

Election Information

By voting, you are making your voice heard and expressing your opinion on how you think local, state and federal government should operate.

To vote in Orange County you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a legal resident of the state
- Be 18 years old on or before Election Day (you are able to register before)

2016 Elections

Presidential Primary Election

Tuesday, June 7

Registration Deadline: May 23

Presidential General Election

Tuesday, November 8

Registration Deadline: October 24

Who We Are

About Us

The primary mission of our office is to conduct fair and accurate elections for the citizens of Orange County. By adhering to that core mission, we continue to instill confidence in the citizens we serve. We strive to be an innovative organization that successfully seeks efficiencies in order to deliver high-quality service to the community. With your help, we are determined to provide quality elections for years to come.

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VOTING 101: A COLLEGE STUDENT GUIDE TO VOTING IN ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County Registrar of Voters

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Registration

Your Options

As a college student in California, you must decide which address you would like to register yourself to vote.

By law you can register to vote in your college community or in your hometown - not both! Many students feel more connected and informed about issues in their hometowns, so they register and vote there. Others feel they should vote on issues where they spend the majority of their time, so they register and vote locally. What is the difference? The address you list as your residence will determine the local contests you vote on and where you vote.

To Register

Online: Register to a California address at <http://registertovote.ca.gov/>

Paper: Register by completing the statewide affidavit form; available in libraries and post offices throughout Orange County or at the Orange County Registrar of Voters' office.

An up-to-date and accurate registration is important to provide you with the correct information for Election Day. In Orange County, you must register at least 15 days prior to Election Day in order to receive your information.

Voting

Be a Polling Place Voter

Registered in Orange County but at your hometown address? Your assigned voting location will be in your hometown within Orange County. You must go to your assigned polling place in person to vote on Election Day.

Registered to your Orange County local off or on campus address? To vote in person, you must go to your assigned local voting place.

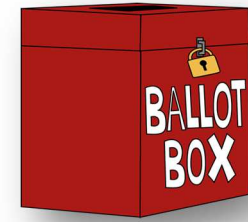
Voting place information can be found on the cover of your Sample Ballot, online at www.ocovte.com/voting or by calling our office at 714-567-7600.

Vote-by-Mail is one of the fastest growing segments of our voters and is helpful for busy students with a full schedule like you! For full details visit ocvote.com/votebymail

Be a Vote-By-Mail Voter

As an Orange County vote-by-mail voter, your ballot will be sent to the mailing address provided on your registration. You then have three options:

- Mail it *in advance* (postmarked by Election Day)
- On Election Day, drop it off at *any* voting place in Orange County, regardless of where registered
- Go to your assigned voting place on Election Day, hand over your unused ballot and request to vote in person



General Information

Out of State

If you have remained registered out of state while you attend school, contact your state elections official for more information.

Out of County

If you have registered at your hometown address outside of Orange County but within the State of California, contact your county elections office for more information. County Elections information is available through the California Secretary of State at www.sos.ca.gov

Election Day Advice

- Keep and read your Sample Ballot once you receive it in the mail.
- Check your assigned voting place early, either from the Sample Ballot or online.
- Research your Sample Ballot and make notes to help you vote more quickly and efficiently.
- Plan ahead; voting is from 7am to 8pm. Avoid peak hours (early morning, lunch hour, early evening).