

## The Right to Vote

All students are encouraged to participate in local, state, and national elections. In order to vote in the [State of Texas \(http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/regvr.shtml\)](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/regvr.shtml), students must register at least 30 days prior to an election.

If you are not currently a registered voter, you may fill out a [voter registration application online](#), print it and mail it to the voter registrar in your county of residence. You are not registered until you have filled out the online application, printed it and mailed it to your local County Voter Registrar.

According to section 13.001 of the Texas Election Code, to be eligible for registration as a voter in Texas, a person must:

- be 18 years of age or older\*;
- be a United States citizen;
- not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;
- not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, must have:
  - fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or
  - been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and
- be a resident of the county in which application for registration is made

*\*To be eligible to apply for registration, a person must, on the date the registration application is submitted to the registrar, be at least 17 years and 10 months of age and satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) except for age.*

For more information about registering to vote in Texas, including additional ways to register, where to vote and other frequently asked questions, visit <http://www.votetexas.gov/>.

### Texas Voter Registration Paper Forms

Texas Voter Registration Forms are available in the Student Lobby of the Office of Student Financial Services (UCT 2220).

### Out of State Residents:

Register and Vote in Your State: [http://www.eac.gov/voter\\_resources/contact\\_your\\_state.aspx](http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/contact_your_state.aspx)