# JeffVotes Voting Guide 2024 General Election

## **Pennsylvania Deadlines:**

Voter Registration Deadline	Monday, October 21st 2024
Last day to request mail in ballot	Tuesday, October 29th 2024 by 5:00 PM
Mail-In Ballots receipt deadline (NOTE: not postmarked, but actually received!!)	Tuesday, November 5th 2024 by 8:00 PM
Election Day	Tuesday, November 5th 2024

# **Voter Registration Information**

### 1. How can I check my voter registration status online?

Note: if you were registered in a previous election and have not moved, you should still be registered. You can also double check using the following links: PA: https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx NJ: https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check DE: https://ivote.de.gov/voterview Any state: https://www.nass.org/can-I-vote/voter-registration-status If you are not able to find your previous registration using the above links, then it's

likely that your registration has expired. You can re-register using the link below.

You can also call 1-877-VOTESPA to check your voter registration status in PA.

### 2. How can I register to vote?

**Online:** 

PA: <u>https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx</u> NJ: <u>https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register</u>

DE: https://ivote.de.gov/voterview/registrant/newregistrant

### Paper form:

You can print and complete the following form:

https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/documents/VoterApplication\_English.pdf If you do not have access to a printer, voter registration applications are also available at:

- U.S. Post Offices
- Philadelphia Public Libraries
- State Liquor Stores
- Other State Government Offices

The City Commissioners Office will send Voter Registration Applications to anyone who requests one. Call (215) 686-1590 to request an application.

### Mail-in:

You can mail a completed PA application to the following address:

**Voter Registration Office** 520 N Columbus Blvd, 5th floor Philadelphia, PA 19123

#### In-person:

In Pennsylvania, you can register to vote at the following locations:

<b>Voter Registration Office</b> 520 N Columbus Blvd, 5th floor Philadelphia, PA 19123 (Enter through Spring Garden St entrance)	<b>Philadelphia County Board of Elections</b> City Hall, Room 142 1400 JFK Blvd Philadelphia, PA 19107 (Enter through the East or South portals)
(215) 686-1590	(215) 686-3469

## 3. Can I still register if I do NOT have a PA license or State ID?

Yes! If you do not have a PA license or PennDOT ID, it is best to register using the paper form rather than the online form. You will need to provide the last 4 digits of your social security number for proof of citizenship.

4. If I am registered in one county but recently moved to a different one do I need to re-register?

Yes! You can do this digitally, it is the same form as general voter registration.

5. If I move to a different state/change my address do I need to re-register?

Yes! You will need to re-register in your new state before that state's registration deadline using the same form as voter registration.

No need to "unregister" from prior state - just proceed like you are not registered.

## How are you planning on voting?

#### A. In-person:

You can find your local polling address and hours here.

### B. By mail/absentee:

If you would prefer to vote early by mail, you can register for a mail-in ballot <u>here</u>. When applying for the mail-in ballot, you will need to make sure the address you enter matches your voting registration. However, you can request the ballot get sent to an alternative address (ie. a shelter, P.O. box, or to another trusted person).

### C. Emergency Absentee Ballots (EAB):

This option is available to individuals who are unexpectedly unable to make it to their local polling location or return a mail-in ballot due to **an emergency situation** (i.e. unexpected illness, disability, or last minute absence from your municipality). You can request an emergency absentee ballot starting **after 5pm on the Tuesday before election day (October 29th to November 5th).** 

If this situation applies to you, you can fill out <u>this form</u> for an EAB as well as <u>a form</u> <u>to designate an authorized representative</u> to turn in your application and ballot for you.

## What is JeffVotes?

- A. We are a nonpartisan student-run voting initiative aiming to increase civic engagement for students, staff, and patients at Jefferson.
- B. Our dedicated volunteers help run voter registration tables (October 7th to October 21st) in the Atrium cafe of TJUH Center City as well as run Emergency Absentee Ballots (October 30th to November 5th) to City Hall for Jefferson patients who were unexpectedly hospitalized leading up to Election Day.
- C. Questions? Here's how you can contact our team:
  - a. Email jeffvotes1@gmail.com
  - b. Text "VOTER" to (484) 430-4878

Interested in volunteering with us? Join our Listserv:



# FAQ:

## 1. Who can register to vote in Pennsylvania?

- a. You must be:
  - i. United States citizen at least 30 days before the next election (ie. by October 6th)
  - ii. Be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district for at least 30 days before the next election (ie. by October 6th)
  - iii. Be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election (born on or before 11/05/2006)

## 2. You were incarcerated. Can you still vote?

- a. Yes if:
  - i. Are a pretrial detainee, confined in a penal institution awaiting trial on charges of a felony or a misdemeanor.
  - ii. Were ever convicted of a misdemeanor.
  - iii. Got released or will get released by the date of the next election from a correctional facility or halfway house. This must be upon completion of the term of incarceration for conviction of a misdemeanor or a felony.
  - iv. Are on probation or released on parole. This includes parolees who are living in a halfway house.
  - v. Are under house arrest (home confinement). If this is you, you can vote no matter your conviction status or the status of the conditions of confinement.
- b. No if: You are not eligible to register and vote if you:
  - i. Are currently confined in a penal institution for conviction of a felony and will not get released from confinement until after the next election. This is even if you are incarcerated for one or more misdemeanor offenses.
  - ii. Are in a halfway house or other alternative correctional facility on pre-release status for conviction of a felony and who will not get released until after the date of the next election.
  - iii. Were convicted of violating any provision of the Pennsylvania Election Code within the last four years.

# 3. What <u>Voter ID</u> do you need to vote?

- a. If you have voted in this county before, you do not need any ID
- b. If this is your first time voting, you need one of the following (must contain name and address)
  - i. Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card
  - ii. ID issued by any Commonwealth agency

- iii. ID issued by the U.S. Government
- iv. U.S. passport
- v. U.S. Armed Forces ID
- vi. Student ID
- vii. Employee ID
- viii. Confirmation issued by the County Voter Registration Office
- ix. Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth
- x. Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. Government
- xi. Firearm permit
- xii. Current utility bill
- xiii. Current bank statement
- xiv. Current paycheck
- xv. Government check

### 4. Do you speak a language other than English?

- a. Call the Department of State's election hotline at **1-877-VOTES-PA** for assistance. Telephone interpreters are available.
- 5. You applied for a mail-in ballot, but did not fill it out. Can you go and vote in person?
  - a. Yes, at your polling place you may request to vote a **provisional ballot at your polling place on Election Day.** After county election officials verify that you did not vote by mail, they will count your provisional ballot. If you filled out the ballot but did not mail it in, bring it to your polling place and they can help dispose the ballot and provide an in person voting option for you

### 6. What is the difference between mail-in and absentee ballots?

- a. Historically, **absentee ballots** were for those who would be out of their voting district on election day, while **mail-in** was for those unable to get to the polls.
- b. This year, there is pretty much no difference, but the PA Board of Elections has encouraged us to utilize mail-in ballots for anyone who would like a remote ballot.

### 7. When will I get my mail-in ballot?

a. Tough to know for sure! You will likely get an email about 48 hours after you apply for your mail-in ballot. If you follow the deadlines above, your ballot should make it by election day.

### 8. Is there a way to check on the status of my mail in-ballot?

a. Yes! In PA, check <u>here</u>

### 9. Who should you vote for?

- a. JeffVotes is a nonpartisan organization! This means that we have no political affiliation and do not endorse any specific candidates or groups during elections.
- b. Here are some options if you're having difficulty deciding on who to vote for:
  - i. Talk to a friend or family member that you trust and share values with.
  - ii. Look up sample ballots and nonpartisan voter guides.
  - iii. Google "What's on (my state) ballot?" Or use Nonprofit VOTE's Voting In Your State: 50 State Guide.

## Helpful links to have:

Pennsylvania

<u>PA Voter Registration Status</u> (Spanish Option Available)
<u>PA Voter Registration Application</u> (Spanish Option Available)
<u>PA Mail-In/Absentee Application</u>
<u>PA Election Ballot Status</u>
<u>PA Voting General Information</u>
<u>Link to PA County Voter Registration Addresses</u>

#### **New Jersey**

NJ Voter Registration Status NJ Voter Registration (\*NEW\* you can now do so online) NJ Voter Registration Homepage NJ Find Polling Place NJ Track Mail-In Ballot (requires you to have or create a login)

#### Delaware

DE Voter Registration Status DE Voter Registration Application (Spanish Option Available Upper Right) DE Mail-In/Absentee Application & Registration Status (Spanish Option Available Upper Right) ^this also works to track a mail-in/absentee ballot

Other States <u>NY Voter Registration Application</u> <u>ANY STATE Voter Registration Status</u>