**Voting FAQ**

**Am I eligible to vote?**

That depends. In order to vote you must be at least 18 years old and a resident of this fine United States. And don’t wait! You have to be registered *at least* 21 days before the election and you *must* be a resident at the time of registration.

**When do I vote?**

Primary elections are held on the first Tuesday in August during even numbered years. **General election is held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even numbered years**. After registering, you will receive a voting certificate that will tell you the location of your voting place. All voting locations should be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm on Election Day.

**What do I have to bring in order to vote?**

You should bring an informed mind and one of the following types of photo identification so we know that you are actually you.

-Driver’s License or Nondriver’s ID Card

-US Passport

-Military ID

-Student ID

-Public Assistance ID

-Indian Tribe ID

**Should I register using my home address or my college address?**

In Kansas, your voting residency is determined by the place you intend to return to after being away. This being said, it’s hard to determine that place sometimes, so it is acceptable to vote using your college address as well.

**Do I need to re-register for every election?**

Nope! The only times you need to re-register are if you’ve moved, if you changed your name, if you would like to switch political parties, or if you haven’t voted in the last four years.

**What is absentee voting?**

Absentee voting is when someone votes using an ‘advance ballot.’ You have to apply for these either by mail or in person at your local election office. Absentee ballots have to be received by the last business day on the week before Election Day.

**How do I register?**

1. Go to <https://www.kdor.org/voterregistration/>
2. Grab your driver’s license or non-driver's identification card. If you don’t have either, then go grab a paper form that we will have available to you in the Resource Room.
3. If this is your first time voting in Kansas, you’re gonna need evidence that you’re actually a US citizen. This could include
   1. Birth Certificate
   2. Passport (doesn’t matter if it’s expired or not)
   3. United States naturalization documents
   4. Naturalization certificate number
   5. Bureau of Indian Affairs card number
   6. Tribal Treaty card number
   7. Tribal enrollment number
   8. Consular report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States
   9. Certificate of citizenship
   10. Certificate of report of birth
   11. Final adoption decree showing name and US birthplace
   12. United States military record of service
   13. Extract form a US hospital record of birth including place of birth
4. If you plan on using your driver’s license or identification card… sorry. You can’t. Neither prove citizenship.
5. Go ahead and click the ‘Continue’ button at the bottom and complete the ENTIRE online application.
   1. This includes:
      1. Verifying your voting eligibility.
      2. Verifying that you have a valid driver’s license or nondriver’s identification card.
      3. Entering your personal information.
      4. Reviewing and submitting your information.
6. At the end, you will be given the option to either upload your citizenship document digitally, or mail, fax, email, or hand deliver a copy to your county election office.
   1. If you plan on mailing, faxing, or emailing your citizenship document, here is the contact info:
      1. COWLEY COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE  
         Karen Defore  
         [kdefore@cowleycounty.org](mailto:kdefore@cowleycounty.org)  
         Office hours: 8:00-5:00  
         Fax Number: (620) 221-5498  
         Address: 311 E 9th   
         Winfield, KS 67156
7. Patience, young grasshopper. Your application is going to need time to process. Karen Defore, our lovely election officer, will notify you to tell you that your voter registration was either completed successfully or if you need to fix anything.
8. In case you have any questions that we can’t answer for you, go ahead and call 1-800-262-VOTE, which is 1-800-262-8683 for all those who don’t understand T-9.