

# Registration begins voting process

## Voting as a college student

As a college student, you qualify for dual residency which allows you to register in the county where you go to school or back home. Although, you cannot be registered in both places, so you will have to make a choice and register in one area. Karen Madison, Cowley county clerk, said that it is completely up to the student where they register, but she suggested that it is easier to do so in the county where you have a more permanent address. "If they would like to register here where they go to school, that is also a viable option," said Madison. "But if they move next year and their address changes, then they have to change that again before voting."

## Why is it important to vote?

A lot of young millennials have voter apathy because they feel disconnected from their government and its officials. They also tend to feel like their vote doesn't matter, but it truly does. Madison shared a recent example from the state primaries that happened this past summer, "Some of the latest state legislature primaries were decided by less than a hundred votes. When it comes down to that, everyone's votes matter."

## Kansas:

**Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 18**  
**Absentee Ballot Request: Nov. 4**

## Oklahoma:

**Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 14**  
**Absentee Ballot Request: Nov. 2**

## Texas:

**Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 11**  
**Absentee Ballot Request: Oct. 28**



## To register to vote

There are several options available to you once you decide where you would like to register. Probably the most accessible way to register is online at <https://vote.usa.gov/>. If you are planning to register in Cowley County, you can also go to the county clerk's office and pick up a voter registration card. The county clerk's office is at Cowley County Election Office 321 E. 10th Ave. Winfield, KS 67156. If you are wanting to register in your home county, you can contact that county and request they send you a voter registration card via mail.

Regardless of where you register, it is vital that you provide proof of citizenship. An important thing to remember is that a valid driver's license does not serve as proper proof of citizenship. Instead, you will have to provide a birth certificate, passport, or US naturalization documents when it comes time to register. If you register in person, you will bring the documents with you, but if you register online, you will have to scan the documents and then upload them to the website as PDF's.

If you decide to register, or are already registered in your hometown, you will either have to travel home to vote or you will have to use an advanced or absentee ballot to vote in the presidential election in November.

In order to vote by absentee ballot, an application process is required. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Cowley County Clerk's office. Otherwise, you can request to have an absentee ballot application be mailed to you.

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Friday  
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Saturday  
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