



**Get Your Vote On,
Missouri State!**



**Voter Information and Resources
2023-24**

**Paws to the Polls,
Missouri State University**

Enter Here for Your Path to the Polls

Who are We?

Paws to the Polls is a nonpartisan grassroots campus initiative formed to increase voter engagement and voting knowledge at MSU.



Watch for our events! [@pawstothepolls](https://twitter.com/pawstothepolls)
Consider joining us! pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu

Gen Z Votes!

The younger demographic has the lowest rates of voter participation, and older generations have the highest. Decide your future – VOTE!

Where to Register While in College? Vote Where You Sleep!

- You live here, sleep here, and may work here. You can vote here.
- Even if you're registered elsewhere, you can register here during your college years, and simply re-register when/if you move back to your home community
- You're more likely to vote if you vote in person where you live
- If you have a current Missouri Driver's or Non-Driver's license, or a passport or military ID, you can register to vote anywhere in Missouri.
- MSU is a Central Polling Location; vote on campus!
- Can use residence hall as your address – see p.4



You're Eligible to Vote in MO if:

- You are a U.S. citizen
- You are at least 17½ years old, and will be 18 by Election Day
- You have no felony convictions - eligible to vote after completion of sentence and end of probation or parole

ID for Voting in MO

- Current Missouri Driver's license or Non-Driver License
- Passport or Military ID
- Local elections may accept University ID!



Election Dates 2023-24 (Springfield, MO)

Local elections are *just* as important!

Election Day	Type of Election	Last Day to Register*
Nov 7, 2023	(Possible) Special Election	Oct 11, 2023
Apr 2, 2024	General Municipal (Local) Election	Mar 6, 2023
Aug 6, 2024	Primary Election	Jul 10, 2023
Nov 5, 2024	General Election	Oct 9, 2024

*You don't need to re-register for every election, but update it if you move (it's fast and easy, and if you move within the same county, you can do it right at the polls).

All elections are on Tuesdays – plan accordingly!

Questions About Voting?

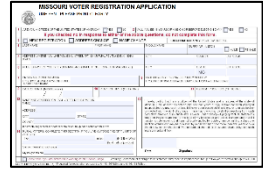
- Paws to the Polls, pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu
<https://www.missouristate.edu/ADP/paws-to-the-polls.htm>
- Office of Public Affairs Support, Meyer Library Room 202-J (NW corner), 417-836-8832
- Greene County Clerk, countyclerk@greenecountymmo.gov, 417-868-4055
- Missouri Secretary of State, <https://www.sos.mo.gov>

Registering to Vote in MO

If you're not yet registered in the county where you plan to vote, be aware of registration deadlines!

Paper Registration

- Meyer Library Room 202-J: Office of Public Affairs Support (2nd floor, NW corner), 417-836-8832
- Email pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu or go to Strong Hall 463
- Greene County Clerk's Office, 940 N. Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO 417-868-4055

A sample of the Missouri Voter Registration Application form, showing fields for personal information, address, and contact details.

Online Registration

To register in MO: Secretary of State's office:
<https://www.sos.mo.gov/> (when registering **online**, check option for "using a tablet, phone, or other mobile device")



(Also use this website also to check if you're already registered in the MO county where you plan to vote.)

You can register using your residence hall as your address; use actual street address (not the hall name) – and **add your room number!** For res. hall addresses, see:
<https://www.missouristate.edu/ADP/addresses.htm>.



If registering in another state, find your county clerk's office at <https://www.usvotefoundation.org/> to register OR while a student here, re-register to vote here on campus in Greene County!



Casting Your Vote in MO

Before You Vote – Prepare Yourself!

- Ensure that you're registered (see p. 3 for MO Secretary of State website) in the county where you plan to vote
- See a sample ballot on the Greene County Clerk's website near election time (or search for your County Clerk if you vote elsewhere)

- See League of Women Voters nonpartisan Voter Guide for even-year Nov elections – we distribute on campus or the Paws to the Polls voter guide for local elections
- See the nonpartisan websites/apps on the back page of this booklet

In Missouri, Three Options for Voting:

1. In-Person Voting on Election Day

Polls are open 6am to 7pm

You can choose to vote at:

- A Central Polling Location (If you are registered here in Greene County), such as the MSU Welcome Center OR
- The polling location noted on your Voter ID card or found at <https://voteroutreach.sos.mo.gov/>



2. Absentee Voting by Mail

If you cannot vote in person in the county in which you're registered on Election Day, you can **vote absentee**. Start the process early - see the MO Secretary of State website for complete instructions:

You'll need to get your ballot envelope notarized before sending it, but there are many free notaries on campus! <https://www.missouristate.edu/DOS/notaries.htm>. Take your ID (Bearpass is fine) - the notary verifies your identity.

There's even a post office in PSU, 2nd floor, to drop off your ballot.



3. In-Person Absentee Voting *before* Election Day

- Starting six weeks PRIOR TO any election, you can vote "in-person absentee" in Missouri in the county where you're registered to vote!
- Check hours with your County Clerk's office (offices listed on website), and go vote! <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/pickupmail>
- Take your MO state-issued (or federal) ID with you.



Accessible Voting

- **Curbside voting:** for voters with limited mobility
- **Accessible Polling Places:** contact County Clerk's office If your polling place is not accessible (Central Polling Places are accessible)
- **Accessible Voting Systems:** Every polling place has an accessible voting system for those with disabilities
- **Permanent Absentee:** may be requested from County Clerk's office; ballot sent prior to each election



Voting FAQs

- How do I know if I'm registered to vote?
Check the MO Secretary of State's website (see p. 3) or call your local county clerk
- Where do I vote?
At the polling location listed on your Voter ID card (or find it on the MO Secretary of State's website) OR vote at the Central Polling Location on MSU's campus if registered to vote here in Greene County
- I'm unsure about some things on the ballot – do I have to vote for everything?
No! Vote only for what you're sure about – your ballot will still count!
- I'm worried I'll forget who and what I plan to vote for. Can I take my notes?
Sure! This isn't a test. You can take your notes or a pre-marked sample ballot into the polling place.
- Do I need a photo ID to vote?
You'll need a Missouri Driver's or Non-Driver's license, passport, or military ID to vote.

E-mail us if you have any questions! pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu

Educate Yourself – Nonpartisan Sources

Fact-Checking websites:



Science Feedback

Unbiased sources of political information:



U.S. Vote Foundation www.usvotefoundation.org:

Assists citizens to register, vote and request absentee ballots; provides voter information



Vote Smart www.votesmart.org: Provides unbiased information on candidates via various categories of information



All Sides www.allsides.org: News from left, right, and center perspectives



ActiVote www.activote.net: App that's the one-stop shop for all things political: elected officials, candidates, current legislation, plus daily surveys and results



Voting and MSU's Public Affairs Mission

When you vote, you are using your voice to take part in the democratic process as well as fulfilling all three components of Missouri State's Public Affairs mission.

- Ethical Leadership
- Cultural Competence
- Community Engagement

Problems at the Polls?



Nonpartisan election protection: call 866-OurVote (866-687-8683) Call from your polling place if you are concerned that your voting rights are being infringed upon. Someone will attend to you immediately.

Questions? contact us: pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu, or come see us at Strong Hall room 472.



**Watch for MSU's
Voter Awareness Week,
Oct 2-5! Includes Voting Fair!**

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