returned by the post office as undeliverable.
- Voter surrendered Oklahoma driver license in another state.
- Voter may have registered to vote in another state.

Voter Registration

3. I lost my Voter ID card. How do I get a replacement?

Request a replacement Voter ID card from the County Election Board in the county where you are registered to vote.
Title 26, Section 4-116
If a registered voter of a county changes his or her residence to another precinct within the same county, he or she shall be entitled to transfer his or her registration in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The secretary of the county election board shall change the registration information of such registered voter in the voter registration database and shall issue a new voter identification card to the voter. Information given by the voter shall be under oath.

Title 26, Section 4-117
If a registered voter of a county has changed name or residence within the same county, and has not executed a transfer as hereinbefore provided, the voter shall be entitled to a change upon executing an application on a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board and presenting such form along with the voter identification card or other proof of identity as described in Section 7-114 of this title to the inspector of the precinct in which the voter is registered or to a member of an in-person absentee voting board of the county in which the voter is registered on the day of the next ensuing election or of in-person absentee voting. Upon doing so, such registered voter shall be permitted to vote on the ballots of such precinct, and only of such precinct, for the election being conducted on that day only. The inspector or in-person absentee voting board member shall deliver such form to the secretary of the county election board, who shall change the registration in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

Title 26, Section 4-118
Any registered voter who changes his or her residence to another county may apply for registration as an initial registrant in such other county. Such person shall indicate his or her prior registration information, including name, residence address and county and political affiliation, as appropriate, on the voter registration application. The secretary of the election board of the second county shall immediately notify the Secretary of the State Election Board of such transaction.

Another section of law describes an “inactive voter” and automatic removal of the voter from the rolls:

Title 26, Section 4-120.2
A. No later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year, any voter identified within the previous twenty-four (24) months as subject to the provisions of this subsection shall be sent an address confirmation mailing prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board and paid for by the state. The following shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection:
1. Any voter for whom a first-class mailing from the county election board or the State Election Board was returned;
2. Any voter identified by the Secretary of the State Election Board as a potential duplicate voter in another county in this state or in another state;
3. Any voter who has surrendered his or her Oklahoma driver license to the Department of Public Safety upon being issued a driver license in another state;
4. Any voter identified in subsection C of Section 4-118.1 of this title who has not updated his or her voter registration;
5. Any registered voter identified in subsection F of Section 4-120.3 of this title whose voter registration has not been canceled;
6. Any active registered voter who did not vote in the second previous general election or any election conducted by a county election board since the second previous general election and who has initiated no voter registration change; and
7. Any registered voter who was sent a notice and application to update a voter registration address as required by subsection B of Section 4-109.3 of this title, but whose voter registration address has not been updated or canceled.
Voters who do not respond to the confirmation mailing or whose mailing is returned as nonforwardable or undeliverable as addressed shall be designated as inactive sixty (60) days after the mailing.

B. An inactive voter's status shall be changed to active under the following conditions:
   1. With any registration change initiated by the voter; or
   2. By voting in any election conducted by a county election board.

An inactive voter who does not vote in any election conducted by a county election board during the period beginning on the date of the confirmation mailing and ending on the day after the date of the second successive general election for federal office shall be removed as a registered voter and all the information on that voter shall be destroyed. Each county election board secretary shall maintain a list of the names and addresses of all persons sent a confirmation mailing as described in this section and information on whether or not each such person has responded to the notice. The list shall be maintained for twenty-four (24) months following the date of the second successive federal general election after the date of the confirmation mailing.

C. The secretary of each county election board shall cause all inactive voters in a precinct to be identified on the precinct registry.

D. No later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of the State Election Board shall identify duplicate voter registrations in the state and shall direct appropriate county election board secretaries to cancel the voter registration of all but the latest registration of duplicate voter registrations. Each county election board secretary shall maintain for twenty-four (24) months a list of the names and addresses of all canceled duplicate voter registrations. For the purposes of this subsection, duplicate voter registrations are those registrations which contain the following identical information on more than one registration:
   1. First name, middle name or initial, last name, and date of birth;
   2. Driver license number and date of birth; or
   3. Last name, date of birth, and the last four digits of the Social Security number.