



# VOTING 1-2-3 FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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- By law, college students may choose which address they use for voting, either their parents' home address or their address at school. Choose one and make sure you register with that address by the deadline.
- In Ohio, you must be registered to vote by October 9<sup>th</sup> in order to vote in the November 6, 2012 election. Voter registration deadlines may differ in other states, so be sure to check the deadline at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) if you choose to use an address outside of Ohio.
- In deciding where to register, think about these questions: Do you have (or can you get) an accepted voter ID for that address? If voting at home, will you be able to go home to vote in person or will you need to request an absentee ballot to vote by mail?

### If you are voting in Ohio...

## 2. Decide how you want to vote – by mail, early in-person, or on Election Day.

- Once you have decided *where* you want to vote (at home or at school), next you need to decide *how* you want to vote. You have a choice between voting by mail (“absentee voting”), voting early in-person at the Board of Elections of the county where you registered, or voting at your polling place on Election Day.
- **Vote by mail** – You will need to fill out and send in an absentee ballot request form. The Secretary of State will send an absentee application to every registered voter, or if you don't receive one, you can request one by calling your county Board of Elections.
  - **Vote early in-person** – Registered voters may vote early beginning on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending at 6 pm on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for the November 6, 2012, election. Check with your county Board of Elections for early voting hours and locations.



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- **Vote at your polling place on Election Day** – Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Polls are open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. By law, if you are in line at 7:30 pm, the polls must stay open to allow you to vote. Contact your county Board of Elections to find out your polling place and precinct. Note that many polling locations and precincts have changed since the last election, so it's a good idea to check with your Board of Elections to make sure you know your current precinct and polling location for this year.

## 3. Check your ID. Ohio's voter ID law is the same as last election. If you are voting out of state, be sure to check their voter ID requirements at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). Ohio requires voters to present one of the following forms of identification in order to vote:

- A driver's license or state ID card with your name and photo issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The card must be current (not expired), but it can have an old address.
- A U.S. Military ID with your name and photo (address not required).
- A government ID with your name, current address, and photo. Note that student ID is not accepted.
- An original or copy of one of the following documents that shows your name and current address: utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, pay stub, government check, or other government document. The document must have a date within one year of Election Day to be accepted as current.
- If you do not have any of the above, you may use the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. You will have to vote on a provisional ballot, but it will be counted so long as the number matches your voter registration.

### If you are *not* voting in Ohio...

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