



VIRTUAL REGISTRATION DRIVES

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HOW TO HOST

Once you've set a date for your Zoom drive associated with your school (see our HOW TO PLAN sheet), you're ready to host your drive! Here are the steps.

THE STEPS

STEP 1: Familiarize Yourself with the Registration Website

- There are many registration websites to use during a drive. OFV typically uses [vote.org](https://www.vote.org) or [headcount.org](https://www.headcount.org) to register people, so you choose which one you like!
- [vote.org](https://www.vote.org) also has important information about registration in your state, so if anyone has specific questions regarding registration deadlines, vote-by-

mail options, or rules for voting in your state, you can direct them to [vote.org](https://www.vote.org)

STEP 2: Count Heads!

- Once everyone has clicked the Zoom link and logged in to your meeting, make sure you count how many people are registering at your drive
- We like to keep track of our numbers so we know how much we've contributed to the movement! You should be proud of ANY number of peers you register. As an ambassador, you can email the NUMBER OF STUDENTS you register to ourfirstvote@gmail.com, along with:

1. YOUR STATE
2. YOUR CITY/COUNTY
3. YOUR SCHOOL NAME (optional)
4. YOUR NAME and the NAMES of ANY OFV AMBASSADORS who helped run the meeting (optional, but if you'd like us to give you a shoutout, we recommend this option!)

STEP 3: Begin Registration

- Instruct your peers to open a new window to www.vote.org. There, they will click on "Register to Vote" and begin entering their personal information.

- Once they are finished entering their info, they click “CONTINUE.” They will be redirected to a page that asks whether or not they have what they need to register online, so they will click the option that says “I have what I need to register online”
 - Next, they will be redirected to their state government’s website, where they will re-enter their information and continue entering their information by following the prompts on the screen!
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The prompts on the voter registration website are relatively easy to follow. The questions ask for standard personal information such as name, home address, email...etc. Once you are redirected to your state government’s website, you will notice a few more prompts with a few options. Here are some frequently asked questions OFV Ambassadors have gotten during their drives:

SOCIAL SECURITY VS. DRIVER’S LICENSE NUMBER

Do I need both my social security number AND a driver's license in order to register / preregister to vote?

No, you don't need both. However, you **MUST** have the last 4 digits of your social security number in order to register (it is used as proof of citizenship).

How does using my driver's license help?

If you have a driver's license, your signature is already on file. So, after you register as an 18-year-old online, you will automatically be added to the voter rolls. Similarly, if pre-registration is available in your state and you are preregistering at 16 or 17 years old, you will automatically be added to the voter rolls on your 18th birthday.

What if I'm only using my SSN?

If you're only using the last 4 digits of your SSN, there is one more step to get registered. You will receive a paper in the mail asking for a signature. You will sign this paper and send it back in the mail to complete registration.

NOTE: due to the high volume of mail, make sure if you are registering without a driver's license that you

register online *at least two weeks* before the registration deadline in your state. Some states have the option of registering up to election day, but many do not. State registration deadlines can be found at:
<https://www.vote.org/voter-registration-deadlines/>

VOTING BY MAIL

You will reach a page on the voter registration option asking whether or not you would like to receive your ballot in the mail. It is a good idea to ALWAYS SELECT “YES” to receive both your ballot and your state voter guide by mail, considering you can vote from anywhere in the country using this option. This is especially helpful for college students who are away from their home polling place during the election season. Even if you will be at home during the election season, you can always either send your ballot in the mail at least 3-weeks before election day, or drop off your physical mail-in ballot at your local polling place.

NOTE: It is important to request your mail-in or absentee ballot early before the election. Instructions and schedules for requesting your mail-in ballot in your state can be found at:

<https://www.vote.org/absentee-ballot/>

DID SOMEONE HELP YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM?

You will reach an option asking this question. For most people, the answer is “NO.” This option can frequently be used for individuals with special needs who have the supervision of a parent or guardian while filling out the registration form.

HOW TO DECLARE YOURSELF AN “INDEPENDENT”

During the general election, you have the option to register as any party, or as an INDEPENDENT, meaning you do not wish to identify under any particular party. There is common confusion about the option “American Independent Party” in the drop-down list. This option WILL NOT register you as an “INDEPENDENT,” rather, as a member of the American Independent Party—which is very different. The American Independent Party has its own political affiliations, and a description can be found at:

[https://ballotpedia.org/American Independent Party](https://ballotpedia.org/American_Independent_Party).

If you do not wish to identify with a political party, simply select the option “DECLINE TO STATE,” meaning you decline to state a political party you are affiliated with.

HELPFUL TIPS

- As an ambassador, always respect the privacy of the people you register. DON'T ask about specific parties people are registering under, or any other personal information that might make your peers uncomfortable.
 - **OFV REGISTERS EVERYONE, regardless of political affiliation or lack thereof. The important thing is that we are all using our own voices to contribute to democracy.**
 - Familiarize yourself with our frequently asked questions so that you can monitor the drive as a helpful source! This process can be super fun, fulfilling, simple, and QUICK!
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ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED ...

CONGRATULATE YOURSELF! YOU'VE JUST REGISTERED YOURSELF AND YOUR PEERS TO VOTE! That's a big deal.

The last step, as stated above, is to notify OFV about the success of your drive if you'd like to be credited for the number of students you've registered as an OFV Ambassador. In an email to ourfirstvote@gmail.com please include:

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