

Common Cause: National Voter Registration Day is today

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Common Cause Wisconsin is excited to be part of a national effort to strengthen our democracy by encouraging voters to register TODAY, this year's National Voter Registration Day, September 28, 2021.

Help celebrate National Voter Registration Day by registering to vote, checking your voter status, and sharing with others information about how they can register to vote, too. Sharing is easy when you can send an email, text, or post to social media.

You can begin by double-checking that you are currently ready to vote by going to myvote.wi.gov. Even if you think you're registered or have cast a ballot recently, it's a good idea to verify your voter registration on at the official election site: [MyVote](https://myvote.wi.gov).

And, if you've never cast a ballot before, this is your moment to take action so that you can do so. Voting is one of the most meaningful ways that you can engage in our democracy and have your voice heard and counted.

Know a student voter that needs to register to vote?
Here are some resources and information to share.

If you know a student attending a college or university in Wisconsin, make a special effort to reach out to them about voting. Over half of eligible young voters (ages 18-29) do NOT cast a ballot. They need encouragement and accurate information to be able to vote in Wisconsin because, unfortunately, the Wisconsin Legislature and then-Gov. Scott Walker enacted a voter suppression law ten years ago that made it more difficult for Wisconsin college and university students — who lacked a Wisconsin driver's license, passport, or one of the other relatively narrow listing of photo ID that can be used to vote — to be able to vote than in almost any other state in the country. At many public and private colleges in Wisconsin, the photo ID issued to students is not sufficient or valid to be able to vote.

We have important information available to share from the Common Cause Wisconsin website:

[Three Things College Students Need to Do To Vote in Wisconsin](#)

Most students already have a Wisconsin driver license or one of the other acceptable forms of photo ID for voting.

Students who do not have one of the other forms of acceptable ID for voting should look up their college/university on the appropriate list linked below to see if their student ID can be used as a photo ID to vote or if their school offers a special photo ID card for voting:

[University of WI – 4-Year Schools](#)

[University of WI – 2-Year Schools](#)

[WI Private Universities and Colleges](#)

[WI Technical and Community Colleges](#)

AND if you're looking for an opportunity or know someone who would like to help engage young people to vote and be engaged with democracy, this upcoming event does just that! Our friends at the Campus Vote Project are hosting both a virtual and in-person WI [Campus Voting Summit](#) on October 8th and 9th. The summit is FREE and assistance with transportation costs is available. Sign up today:

[WI Fall 2021 Campus Voting Summit](#)

Have questions or need some assistance with voter registration?

Help is just a call, text, or email away.

Call or text the [WI Voter Helpline](#) at 608-285-2141 and you will be connected to a nonpartisan person who can help answer all your questions. You can also request services such as getting assistance at the DMV to get an ID to vote or having someone walk you through the voter registration process.

Call the Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline for assistance: 1-844-347-8683. Or email: info@disabilityvote.org. Additional online resources are also at the [Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition](#) website.

Partner organizations and community groups are holding voter registration events in areas across the state today and are happy to help! You can find National Voter Registration Day events TODAY near you by going [here](#) and entering your zip code.

Remember!

National Voter Registration Day is not about paying attention for just this one day, but rather, it is a day meant to highlight an important step that all voters must take to preserve and protect our democracy.

Democracy depends on you.