

So—you're a newly registered voter! Now what?

Here's a guide to everything you need to know about how to vote in the 2018 elections...

- The **primary** is on June 5th, 2018
 - This is where the parties determine which candidates to put on the ballot for the *general election* in November.
 - You **MUST** register as a party affiliate (a Republican or Democrat) in order to vote in the *primary*.
 - You **DO NOT** need to be 18 to vote in the *primary*, as long as you're **AT LEAST** 17½, and you'll be 18 by the *general election* in November.
- The **general election** is on November 6th, 2018
 - This is where voters elect candidates for office. This is the **REAL DEAL**.
 - You **DO NOT** need to be registered as a party affiliate (Independents can vote).
 - You **MUST** be 18 to vote in the *general election*.
- You can find your voting location (precinct) here: <https://bit.ly/SoFwkL>
- If for any reason you will not be able to vote at your assigned polling place (e.g. if you're going to college out of state, too lazy, etc.), **YOU CAN STILL VOTE!!!**
- This is called voting by **absentee ballot**. All details can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2pV8zjE>
 - You need to fill out an *absentee ballot request form*.
 - Then, you'll need to send the completed and **SIGNED** form to your *county auditor*.
 - You must request an *absentee ballot* by 5:00 PM on the Friday before the *primary* (June 1st) and 5:00 PM on Saturday before the *general election* (November 3rd)
 - **TIP**: Fill out the *absentee ballot request form* **SOONER** rather than later!

Questions? The Iowa State Department's website is a great resource!

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html>

THANK YOU FOR VOTING!