

The Minnesota Participation Project: Nonpartisan Nonprofit Voter Mobilization

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Minnesota Participation Project: Six Easy Steps to Voter Registration

Filling out voter registration cards can seem tricky, and so can remembering what you have to do to make sure that the registrations count. This is a quick guide to the things you have to remember to do to ensure that registrations are accepted.

1. Get the cards:

- The first step is of course getting some voter registration cards. Cards are available at the Secretary of State's office, or your county elections or city elections office.

2. Fill the card out with the person:

- Make sure that they check the boxes at the top.
- Make sure that they use their full address, including St./Ave and direction.
- Follow the order of ID preference:
 - MN Drivers license or ID card (You must use this if you have one)
 - If you do not have one, you can use the last 4 digits of your social security number.
 - If you have neither, write NONE.

3. If the person says they will mail the card:

- Explain that if they do mail it, they may be asked to show a picture ID at their polling place on Election Day. Assure them that you are turning in many people's cards and can make sure that theirs gets to the right place in time.
- As much as possible, try to persuade voters to let you turn in their cards.

4. Get their permission to contact them with information about the election and their polling place. You could have a clipboard sign-up for this purpose.

5. Remind the voter that they should bring their ID to the polls.

6. Hand-deliver the cards within 10 days to the county elections office.

- Any mailed voter registration cards, even if they are all in one box, could be flagged for proof of photo identification, and voters may be asked to provide a photo ID on Election Day. As such, it is much easier and more reliable to hand-deliver the cards.
- If you registered voters who live in different counties, deliver the cards to the Secretary of State's office.

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