

# The General Election is November 3, 2026

## Are you ready to vote?

### Visit [terpsvote.umd.edu](https://terpsvote.umd.edu) for more information!

#### Register to vote in Maryland\*

Maryland voters need to register, confirm, or update your address and other info by October 13, 2026. If you are a new Maryland voter, you can also do “same day registration” when you vote in person during Early Voting or on Election Day.

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| <p>To register to vote in Maryland, you must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A U.S. citizen</li> <li>• A Maryland resident</li> <li>• At least 16 years old (This is called “pre-registration”).</li> </ul> <p>You can vote in statewide elections if you will be 18 on the day of the general election, which is Nov 3rd.</p> | <p>There are many ways to register, check, or update your registration.</p> <p>We recommend <b><a href="https://umd.turbovote.org/?r=EdTerpsVote">TurboVote</a></b>.</p>  <p><a href="https://umd.turbovote.org/?r=EdTerpsVote">https://umd.turbovote.org/?r=EdTerpsVote</a></p> | <p>You cannot register to vote in Maryland if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are <b>currently</b> serving a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction</li> <li>• Have been convicted of buying or selling <b>votes</b></li> <li>• Are under guardianship for a mental disability and found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote</li> </ul> |
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#### Decide how you’ll vote (if voting in Maryland\*)

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| <p><b>Vote by Mail</b><br/>a.k.a. Absentee Ballot Voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Request</b> a mail-in ballot by <b>October 27th</b> - Go to <a href="https://vote.md.gov/needballot">vote.md.gov/needballot</a></li> <li>• Complete your ballot at home</li> <li>• Print and <b>sign</b> your ballot and put it in the provided envelope. Add a stamp to the envelope.</li> <li>• Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a <a href="#">ballot drop box</a> by 8 p.m. on <b>November 3</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Early Voting – in person</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>October 22-October 29</b> from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. every day</li> <li>• Go to any vote center in the county where you are registered to vote</li> <li>• Find a vote center: <a href="https://vote.md.gov/search">vote.md.gov/search</a> or <a href="#">TurboVote</a></li> </ul> | <p><b>Election Day – in person</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>November 3</b> from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.</li> <li>• Vote at your assigned polling place.*</li> <li>• Check your polling place at: <a href="https://vote.md.gov/search">vote.md.gov/search</a> or <a href="#">TurboVote</a></li> </ul> <p><small>* Voters who go to a polling place other than their own may vote a provisional ballot that may not have all of their local candidates or ballot questions.</small></p> |
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(\*) If you are not planning to vote in Maryland, you can still use [TurboVote](#)!

#### Learn about the candidates and ballot questions with these nonpartisan resources

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| <p><b>vote.md.gov</b><br/>Official Maryland State Board of Elections site. Register to vote, request a mail-in ballot, a sample ballot, find where to vote.</p> | <p><b>vote411.org</b><br/>The League of Women Voters asks every candidate a set of questions based on their office and publishes their brief answers in their own words. (Even if they submit typos!)</p> |
| <p><b>ballotready.org</b><br/>Check your registration, make a plan to vote, and research candidates and question/measure on your ballot.</p>                    | <p><b>Local sources</b><br/>Public libraries, local news outlets, and community groups have info and events to help you learn!</p>                                                                        |

## If you are not eligible to vote, there are still plenty of ways to be engaged in the election!

- Identify three friends / peers / family members who are eligible to vote and
  - encourage them to: register to vote, make a plan for voting, research the candidates and issues on the ballot
  - remind them to vote on Election Day .
- Identify a candidate whose views you share and help with their campaign.
- Pick a group working on issues you care about and support their “Get Out the Vote” efforts.
- Learn about the candidates and ballot questions and share information with others.

## Be an Election Judge

### Get paid to help your community vote at the polls!

Election judges (also known as poll workers) are a critical part of running elections and ensuring they are free and fair!

- \$250 - \$325 per day
- \$50 for training (you must work your assigned shift to be paid for training)

You can serve as an election judge if you are:

- Registered to vote in Maryland
- Age 16 or older\*; (If you are 16 or older, you may be able to serve if you show your local board of elections that you are qualified to be an election judge and a parent or guardian gives permission.)
- Physically and mentally able to work at least a full **15-hour day**; (You must be able to sit and/or stand for an extended period and you may be required to lift boxes and other items weighing 10-25 pounds.)
- Willing to work outside your home precinct
- Can speak, read, and write English

For more information or to sign up, see the [QR code above](#) or <https://www.powerthepolls.org/umcp>

## More Information

Some cities in Maryland allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal (local) elections, including: Chevy Chase, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Mount Rainier, Riverdale Park, Somerset, and Takoma Park. Contact your [local Board of Elections](#) for more information.



<https://elections.maryland.gov/>



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