

Subject: Register to vote in the 2026 election
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As Kentucky's land-grant, flagship institution, the University of Kentucky plays a critical role in strengthening civic engagement in the Commonwealth and beyond.

To that end, the university is reminding students, faculty and staff to register to vote ahead of the 2026 primary election on **May 19**.

Voting is a bedrock value of our democracy, and we urge you to exercise this right if you are eligible to do so.

To vote in Kentucky this year, you must register by **4 p.m. local time on Monday, April 20**.

You can check your voter registration status and/or register at vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb. If you have moved within Lexington since the last election you voted in, you will need to use this site to update your voting registration to ensure that you go to the correct precinct on polling day.

If you are a student registered to vote elsewhere in Kentucky but will be at UK on Primary Election Day, you may [apply for an absentee ballot](#) with your county clerk.

Find other key deadlines and helpful information for students and employees below.

Resources

- [Kentucky Online Voter Registration](#)
- [Kentucky Mail-in Voter Registration](#)
- [Voter Registration for Other States](#)
- [Students, Faculty and Staff Abroad](#)
- [Kentucky Absentee Ballot Application \(Closes May 5\)](#)
- [Information for College Students](#)
- [UK Human Resources Voting Policy](#)
- [VOTE411 Candidate Information](#)

Kentucky Primary Election Key Dates

- **April 20** (*by 4 p.m. local time*) – Voter Registration Deadline
- **May 5** (*no later than 11:59 p.m. ET*) – Absentee Ballot Requests Due
- **May 6-8 and May 11-13** – Early In-person, Excused Absentee Voting
- **May 14-16** – Early In-person, No-excuse Absentee Voting
- **May 19** – Election Day; Absentee Ballots Due

Kentucky General Election Key Dates

- **Oct. 5** – Voter Registration Deadline
- **Oct. 20** (*no later than 11:59 p.m. ET*) – Absentee Ballot Requests Due
- **Oct. 21-23 and Oct. 26-28** – Early In-person, Excused Absentee Voting
- **Oct. 29-31** – Early In-person, No-excuse Absentee Voting
- **Nov. 3** – Election Day; Absentee Ballots Due



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