



Team Child

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

Did you know that juvenile offenders – even those who are locked up for juvenile court offenses – have the right to vote? In Washington State, as long as you’re an eligible voter, you have the right to register to vote and then to vote in any election.

You are eligible to vote in Washington as long you are:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old by election day;
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.

Wait, I thought you just said I can vote even if I have a juvenile felony?

Yes, that is correct. But, people who were under 18 years old, but were convicted of a felony in **adult court** are *not eligible* to vote if they’re incarcerated. So, if you were convicted of an adult felony in adult court, you are not able to vote if you’re in JR under a Department of Corrections (DOC) sentence.

What do I need to know to register?

You will need to know your full name, date of birth, last known residential address, and the last four digits of your social security number or a Washington state photo identification or driver’s license, as well as the address of the institution or community facility where you are incarcerated.

Okay, how do I register?

JR staff should be able to provide you with a paper voter registration form. That form should be available in a number of languages, including English and Spanish. JR staff should also help ensure that you’re able to mail out the voter registration form.

When do I register?

Technically, the deadline to register by mail or online is October 31, 2022. BUT, we strongly recommend that you get registered to vote as soon as possible, because ballots will be mailed out in mid-October, and you should try to make sure you have the longest amount of time possible to fill in your ballot so that you can make sure it is in the mail *before November 8*.

When do I vote?

Like I said above, ballots will be put in the mail in mid-October. You can vote anytime from when you receive your ballot all the way until November 8, 2022. You’ve probably noticed, though, that the mail has been getting slower lately. So, we are recommending that you make sure your ballot is put in the mail on or before November 5, so that you can make sure your vote is counted.

*It is important that you remember to change your mailing address on your voter registration prior to being released from JR, to make sure **you** get your ballot!