

Gen Z Pre-Election Resource Directory

📸 **Picture this:** Young people you've mobilized and prepared for elections show up to the polls (in record numbers!) registered, feeling confident, and ready to exercise their right to vote. They know which candidates they're voting for, are clear-eyed about what else will show up on their ballots, and are aware of the kinds of identification and information they'll need to provide to the pollworkers on site. Or, maybe they've decided to vote-by-mail and are up to speed on relevant deadlines and where to drop off their ballots. Sounds nice, right?

YOU can make this vision a reality. This Gen Z pre-election resource directory is another tool you can add to your group's youth organizing and advocacy toolbox. The following list has links to resources and organizations we love 🍷 — from understanding voter ID requirements, to guidance for voting as a study abroad student, we've got you covered on all things election prep!

Pre-Election Essentials

★ **Resource Spotlight:** This [Voter Journey Map](#) is an interactive, nonpartisan tool from the U.S. Vote Foundation to simplify the election process for voters. It walks users through a personalized "journey" that filters information based on specific state, location, and voting preferences. At the end of the process, voters receive a customized PDF "map" or checklist containing the specific links, deadlines, and requirements they need to successfully cast their ballot.

The [Voter Journey Map](#) also provides specialized guidance for overseas citizens, military voters, and those with circumstances like disability or residency issues.

For All Young Voters

- Polling place locator and checking your voter registration status:
 - [TurboVote | Democracy Works](#)
 - [Voter registration deadlines and ID requirements in all 50 states | 866ourvote](#)
- "What's on my ballot?" tools:
 - [Personalized Ballot | VOTE411](#)
 - [Sample Ballot Lookup | Ballotpedia](#)

- Information about postmark, mailing, and USPS rules affecting mail-in ballots:
 - [Here's What the New USPS Rule Means for Voting by Mail | Campaign Legal Center](#)
 - [Postal Service Changes and Mail Voting | Fair Election Center](#)

For Student Voters

- [Student Voter | VoteRiders](#)
- [ALL IN Out of State College Student Voting Guide](#)
- [State Student Voting Guide | Campus Voter Project](#)

For Absentee and Overseas Young Voters

- [Absentee Ballot Deadlines | TurboVote | Democracy Works](#)
- [Register and request your absentee ballot with the Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#)
- [How to Vote While Studying Abroad | IES Abroad](#)
- [Step-by-Step Guide to Overseas Voting | Overseas Vote Foundation](#)
- [Voting from Abroad | Travel.State.gov](#)

Resources for Language Assistance, Accessibility Accommodations, Etc.

- [Voting with a disability | Vote.gov](#)
- [Multilingual Hotlines & Voter Info - Election Protection | Protect The Vote:](#)
 - If English isn't your primary language and you want to vote in a different language, you can contact your [state or local election office](#) to learn what support is available in your language:
 - Voting information and materials (such as ballots) in your language.
 - A poll worker who can communicate with you in your language (including American Sign Language).
 - A family member or friend who can help translate for you at your voting location.
- Youth voters navigating housing instability:
 - [Voting while unhoused | Vote.gov](#)
 - [National Coalition for the Homeless | "You Don't Need a Home to Vote"](#)
 - [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness | Step-by-Step Guide](#)
 - [Nonprofit VOTE | Voting and Homelessness](#)
- Know your rights and safety:
 - [Know Your Rights Hub | Democracy 2025](#)
 - [State and local election offices | USAGov](#)

- To report a violation of voting rights, intimidation, or suppression; or voter fraud and voter registration fraud, you can contact your state or local election office.

★ **Resource Spotlight:** [VoteRiders](#) is a nonprofit organization that has numerous tools to reduce voter ID barriers that make it harder for you and your peers to vote. Check them out, here:

[VoteRiders Homepage](#) and [State Rules Page](#): select your state and status in the Voting Info dropdown menus to learn more about voter ID and registration requirements.

[VoteRiders Helpline](#): call or text the helpline, fill out a form, or use the chatbot to access **free assistance** and support to obtain different kinds of ID. The VoteRiders team can help you:

- ✓ Set up appointments and cover costs
- ✓ Request and pay for those documents
- ✓ Figure out what documents you need to get your ID
- ✓ Make sure you are prepared to vote
- ✓ Receive your ID
- ✓ Obtain documents that show who you are (examples: birth certificate, name change records, naturalization certificate)
- ✓ Access a free ride to the DMV or Social Security office
- ✓ Get proof of where you live
- ✓ Get a copy of your Social Security card