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Why Should I Vote?

- ▶ Exercising your Constitutional Right to Vote in the November 3, 2020 Election is a Privilege of Citizenship in our Democracy
- ▶ Every Eligible Voter has the Power to Cast a Vote
- ▶ Help Determine the Local, State, and Federal Elected Officials
- ▶ This is a United States Presidential Election Cycle – Your Vote Will Help Determine the Winner of Pennsylvania's 20 Electoral Votes

Am I Eligible to Vote?

- ▶ To register to vote in Pennsylvania you must be:
 - ▶ a citizen of the United States at least one month before the next election; and
 - ▶ a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district at least 30 days before the election; and
 - ▶ at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election.

Am I Registered to Vote? Have I already registered to vote by mail?

- ▶ Check your Voter Registration status:
- ▶ <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx>
- ▶ Check your election Ballot Status (To see if you applied to vote by mail already)
- ▶ <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx>

FIND VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

You may search for your voter registration status with your Name or your PennDOT Driver's License or PennDOT ID. Your party affiliation and polling place address will be displayed once you have provided an exact match with the information on your voter registration record.

☒ Find your Voter Registration Status by Name
☐ Find your Voter Registration Status by Driver's License Number or PennDOT ID

Select a County

Enter Zip Code (Ex: 12345)

Zip Code

Enter First Name (Max. 30 Char. Limit)

First Name

Enter Last Name (Max. 30 Char. Limit)

Last Name

Enter Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Date of Birth

Search

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Election Ballot Status

Please populate the fields below in order to track the status of your application or ballot.

First Name (as it appeared on your application)

Last Name (as it appeared on your application)

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

County

LEHIG

Submit

Your Ballot Status Result(s)

Ballot Type	Election	Application Received	Application Processed	Ballot Mailed On	Ballot Received	Status
MAIL-IN	2020 GENERAL ELECTION	03/16/2020	03/16/2020			Pending

The table above provides a summary of your application and ballot status. The columns will update as your county processes your application or ballot. The status column will read as "Vote Recorded" after your county has received your voted ballot.

How Do I Register to Vote?

▶ Method #1 – Online

- ▶ A) Visit Website:
<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>
- ▶ B) Complete Form and Click “Continue”
 - ▶ Box #15 – Click “Yes” to Receive Mail-In Ballot Application
 - ▶ ***MUST be submitted to County Voter Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020***
- ▶ C) Review Information and Click “Submit”
- ▶ NOTE: If you have a Pennsylvania ID, you can complete the voter registration process online. Your signature on file at PennDOT will be sent to your county voter registration office and become part of your voter record. If you do not provide a PennDOT number or if PennDOT cannot verify the information you enter on the form, you can upload a digital image of your signature to submit with the voter registration application form. If you don't have a Pennsylvania ID, and are unable to upload a signature, you can still register by mail to vote.

How Do I Vote?

▶ Method #1 – In Person

▶ A) Find your Polling Place Online:

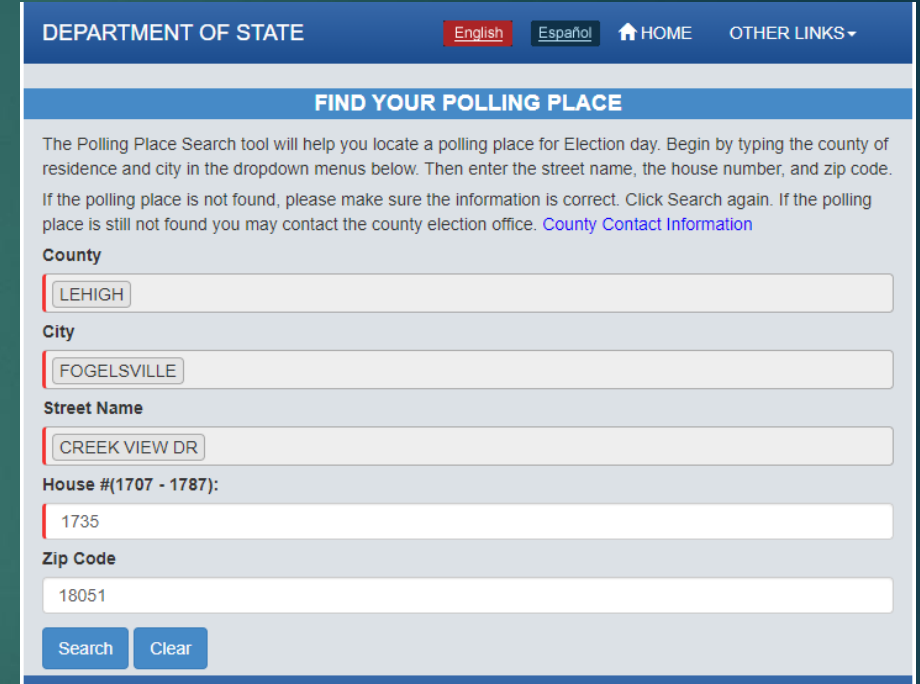
▶ <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/pollingplaceinfo.aspx>

▶ B) If Polling Place is not found Online, contact your County Election Official

▶ C) Go to Polling Place on November 3, 2020 between 7am – 8pm

▶ First time at this Polling Place? Bring ID!

▶ Need Assistance? Language Barrier? Sign Assistance Declaration!



The screenshot shows the 'FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE' web form from the Pennsylvania Department of State. The header includes 'DEPARTMENT OF STATE' and language options for 'English' and 'Español'. The form itself has a title bar 'FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE' and an introductory paragraph explaining the search tool. It contains five input fields: 'County' (with 'LEHIGH' entered), 'City' (with 'FOGELSVILLE' entered), 'Street Name' (with 'CREEK VIEW DR' entered), 'House # (1707 - 1787):' (with '1735' entered), and 'Zip Code' (with '18051' entered). At the bottom are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons.

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FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

The Polling Place Search tool will help you locate a polling place for Election day. Begin by typing the county of residence and city in the dropdown menus below. Then enter the street name, the house number, and zip code. If the polling place is not found, please make sure the information is correct. Click Search again. If the polling place is still not found you may contact the county election office. [County Contact Information](#)

County
LEHIGH

City
FOGELSVILLE

Street Name
CREEK VIEW DR

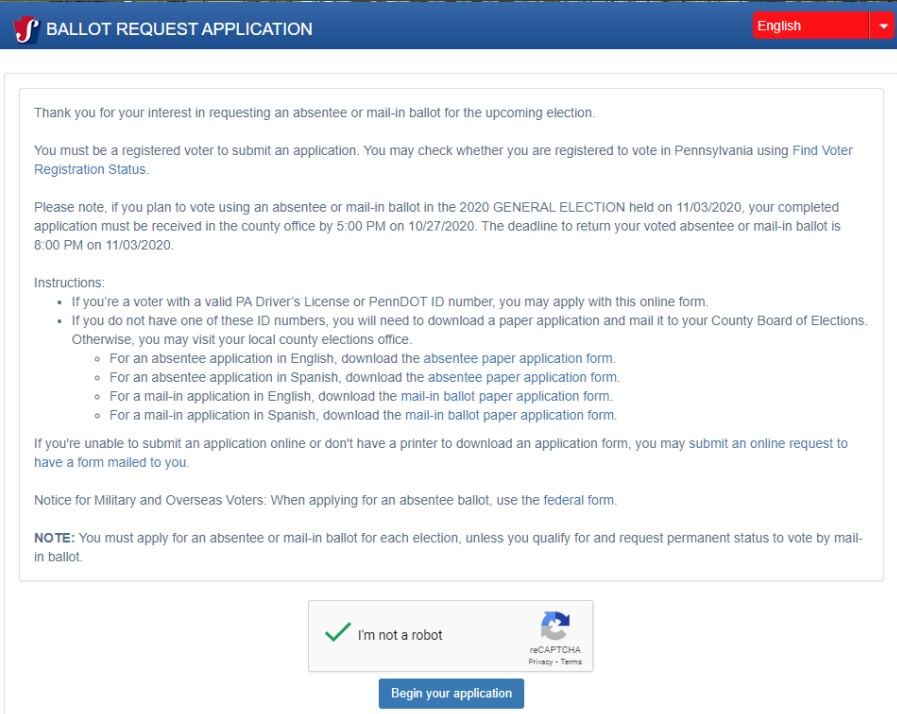
House # (1707 - 1787):
1735

Zip Code
18051

Search Clear

How Do I Vote?

- ▶ **Method #2 – Mail-In Ballot**
- ▶ *Many will opt for Mail-In Voting due to COVID-19 pandemic*
- ▶ *DO NOT need to provide any reason for Mail-In Voting*
- ▶ *MUST be Registered Voter to apply for Mail-In Ballot*
- ▶ Request Mail-In Ballot Application Online:
- ▶ <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>
- ▶ if you plan to vote using an absentee or mail-in ballot in the 2020 GENERAL ELECTION held on 11/03/2020, your completed application must be received in the county office by 5:00 PM on 10/27/2020. The deadline to return your voted absentee or mail-in ballot is 8:00 PM on 11/03/2020.



The screenshot shows the 'BALLOT REQUEST APPLICATION' page for Pennsylvania. The header is blue with the title and a language dropdown set to 'English'. The main content area is white and contains the following text:

Thank you for your interest in requesting an absentee or mail-in ballot for the upcoming election.

You must be a registered voter to submit an application. You may check whether you are registered to vote in Pennsylvania using [Find Voter Registration Status](#).

Please note, if you plan to vote using an absentee or mail-in ballot in the 2020 GENERAL ELECTION held on 11/03/2020, your completed application must be received in the county office by 5:00 PM on 10/27/2020. The deadline to return your voted absentee or mail-in ballot is 8:00 PM on 11/03/2020.

Instructions:

- If you're a voter with a valid PA Driver's License or PennDOT ID number, you may apply with this online form.
- If you do not have one of these ID numbers, you will need to download a paper application and mail it to your County Board of Elections. Otherwise, you may visit your local county elections office.
 - For an absentee application in English, download the [absentee paper application form](#).
 - For an absentee application in Spanish, download the [absentee paper application form](#).
 - For a mail-in application in English, download the [mail-in ballot paper application form](#).
 - For a mail-in application in Spanish, download the [mail-in ballot paper application form](#).


If you're unable to submit an application online or don't have a printer to download an application form, you may submit an online request to have a form mailed to you.

Notice for Military and Overseas Voters: When applying for an absentee ballot, use the federal form.

NOTE: You must apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot for each election, unless you qualify for and request permanent status to vote by mail-in ballot.

At the bottom, there is a reCAPTCHA section with a green checkmark and the text 'I'm not a robot', a reCAPTCHA logo, and links for 'Privacy' and 'Terms'. Below this is a blue button that says 'Begin your application'.

How Do I Vote (Absentee vs Mail-In Ballot)?

 **BALLOT REQUEST APPLICATION** English

Deadline Alert: If you plan to vote by absentee or mail-in ballot in the 2020 GENERAL ELECTION, your completed application must be received in the county office by 5:00 PM on 10/27/2020. Your voted ballot must be received in your county election office by 8:00 PM on 11/03/2020. A late application will not be accepted, even if it was postmarked before the deadline.

Are you a military or overseas civilian absentee voter?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Are you applying for a ballot because you will be absent from your municipality for the upcoming election?

☐ Yes

☒ No


Are you applying for a ballot for the upcoming election because you cannot appear at your polling place due to an illness or physical disability?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please click Continue to complete your online mail-in application.

CancelContinue

 **BALLOT REQUEST APPLICATION** English

Deadline Alert: If you plan to vote by absentee or mail-in ballot in the 2020 GENERAL ELECTION, your completed application must be received in the county office by 5:00 PM on 10/27/2020. Your voted ballot must be received in your county election office by 8:00 PM on 11/03/2020. A late application will not be accepted, even if it was postmarked before the deadline.

Applicant Information

Identification

First Name (As it appears on your PA Driver's License or PennDOT ID card)

Current Address

Middle Name/Initial (As it appears on your PA Driver's License or PennDOT ID card)

Mailing Address

Last Name (As it appears on your PA Driver's License or PennDOT ID card)

Annual Mail-In Request

Suffix (As it appears on your PA Driver's License or PennDOT ID card)

Declaration

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Review

In case there are any questions about your application, we recommend you include your phone number and email so the county office may contact you.

Phone Number

Email (Ex. jsmith@example.com)

Continue →

How Do I Vote?

▶ Method #2 – Mail-In Ballot (cont.)

- ▶ F) Mail-In Ballot Instructions:
 - ▶ Complete Your Ballot
 - ▶ Place Ballot in Secrecy Envelope
 - ▶ Place Secrecy Envelope in Official Envelope
 - ▶ Sign Declaration on Official Envelope
 - ▶ Declaration signature **MUST** match signature on Voter Registration
- ▶ G) Mail Completed Ballot to County Election Office
- ▶ ****MUST** be received by 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2020**
- ▶ *****RECOMMENDED LAST DAY TO POSTMARK IS October 29, 2020 but we suggest Oct 20 by the latest*****

▶ Method #3 – Absentee Ballot

- ▶ MUST provide legitimate reason for voting by Absentee Ballot
 - ▶ e.g., college student away from county where registered
 - ▶ e.g., permanent illness/disability (must provide Physician's Certification)
- ▶ A) Request Absentee Ballot Application Online:
- ▶ B) Follow same procedures as for Mail-In Ballot voting

How Do I Vote?

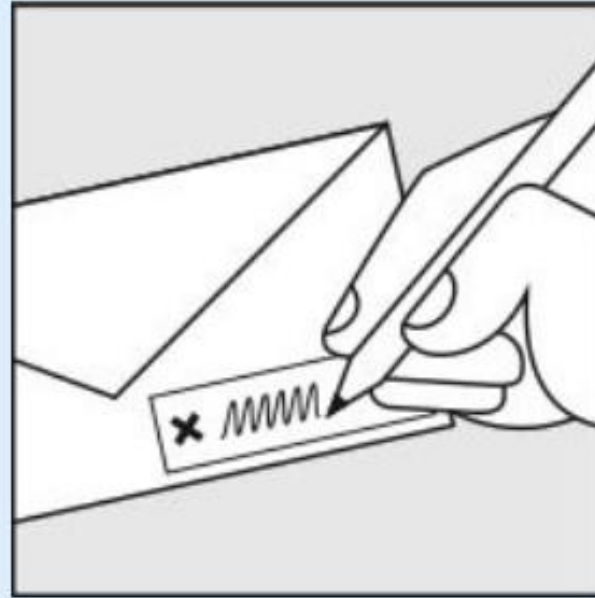
▶ **Method #4 – Emergency Absentee Ballot**

- ▶ MUST be a true “last minute emergency” explanation for why your Mail-In or Absentee Ballot Application was not submitted by 5pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2020
- ▶ HIGH RISK these votes may not be counted
- ▶ A) Request Emergency Absentee Ballot Application Online:
- ▶ https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Documents/PADOS_EmergencyAbsenteeBallotApplication_English.pdf
- ▶ B) Complete and Mail it to County Election Office
- ▶ C) Pick Up and/or Return Ballot Yourself (or by Authorized Person)
- ▶ https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Documents/PADOS_AuthorizeRepresentativeforEmergencyAbsenteeBallot.pdf

How do I vote with a mail-in ballot?



1. Mark your ballot, following the instructions.



2. Place your ballot in the secrecy envelope and then put the secrecy envelope into the official envelope. Be sure to sign the declaration, or your ballot may not count.






3. Return your ballot so it arrives at the [county election office](#) on time.

Important Dates

- ▶ Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
- ▶ The deadline to register online to vote is Monday, October 19, 2020.
- ▶ The deadline for registering by mail to vote is (postmarked by) Monday, October 19, 2020.
- ▶ The deadline to register in person to vote is Monday, October 19, 2020.
- ▶ The deadline to request a ballot by mail is (received by) Tuesday, October 27, 2020.
- ▶ The early voting period runs from Monday, September 14, 2020 to Tuesday, October 27, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

How to be a Proactive Mail Ballot Voter

- **1 Register now to vote**
Or at least **2 weeks before** the **October 19 deadline**
- **2 Sign up to vote by mail ballot**
Online: Now or at least **2 weeks before** the **October 27 deadline**
- **3 Return your voted mail ballot**
By mail: at least **2 weeks before** the **November 3 election**

Don't wait, get started today.

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Voting By Mail - FAQ

- ▶ What if I change my mind?
 - ▶ Provisional Ballot
- ▶ Is it safe to vote by mail?
 - ▶ Yes
 - ▶ Tracking
 - ▶ One ballot per person
- ▶ Will USPS get my ballot back in time?
 - ▶ The Earlier, the better
 - ▶ Drop-off option – IMPORTANT
 - ▶ Additional Stamp – Make it faster

County Election Officials

- ▶ Contact Elections for questions related to your polling place, when or where an election will be held and other election related information.
- ▶ Contact Voter Registration to confirm if you are registered to vote, how to register and other questions related to voter registration.

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