



The WNY Women's Foundation

The 2024 Voter Education Guide

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

Your vote is your most powerful tool for shaping the future.

In this guide you will find information on:

- Voter registration
- Different ways to access voting
- Issues that impact women - know where your candidates stand





REGISTER TO VOTE!

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To have the opportunity to vote,
you need to register!

Think you've already registered? Check your voter registration [here!](#)

REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR GENERAL ELECTION

MAIL REGISTRATION October 26	Applications must be received by a board of elections no later than October 26, 2024 to be eligible to vote in the General Election.
IN PERSON REGISTRATION October 26	You may register at your local board of elections on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the General Election, your application must be received no later than October 26, 2024.
CHANGE OF ADDRESS October 21	To change the address recorded by the county board of elections, registered voters must submit a change of address form by October 21, 2024.



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THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

In Person at your County Board of Elections

Voter Registration
Application [Here](#)

Mail-In Application to your County Board of Elections

Voter Registration
Application [Here](#)

Online through the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles

DMV Voter Registration
Application [Here](#)

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR REGISTRATION

IN PERSON/MAIL-IN

Final four digits of your Social Security number **OR** NYS DMV number (9-digit number located on the front near the top of your license, permit, or non-driver ID)

- You must **SIGN** your voter registration application

ONLINE

- Final four digits of your Social Security Number
- Your NYS DMV number (9-digit number located on the front near the top of your license, permit, or non-driver ID)
- NYS ID document number (8 or 10-character combination of numbers and letters on your license, permit, or non-driver ID)
- An email address

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

In order to vote in New York State you must meet all of the requirements below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Be a United States Citizen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not be in prison for a felony conviction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Be at least 18 years old on the day of election | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Be a resident of New York State and the county you are voting in for at least 30 days prior to the election |

1) <https://elections.erie.gov/pdfs/VoterReg/voteregform-eng-fillable2023.pdf>
2) <https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/motorvoter>



VOTING 101

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ON ELECTION DAY

Vote in person at your polling place on Election Day (Tuesday, November 5, 2024) from 6:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. If you are in line by 9:00 p.m., they cannot turn you away.

Click [here](#) to find your polling place

EARLY VOTING

In New York State, from Saturday, October 26 to Sunday, November 3, voters may visit any of their assigned Early Voting Centers in their county, except in New York City, where voters are assigned to one early voting site.

Click [here](#) to find the Early Voting Location closest to you.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee Ballot information and application:

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/votingabsentee.html>

ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINES

Online Application Due:
October 26

Last day for board of elections to RECEIVE application or letter of application by mail or online portal for general election ballot

In Person Application Due:
November 4

Last day to apply in person for general election ballot

Last Mail Postage Date:
November 5

Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board of elections no later than November 12

Last In-Person Submission Date:
November 5

Last day to deliver ballot in person to the board of elections or your poll site, by 9:00 p.m.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ABSENTEE?

In order to vote using an absentee ballot you must meet one or more of the following conditions:



Absent from your county or, if a resident of New York City absent from the five boroughs, on Election Day



Unable to appear at the polls due to temporary or permanent illness or disability



Unable to appear because you are the primary caregiver of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled



A resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital



In jail or prison for any reason other than a felony conviction. This includes anyone awaiting grand jury action, awaiting trial, or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor

<https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

What's on the ballot?

2024 BALLOT MEASURE: PROPOSITION ONE

In addition to voting for candidates, New Yorkers have the ability to amend or change the State constitution through a ballot measure. There is one ballot measure in the 2024 election cycle: **PROPOSITION ONE**, the New York State Equal Rights Amendment. Please note, Ballot measure may require you to flip the Ballot over.

The New York State Equal Rights Amendment will officially outlaw the discrimination of all women, pregnant New Yorkers, LGBTQIA+ people, those with disabilities, older adults, and people from different countries and cultures. This will protect reproductive freedom and move towards equality for all. The ERA will ensure the **strongest** legal protections for all New Yorkers.

A "YES" vote puts these protections against discrimination in the New York State Constitution.

A "NO" vote leaves these protections out of the State Constitution.



1) <https://www.elections.ny.gov/2023BallotProposals.html>

2) Sourced from the AAUW Action Fund

3) <https://elections.ny.gov/2024-statewide-ballot-proposal>

Issues Impacting Women

Know Where Your Candidates Stand

Every election has high stakes for women because of the issues that disproportionately impact women: the equal pay gap, the child care crisis, access to reproductive healthcare, access to education and more.

POVERTY

Currently in NYS, 32.6% of female-headed families with children live in poverty.

In NYS in 2021, women constituted 63% of the low-paid workforce and 15% of them lived in poverty. Jobs such as child workers and home health aides have typically been undervalued and underpaid, despite the importance of these occupations.

Advocate for fair wages and support education and job training programs!



EDUCATION

Currently 31% of women aged 25 and older hold a bachelor's degree compared to 29% of their male counterparts.

Higher education does not necessarily translate to higher earnings. Current data suggests that a woman must complete an additional degree to secure equivalent wages to a man with less education.

Support initiatives that provide women with supportive quality education!



1) <https://www.wbfo.org/2023-03-08/the-gender-pay-gap-has-increased-by-4-in-erie-county-since-2019>

2) <https://www.nysenate.gov/sites/default/files/childcareourreport.pdf>

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CHILD CARE CRISIS

Child care costs more than rent in all 50 states.

In today's society, the existing child care infrastructure is struggling to meet the needs of children, parents, and educators, resulting in adverse consequences for families, employers, and communities alike.

Universal child care, a system where access to affordable, high-quality child care is guaranteed for all families regardless of income level or location, could solve the child care crisis.

GENDER PAY GAP

Women earn only 84¢ for every dollar men make.

The WNY gender pay gap has **INCREASED** by 4% since 2019. For every dollar paid to a non-Hispanic, white man, Black women are paid 69¢, Native American women are paid 59¢, and Latina women are paid 57¢.

Help close this gap by making sure to hold employers accountable for adhering to NYS salary transparency and history laws and conducting annual salary audits!



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ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

While New York offers abortive care for non-viable pregnancies and for the health preservation of the pregnant person, still many barriers to accessibility exist.

Healthcare accessibility, in general, is an issue, disproportionately affecting lower-income black and brown individuals.

An influx of people from parts of the nation that restrict abortion access means increased wait times and strains healthcare services.

Fake clinics and anti-abortion protesters in the region spread fear and misinformation those seeking healthcare.³

Understanding which candidate will prioritize safe and accessible healthcare is crucial to ensuring bodily autonomy is protected and uplifted.

KNOW WHERE YOUR CANDIDATES STAND ON THESE ISSUES AND ISSUES TO YOU!



1) <https://www.ny.gov/new-york-state-congressional-delegation>
2) <https://cawp.rutgers.edu/facts/state-state-information/new-york>
3) <https://www.protruthny.org/get-the-truth/>



MAKE AN EDUCATED VOTE

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Know Your Candidates!

Before you vote you should look up who is running in the current election cycle and what their positions are on issues you care about. Use the link below to view your sample ballot and learn more about your candidates and proposed ballot measures.

- Check out https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup

Know Your District

Use the link below to look up your current elected officials and legislative district for state and federal positions

- Check out <https://elections.ny.gov/new-york-state-elected-officials>

Know Your Polling Place

- Check out <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov>

Know Your Rights

Protect your vote by knowing what your rights are under the New York State Voter's Bill of Rights

- Check out <https://elections.ny.gov/know-your-rights>

THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE

Every registered U.S. voter gets ONE vote -- regardless of gender expression, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or marital status. Women's votes help to place more attention on issues that directly impact women, girls, and their communities.

Voting is not only your civic duty but an equal opportunity for your voice to be heard and to hold those who are elected accountable. Your opinions matter. **GET OUT AND VOTE!**



 **VOTE!**

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The mission of the WNY Women's Foundation is to transform systems, culture, and policy to create opportunities for each woman to thrive.

Learn more at: www.wnywomensfoundation.org



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