

# Surry County Board of Elections

## Guide to Voter Registration Drives

A citizen's guide to conducting effective voter registration drives



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## **Basic Voter Registration Drive Requirements**

The decision to conduct a voter registration drive is an important one and must be taken seriously. Voter registration is fundamental to the election process. Assisting qualified citizens in becoming voters and involving them in the democratic process is a worthy cause, and you are to be commended for your efforts. Participation at this level carries with it certain responsibilities to:

1. Read the **NC Voter Registration Application Instructions** on the back of the voter registration form before beginning the drive. If you have any questions about the instructions, contact the Surry County Board of Elections.
2. Provide individuals with current, state-approved voter registration forms.
3. DO NOT coerce, threaten, or intimidate any person engaged in the registration or voting process.
4. DO NOT alter any information placed on the form without the permission of the person registering.
5. If assisting a person in filling out the form, write information on the form that accurately reflects the intent and direction of the person.
6. DO NOT give a partially completed registration form to a person.
7. Give registrants the option to hand-deliver or mail their registration forms to the Surry County Board of Elections.
8. Return all completed applications to the Surry County Board of Elections within 5 days of completing the registration drive and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 25th day before a primary or election.

Provide voters with additional forms to take home if requested. The Surry County Board of Elections strives for 100% registration of all eligible citizens. We appreciate your efforts to register eligible voters and to help update current voter registration lists by obtaining updated information from registered voters.

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### **VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

Voter registration applications may be obtained free of charge at the Surry County Board of Elections office, located at 201 E. Kapp St., Dobson. These forms are coded in order to collect statistics required by Federal law. The forms required for voter registration drives are coded "07"s.

Requests for voter registration applications in quantities of 500 or more require submission of a request form to the state that outlines the planned use of the applications (reference page 15).

#### **The Voter Registration Application/ Update Form serves two purposes:**

- It allows new registrants to apply for registration.
- It allows current registrants to update name, party, address, or make other changes.

## Eligibility Requirements

A person must meet eligibility requirements in order to register to vote. Instruct each voter to read the eligibility requirements.

**I attest, under penalty of perjury, that in addition to having read and understood the contents of this form, that:**

- I am a United States citizen, as indicated above;
- I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election (*16 & 17 year olds may pre-register*);
- I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the election in which I intend to vote;
- I will not vote in any other county or state after submission of this form and if I am registered elsewhere, I am canceling that registration at this time; and
- I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed my sentence, including any probation or parole.  
(*Citizenship and voting rights are automatically restored upon completion of the sentence. No special document is needed; although one must re-register to vote.*)

To be eligible to vote in an election, a registrant's application must be submitted by the registration deadline:

- Either by hand-delivering it to the Surry County Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on the 25th day before the election

**OR**

- Having it postmarked and mailed by the 25th day before the Election

**If individuals or groups fail to submit voter registration forms to the Surry County Board of Elections before the deadline, the applications will not be processed until after the upcoming election.**

Ultimately, it is the duty of the Surry County Board of Elections to determine an individual's eligibility to register to vote.

After a voter's registration application is processed, a voter identification card is mailed verifying name, address, and other information. The card also lists the voter's assigned polling place and jurisdictions. If any information on the card has changed or is incorrect, the voter should make the changes in the space provided on the back of the card and return it to the Surry County Board of Elections. If all the information is correct, the voter should simply keep the card.

# Overview of Application

*Please ask applicant to fill out the form in ink and to print all information legibly.*

The Voter Registration Application/Update Form serves two purposes:

- It allows new registrants to apply for registration.
- It allows current registrants to update name, party, address, or make other changes.

The form consists of three sections. The following pages outline detailed instructions for each.

**1.Required Questions:**  
**BOTH** questions in this section **MUST** be answered.

**2-6. Application to Register to Vote:**  
New or updated registration information.

**7. Cancellation of Previous Registration:**  
To be completed by the voter when canceling a former registration in another county or state.

**NORTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION** 06w

Please use black ink and print legibly.

<p><b>1</b> Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; color: red;">IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.</p>	<p>Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; color: red;">IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.</p>
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<p><b>2</b> Last Name (Required)</p> <p>First Name (Required)</p> <p>Middle Name (Required)</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jr <input type="checkbox"/> Sr <input type="checkbox"/> II  <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V                 </p>	<p><b>3</b> Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY (Required)</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">                     State of Birth/Country of Birth                      If you know your NC Voter Registration Number, enter it below.                      If you have a NC drivers license or non-operators ID card, enter the number below.                      Enter the last 4 digits of your SSN. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do not have a NC drivers license, ID card, or a SSN.                 </p>
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**RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS INFORMATION - No P.O. Boxes or Rural Routes**

<p><b>4</b> Street Address where you live (Required)</p> <p>City (Required)</p> <p>County</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">                     Have you lived here for 30 days or more? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                      If "No," date moved? MM/DD/YYYY                 </p>	<p>Apartment, Lot, or Unit Number</p> <p>State <b>NC</b> Zip Code</p> <p>Phone (Optional)</p>
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**MAILING ADDRESS**

<p><b>5</b> Mailing Address (If you do not receive mail at your residential address)</p> <p>Mailing Address Line 1</p> <p>City</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">State Zip Code</p>	<p><b>MAP/DIACRAM</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">If you do not have a street address, draw a map of where you reside. Please include roads and landmarks.</p>
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<p><b>6 GENDER</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male</p>	<p><b>RACE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White</p>	<p><b>ETHNICITY</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	<p><b>POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">If you indicate a political party that is not currently qualified, or you do not indicate a choice, you will be listed as "Unaffiliated."</p>
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**PREVIOUS VOTER REGISTRATION (This information will be used to cancel your previous voter registration in another county or state.)**

<p><b>7</b> Last Name used in Previous Registration</p> <p>Previous Address</p> <p>Previous City</p>	<p>First Name used in Previous Registration</p> <p>Previous County</p> <p>Previous State</p> <p>Previous Zip Code</p>
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I attest, under penalty of perjury, that in addition to having read and understood the contents of this form, that:

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- I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election;
- I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the election in which I intend to vote;
- I will not vote in any other county or state after submission of this form and if I am registered elsewhere, I am canceling that registration at this time; and
- I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed my sentence, including any probation or parole. (Citizenship and voting rights are automatically restored upon completion of the sentence. No special document is needed.)

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

version112015 X Signature (Required) Date

MOISTEN, FOLD, SEAL AND MAIL TO YOUR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

**When registration applications are returned to you, please ensure that the writing is legible, that *all* required information is complete (required information is in red on the form) and that the voter has signed the application at the bottom.**

# Parts of the Application

## SECTION 1

<b>1</b> Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.</span>	Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.</span>
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When completing the Voter Registration Application/Update Form, the registrant must first check “Yes” or “No” for two questions. If a person answers NO in response to the citizenship or age question, the registrant **MUST NOT COMPLETE** or submit the form.

## SECTION 2

Last, first, and middle name are required fields in Section 2 and must be completed in order for a registration application to be processed. If the voter's name includes a suffix, check the appropriate box located underneath the middle name field in Section 2.

<b>2</b>	Last Name (Required)	
	First Name (Required)	
	Middle Name (Required)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jr <input type="checkbox"/> Sr <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V	

## SECTION 3

Date of birth, North Carolina driver's license number, North Carolina ID card number, or last 4 digits of the voter's Social Security number are fields in Section 3 that should be completed in order for a registration application to be processed. If the registrant does not have a NC driver's license, ID card,

<b>3</b>	Date of Birth MMDDYYYY (Required)		State of Birth/Country of Birth	
	If you know your NC Voter Registration Number, enter it below.			
	If you have a NC drivers license or non-operators ID card, enter the number below.			
	Enter the last 4 digits of your SSN.		<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you <u>do not</u> have a NC drivers license, ID card, or a SSN.	

or know the last 4 digits of their Social Security number, they may check the box located in the bottom right corner of Section 3. If the voter checks the box or leaves these fields blank, the voter will be required to provide one of these forms of ID to an election official when voting for the first time. If they do not have any of these suggested forms of ID, they will need to bring: a current and valid photo identification **or** a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck, or a government document that shows registrant's name and address as it appears on the Voter Registration Application/Update Form.

# Parts of the Application

## RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS INFORMATION - No P.O. Boxes or Rural Routes

<b>4</b>	Street Address where you live (Required)										Apartment, Lot, or Unit Number			
	City (Required)										State		Zip Code	
	County				Have you lived here for 30 days or more? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				If "No," date moved? MMDDYYYY		Phone (Optional)			

Residential address is required in **Section 4**, including your physical street address, apartment or unit number if applicable, city, and zip code. Post office boxes or commercial addresses are **NOT** acceptable in this section. Although a phone number is optional, this will help us to contact you for any issues we might encounter during the verification process.

## MAILING ADDRESS

<b>5</b>	Mailing Address (If you do not receive mail at your residential address)									
	Mailing Address Line 2									
	City						State		Zip Code	

**Section 5** is required to be filled out only if the registrant's mailing address is different from their residential address. Post office boxes and non-Surry addresses **ARE** acceptable in this section.

<b>6</b>	<b>GENDER</b>	<b>RACE</b>		<b>ETHNICITY</b>	<b>POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female  <input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black  <input type="checkbox"/> Asian  <input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native  <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial  <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino  <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/ Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Democrat  <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian

**Section 6** indicates the registrant's gender, race, ethnicity, and political party affiliation.

NOTE: Although the Political Party Affiliation field is not required in order to process an application, please refer registrants to the section of the form that states:

***If you indicate a political party that is not qualified, or you do not indicate a choice, you will be registered as "Unaffiliated."***

# Parts of the Application

**PREVIOUS VOTER REGISTRATION** *(This information will be used to cancel your previous voter registration in another county or state.)*

<b>7</b>	Last Name used in Previous Registration	First Name used in Previous Registration	
	Previous Address	Previous County	
	Previous City	Previous State	Previous Zip Code

## **SECTION 7**

Instruct applicants to complete the Cancellation of Previous Registration section completely, including full name, previous name (if applicable), previous physical address, and previous county, **only if they were previously registered to vote in another county or state.**

Federal law requires that a person can be registered and vote in only one location at a time.

The voter should read the attestation before signing the completed form.

**I attest, under penalty of perjury, that in addition to having read and understood the contents of this form, that:**

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- I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the election in which I intend to vote;
- I will not vote in any other county or state after submission of this form and if I am registered elsewhere, I am canceling that registration at this time; and
- I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed my sentence, including any probation or parole.

*(Citizenship and voting rights are automatically restored upon completion of the sentence. No special document is needed; although one must re-register to vote.)*



**Please return all completed AND unused voter registration forms to the  
Surry County Board of Elections office:**

**Within 5 days of conducting the voter registration drive**

**And / Or**

**No later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the registration deadline  
(25 days before Election Day)**



# Sample of Completed Voter Registration Form

## NORTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Please use black ink and print legibly.

<b>1</b> Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.</b>	Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.</b>
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<b>2</b> Last Name (Required) V O T E R First Name (Required) J A N E Middle Name (Required) D O E <input type="checkbox"/> Jr <input type="checkbox"/> Sr <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V	<b>3</b> Date of Birth MMDDYYYY (Required) 0 1 0 1 1 9 5 0 State of Birth/Country of Birth NC If you know your NC Voter Registration Number, enter it below. If you have a NC drivers license or non-operators ID card, enter the number below. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Enter the last 4 digits of your SSN. 1 2 3 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you <u>do not</u> have a NC drivers license, ID card, or a SSN.
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**RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS INFORMATION - No P.O. Boxes or Rural Routes**

<b>4</b> Street Address where you live (Required) 1 2 3 M A I N S T R E E T City (Required) D O B S O N County S U R R Y	Apartment, Lot, or Unit Number State N C Zip Code 2 7 0 1 7 Have you lived here for 30 days or more? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," date moved? MMDDYYYY Phone (Optional) 3 3 6 4 0 1 1 2 3 4
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<b>5</b> Mailing Address (If you do not receive mail at your residential address) S A M E Mailing Address Line 2 City State Zip Code	<b>MAP/DIAGRAM</b> If you do not have a street address, draw a map of where you reside. Please include roads and landmarks.
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<b>6</b> GENDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	RACE <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial <input type="checkbox"/> Other	ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/Latino	POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If you indicate a political party that is not currently qualified, or you do not indicate a choice, you will be listed as "Unaffiliated."
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<b>7</b> Last Name used in Previous Registration V O T E R Previous Address 4 5 6 M A I N S T R E E T Previous City R A L E I G H	First Name used in Previous Registration J A N E Previous County W A K E Previous State NC Previous Zip Code 2 7 6 0 1
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- I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election;
- I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the election in which I intend to vote;
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- I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed my sentence, including any probation or parole. (Citizenship and voting rights are automatically restored upon completion of the sentence. No special document is needed.)

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

X JANE DOE VOTER  
Signature (Required)

02/06/2017  
Date

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**SECTION 5** – Enter your mailing address ONLY if it is different than your residential address in section 4.

**SECTION 6** – Check the appropriate box for Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Political Party Affiliation. New registrations that do not check a qualified party box will be registered as Unaffiliated.

# **Voter Registration Frequently Asked Questions**

## **How old does someone have to be to register to vote in North Carolina?**

Citizens must be 18 years old by the date of the next General Election; 17 year olds are eligible to register and vote in the Primary Election (typically held in May) if they will be 18 on or before the date of the General Election. North Carolina allows *pre-registration* of 16 & 17 year olds. They will fill out a voter registration form and our office will hold it until they are eligible to register.

## **Do you need to re-register every year?**

No, unless your information has changed since you registered to vote, or if you registered several years ago and/or have not voted in the last 4 years. You can check your registration at:

[http://www.co.surry.nc.us/departments/\(a through j\)/board of elections/index.php](http://www.co.surry.nc.us/departments/(a%20through%20j)/board%20of%20elections/index.php)

or by calling our office at 336-401-8225.

## **When will the applicant receive their voter registration card from the Board of Elections?**

They should receive their card within 2 weeks of their application being returned to the Board of Elections office.

## **What if a person skips a section of the voter registration application? Will they still be eligible to vote?**

**Every** applicant must complete all required information on the application and sign the application. If any required information is missing or the voter neglects to sign the form, ask them to finish. If you realize there is information or signatures missing on applications after the voter has left, return the application(s) to the Board of Elections office and we will attempt to contact the voter to obtain the missing information. Please encourage applicants to list a telephone number on the application in the event we need to contact them.

## **What if someone is not sure their information is up-to-date with the Board of Elections?**

Have the individual fill out an application with their current information. This way we can insure that we have their current information on file. Voters can view their current registration information at:

[http://www.co.surry.nc.us/departments/\(a through j\)/board of elections/index.php](http://www.co.surry.nc.us/departments/(a%20through%20j)/board%20of%20elections/index.php)

or by calling our office at 336-401-8225.

## **What if an applicant does not select a political party on the application?**

Registrants who do not select a political party will automatically be registered as UNAFFILIATED. Existing voters who are making other changes to their registration will remain with their existing party unless a new designation is marked on the application to be updated.

# Absentee Voting Information

## HOW DO I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL?

If you are registered to vote in Surry County, you can vote from home in the next election by completing an official absentee ballot request form.

You can download the form at our website *under forms* or call our office at 336-401-8225 to request one be mailed to you.

Completed forms may be:

**Mailed to:**  
Surry County Board of Elections  
P O Box 372  
Dobson, NC 27017

**Faxed to:** (336) 401 - 8228

**Emailed to:**  
elections@co.surry.nc.us

\*Must complete request, scan the form & email it to us

\*You may also bring the request to our office in person; although, ballots must leave our office by the US Postal Service only (with only one exception – see Sick or Physical Disability exception below).

## DO I NEED AN EXCUSE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

No, absentee voting in North Carolina is no-excuse.

**WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL?** The request must be received by our office by 5:00 p. m. on the Tuesday before the election. (See Sick or Disability Exception Below)

### **\* SICK or PHYSICAL DISABILITY**

A voter in this category may apply, or have a near relative or verifiable legal guardian apply **in person** at the Board of Elections office for a ballot that may be hand delivered to the voter. This option is only available for sick or disabled voters after 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before an election, and not later than 5:00 pm on the Monday before the election.

## **WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING MY ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL?**

If you return your voted ballot **in person** to our office, it must be returned no later than 5:00 pm Election Day. If you return your ballots **by mail**, they must be postmarked by the day of the election and received by our office not later than three days after the election at 5:00 pm. Once your ballot has been returned to the board of elections office, it may not be withdrawn. If your ballot has not been returned to our office, you may vote at your polling place on the machine on Election Day. **Do not** take your absentee ballot to the polling place to be turned in on Election Day.

You must vote your ballot in the presence of two witnesses. They must sign their name and list their address on the outside of the absentee return envelope (Or in the presence of a notary). Witnesses can be family members as long as they are over 18 years of age.

**DO I HAVE TO SEND A REQUEST FOR EVERY ELECTION?**

Yes, requests are only good for one election, with one exception.

1. If you are requesting because of an illness or physical disability, and state this in your request, we can honor the request for all elections for one calendar year.

**MAY I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL FOR ANOTHER PERSON?**

You may request an absentee ballot for a near relative **or** if you are someone’s verifiable legal guardian by filling out an official request form.

Near relative is defined as:

spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, and stepchild

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Surry County Board of Elections  
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**Emailed to:**

elections@co.surry.nc.us

\*Must complete request, scan the form & email it to us

\*You may also bring the request to our office in person; although, ballots must leave our office by the US Postal Service only (with only one exception – see Sick or Physical Disability exception).

## **North Carolina General Statute § 163-82.6. Acceptance of application forms.**

(a) How the Form May Be Submitted. - The county board of elections shall accept any form described in G.S. 163-82.3 if the applicant submits the form by mail, facsimile transmission, transmission of a scanned document, or in person. The applicant may delegate the submission of the form to another person. Any person who communicates to an applicant acceptance of that delegation shall deliver that form so that it is received by the appropriate county board of elections in time to satisfy the registration deadline in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of this section for the next election. It shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to communicate to the applicant acceptance of that delegation and then fail to make a good faith effort to deliver the form so that it is received by the county board of elections in time to satisfy the registration deadline in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of this section for the next election. It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of failing to make a good faith effort to deliver a delegated form by the registration deadline that the delegatee informed the applicant that the form would not likely be delivered in time for the applicant to vote in the next election. It shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to sell or attempt to sell a completed voter registration form or to condition its delivery upon payment.

(a1) Misdemeanors. - It shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to do any of the following:

- (1) To communicate to the applicant acceptance of the delegation described in subsection (a) of this section and then fail to make a good faith effort to deliver the form so that it is received by the county board of elections in time to satisfy the registration deadline in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of this section for the next election. It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of failing to make a good faith effort to deliver a delegated form by the registration deadline that the delegatee informed the applicant that the form would not likely be delivered in time for the applicant to vote in the next election.
- (2) To sell or attempt to sell a completed voter registration form or to condition its delivery upon payment.
- (3) To change a person's information on a voter registration form prior to its delivery to a county board of elections.
- (4) To coerce a person into marking a party affiliation other than the party affiliation the person desires.
- (5) To offer a person a voter registration form that has a party affiliation premarked unless the person receiving the form has requested the premarking.

(b) Signature. - The form shall be valid only if signed by the applicant. An electronically captured signature, including signatures on applications generated by computer programs of third-party groups, shall not be valid on a voter registration form, except as provided in Article 21A of this Chapter. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, an electronically captured image of the signature of a voter on an electronic voter registration form offered by a State agency shall be considered a valid signature for all purposes for which a signature on a paper voter registration form is used.

(c) Registration Deadlines for a Primary or Election. - In order to be valid for a primary or election, the form:

- (1) If submitted by mail, must be postmarked at least 25 days before the primary or election, except that any mailed application on which the postmark is missing or unclear is validly submitted if received in the mail not later than 20 days before the primary or election,
- (2) If submitted in person, by facsimile transmission, or by transmission of a scanned document, must be received by the county board of elections by a time established by that board, but no earlier than 5:00 P.M., on the twenty-fifth day before the primary or election,
- (3) If submitted through a delegatee who violates the duty set forth in subsection (a) of this section, must be signed by the applicant and given to the delegatee not later than 25 days before the primary or election, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(c) If the application is submitted by facsimile transmission or transmission of a scanned document, a permanent copy of the completed, signed form shall be delivered to the county board no later than 20 days before the election.

(d) Instances When Person May Register and Vote on Primary or Election Day. - If a person has become qualified to register and vote between the twenty-fifth day before a primary or election and primary or election day, then that person may apply to register on primary or election day by submitting an application form described in G.S. 163-82.3(a) or (b) to:

- (1) A member of the county board of elections;
- (2) The county director of elections; or
- (3) The chief judge or a judge of the precinct in which the person is eligible to vote,

and, if the application is approved, that person may vote the same day. The official in subdivisions (1) through (3) of this subsection to whom the application is submitted shall decide whether the applicant is eligible to vote. The applicant shall present to the official written or documentary evidence that the applicant is the person he represents himself to be. The official, if in doubt as to the right of the applicant to register, may require other evidence satisfactory to that official as to the applicant's qualifications. If the official determines that the person is eligible, the person shall be permitted to vote in the primary or election and the county board shall add the person's name to the list of registered voters. If the official denies the application, the person shall be permitted to vote a challenged ballot under the provisions of G.S. 163-88.1, and may appeal the denial to the full county board of elections. The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules for the county boards of elections to follow in hearing appeals for denial of primary or election day applications to register. No person shall be permitted to register on the day of a second primary unless he shall have become qualified to register and vote between the date of the first primary and the date of the succeeding second primary.

(e) For purposes of subsection (d) of this section, persons who "become qualified to register and vote" during a time period:

- (1) Include those who during that time period are naturalized as citizens of the United States or who are restored to citizenship after a conviction of a felony; but
- (2) Do not include persons who reach the age of 18 during that time period, if those persons were eligible to register while 17 years old during an earlier period.

(f) The county board of elections shall forward by electronic means any application submitted for the purpose of preregistration to the State Board of Elections. No later than 60 days prior to the first election in which the applicant will be legally entitled to vote, the State Board of Elections shall notify the appropriate county board of elections to verify the qualifications and address of the applicant in accordance with G.S. 163-82.7. (1901, c. 89, ss. 18, 21; Rev., ss. 4322, 4323; C.S., ss. 5946, 5947; 1923, c. 111, s. 3; 1933, c. 165, s. 5; 1947, c. 475; 1953, c. 843; 1955, c. 800; 1957, c. 784, ss., 3, 4; 1961, c. 382; 1963, c. 303, ss. 1, 2; 1967, c. 761, s. 3; c. 775, s. 1; 1969, c. 750, ss. 1, 2; 1977, c. 626, s. 1; 1979, c. 539, s. 5; c. 766, s., 2; 1981, c. 33, s. 2; 1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1265, s. 6; 1983, c. 553; 1985, c. 260, s. 1; 1991, c. 363, s. 1; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 1032, s. 1; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 1044, s. 18(a); 1993, c. 74, s. 1; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 2; 1995, c. 243, s. 1; 1997-456, s. 27; 1999-426, s. 1(a), (b); 2001-315, s. 1; 2001-319, s. 6(a); 2003-226, s. 4; 2004-127, s. 9(a); 2007-253, s. 2; 2007-391, s. 16(a); 2008-150, s. 5(d), (e); 2009-541, s. 10(a); 2013-381, ss. 13.1, 16.3.)

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<http://www.ncsbe.gov/>

2. Click on “**Voter Registration**” at top right.

3. Click on “**Voter Registration Drives**” near the middle of the page.

4. Click on “**Voter Registration Drive Supplies Request Form**” and complete the on-line submittal to the State Board of Elections; or go directly to the link at:

[https://docs.google.com/a/student.surry.k12.nc.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdo-TG8rh\\_nllsAqytWUK9KwbTiEegf0p6gjMLQGKFNjLN4dA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/student.surry.k12.nc.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdo-TG8rh_nllsAqytWUK9KwbTiEegf0p6gjMLQGKFNjLN4dA/viewform)