



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



**Paws to the Polls 2022-23**

**Voter Information and Resources**

**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. Want to get involved? Email us at [pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu](mailto:pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu).

**Watch for Paws to the Polls events and tabling!**

## 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

## Questions About Voting?

### On Campus:

- Public Affairs Support Office, Meyer Library 202-J, 417-836-8832  
[publicaffairssupport@missouristate.edu](mailto:publicaffairssupport@missouristate.edu)
- Paws to the Polls Campus Voter Initiative, Strong Hall Room 472  
[pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu](mailto:pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu)  
<https://www.missouristate.edu/ADP/paws-to-the-polls.htm>

### Off Campus:

- Greene County Clerk, [countyclerk@greenecountymo.gov](mailto:countyclerk@greenecountymo.gov), 417-868-4055
- Missouri Secretary of State, <https://www.sos.mo.gov>
- League of Women Voters of SWMO, [lwwsouthwestmo@gmail.com](mailto:lwwsouthwestmo@gmail.com)

## Gen Z Votes!

The college demographic has the lowest rates of voter participation, and older generations have the highest. But our rates are on an upward path. Our generation needs to decide our own future – VOTE!

**Trivia question:** Why are U.S. elections always on a Tuesday? (See p. 7)

## Who Can Vote in the U.S.?

- U.S. citizen
- 17½ to register, 18 years old by Election Day to vote
- In Missouri, voters must not have felony convictions - eligible to vote after completion of sentence and end of probation or parole

## Election Dates 2022-23 (Springfield, MO)

**All Elections Are Important!**

Election Day	What We're Voting On	Last Day to Register to Vote*
<b>Nov 8, 2022</b>	General Election (midterm)	Oct 12, 2022
<b>Apr 4, 2023</b>	General Municipal (local) Election	Mar 8, 2023
<b>Aug 8, 2023</b>	Possible Election day	Jul 12, 2023

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

## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, NW corner), 417-836-8832
- Email [pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu](mailto:pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu) or Strong Hall 472

### 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 other 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!



## Registered Elsewhere?

### Consider Changing Your Registration to Vote Here

- Do you have a current Missouri Driver’s or Non-Driver’s license? Or passport or military ID? If so, you can vote here in Greene County – MSU is a Central Polling Location; you can vote on campus!
- Can use residence hall as your address – see above
- Best way to ensure your vote: vote in person where you live
- If you register here while you’re at school, just re-register when/if you move back to your home community



## 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
- See the nonpartisan websites/apps on the back page of this booklet

### 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 here on campus

OR

- The polling location noted on your Voter ID card or found at <https://voteroutreach.sos.mo.gov/>



## 2. Absentee Voting by Mail (or drop-off)

If you cannot vote in person in the county in which you're registered on Election Day, you can **vote absentee**. The steps are:

1. Submit an Absentee Ballot request form by mail well before the election (as early as September 27th for the Nov 8 election). Print out the online form on MO Secretary of State's website: [absentee ballot request form \(mo.gov\)](#) (QR code at right).



2. Mail the filled-out request form to your County Clerk's office. Request **MUST** be RECEIVED by 5:00 pm on **Oct 26** for the Nov 8, 2022 election and **March 22** for the April 4, 2023 election. MO County Clerk Office addresses: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/pickupmail>



3. You will receive a ballot with its pre-addressed return envelope. If it does not arrive in 7-10 days, contact your County Clerk's office – phone number at previous link.

4. Take the ballot out of the envelope and vote it. Print a copy of your state-issued ID and put in envelope with ballot.

5. Seal the ballot in the envelope after voting it. Take sealed envelope to one of the many **FREE notaries all over campus**:

<https://www.missouristate.edu/DOS/notaries.htm>.

Take your ID (Bearpass is fine) - the notary verifies your identity.



6. Drop your completed ballot into any mailbox – there's a post office in the PSU, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Envelope is pre-paid so you don't pay postage. **Must be received** in County Clerk's office by **7:00 pm**, Election Day.

Pay attention to deadlines and start early! Deadline to request ballot is **October 26th** for the November 8 election, but U.S. mail can be slow!

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

- Missouri has “in-person absentee” voting starting six weeks PRIOR TO any election – starts Sept 27<sup>th</sup> (for Nov 8<sup>th</sup> election), up to Nov 7
- You can vote IN PERSON in the county where you’re registered to vote, at your County Clerk’s office/Election Center. If you’re registered at home and can visit there between Sept 27<sup>th</sup> and Nov 7, you can vote there!
- Check hours with your County Clerk’s office (QR code at right)
- Take your state-issued (or federal) ID with you



<https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/pickupmail>

Questions? contact us: [pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu](mailto:pawstothepolls@missouristate.edu), or come see us at Strong Hall room 472.

### 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 Locations 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

### ID for Voting in MO

- Current Missouri Driver’s license or Non-Driver License
- Passport or Military ID
- Other forms may be accepted, but laws are changing

### 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.



## Voting FAQs

- How do I know if I'm registered to vote?
  - *Check the MO Secretary of State's website (see p. 4) 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 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 (see p. 5 for sample ballot link).*
- Do I need a photo ID to vote?
  - *New legislation says that you'll need a Missouri Driver's or Non-Driver's license, passport, or military ID. This may change before the next election, but be prepared to take it!*

## Fill Out Your Voting Plan

Election Date	Polling location	What time will I go?*	Who's my voting buddy?
Nov 8, '22			
Apr 4, '23			

\*Allow plenty of time to vote – there may be lines in major elections!

**Watch for MSU's Voter Awareness Week, Oct 3-6!  
Includes Voting Fair Oct 5**

**Answer to trivia question:** Tuesday is election day because historically many voters would attend church on Sunday, travel to the polls on Monday, and vote before Wednesday, when most farmers would sell their wares at the market.

# Educate Yourself – Nonpartisan Sources

Fact-Checking websites:



Science Feedback

Unbiased sources of political information:



U.S. Vote Foundation [www.usvotefoundation.org](http://www.usvotefoundation.org):

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



Vote Smart [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org): Provides unbiased information on candidates via various categories of information



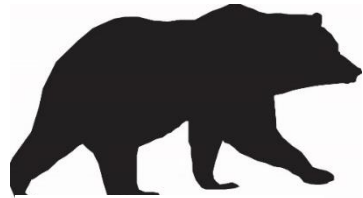
All Sides [www.allsides.org](http://www.allsides.org): News from left, right, and center perspectives



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

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