

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGES VOTE



Pennsylvania Colleges Vote helps to lead voter registrations and mobilization drives in colleges, universities, and schools across the Keystone State.

PA Colleges Vote can provide the following information to assist campus mobilization efforts get off the ground, including:

- Customizable tip sheets
- Instructions on how to start your own student organization
- Internships and community service hours
- Flyers you can customize and post around campus
- Online resources and podcasts to set you on the right direction
- Personalized advice and mentorship for your own get out the vote drive

To get started, visit us at pacollegesvote.com.

Start a chapter of *PA Colleges Vote* at your school today and check out our online voter registration resources. Together, we can make a difference by joining forces. Get in touch with us to see how we can help you get started.

REGISTER EVERYONE YOU POSSIBLY CAN

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Here are some ideas that other colleges and universities have used.

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You can also have voters register to vote online. This way, you don't have to mail the voter registration forms back or drop them off at your county courthouse. The registration process is a bit faster this way. Voters can receive a confirmation of their application when they provide their email address. Please note: new voters without a Pennsylvania driver's license or ID card will need to upload a photo of their signature or mail one in to complete the application.

PA Votes can help you brainstorm ideas on getting out the vote on campus. Here is what we have done at other colleges:

- Feature voter registration in your college's email newsletter.
- Include a prompt about registering to vote in the system students use to register for class. Make it part of the process.
- Contact the student newspaper about writing a story on upcoming elections.
- Create a hashtag unique to your school's voter registration drive.
- Take the stage before concerts and other popular events to get people fired up out voting.
- Get your school's mascot into the act. Don that costume and have students vote at sporting events and on campus.

You need a strong core team of people. It's more fun when you're with a bunch of friends and have a mentor to guide you along the way. Pennsylvania Colleges Vote will provide a roadmap so you know where to go on your journey.



INTERNSHIPS AND SERVICE HOURS



EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WITH PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGES VOTE

Many colleges offer credit hours for formalized internships and experiential learning opportunities through academic departments or administrative divisions. Students can get credit for a semester's worth of voter outreach. In some instances, this could be a pass/fail class, or a class in which they are offered a letter grade.

Some institutions specify a number of hours of work at an internship to satisfy credit hours. For example, if one credit hour is worth 40 hours of work, then a student taking an internship with your chapter of PA Colleges Vote can get you at least 120 hours of work.

Ask us how PA Colleges Vote can serve as an internship site and help to supervise and direct interns from your college in doing this important work.

A chapter of PA Colleges Vote can also approve community service hours for those seeking to fulfill volunteer requirements or add to their resume.

Statewide organizations dedicated to educating and mobilizing voters include the [League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania](#), [Keystone Progress Education Fund](#), [NAACP State Conference](#), [Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania](#), and the [Pennsylvania Fund](#).

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GETTING OUT THE VOTE



SHIFT INTO OVERDRIVE IN THE FOUR DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Are there weekend events already planned for the campus community that you can attend to contact voters? Major campus events are set weeks in advance, so this is something you can plan for. One college campus in western Pennsylvania booked a national comedy act the day before Election Day. The line to get in snaked across campus. It made for a great opportunity for volunteers to work the line with clipboards and have conversations with voters.

You can also schedule a major campus party with a voting-related theme. Book a DJ, offer free pizza, and include activities that can get people in the door. Co-sponsor your event with several major campus organizations. Make it fun, but also focus on your mission: elections and voting. Rock the Vote could be a model to follow. Spending a few hundred dollars on a Saturday night party can increase enthusiasm for getting out to the polls.

Hand out stickers and get as many students to sign commit to vote cards as you can.

Getting out the vote on campus can be an “all hands on deck” situation for the two days leading up to the election. With the help of PA College Votes, it can be a piece of cake.

IT'S LIKE THE SUPER BOWL OF GETTING OUT THE VOTE: ELECTION DAY

In Pennsylvania, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You have 13 hours to get students to the polls.

Here are some general ideas for chalking the sidewalk for election day:

- Get Out and Vote
- Polls Open Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Am I registered? Where to vote? Check votespa.com.
- Problems at the Polls? Call 1-866-OURVOTE
- This year, #everybodyvote #votespa
- Polling Location, This Way (arrows to on-campus polling locations)
- Voting Information (chalk near your voting information table or tent)
- VOTE!

You can look up a voter's status and polling location on votespa.com. If you would like a hard copy of the names of all voters at your campus polling locations, ask your county boards of elections. You can also purchase a list of all Pennsylvania voters from the Department of State for just \$20. If you get the full export from the Department of State, plan to spend time formatting the data into a usable list for your area.

Have the phone number of your local boards of elections on hand to answer election questions you don't know the answer to.

PA Colleges Vote can get you a list of voters for your area.

Don't delay... contact us today! We are looking forward to working with you.

One voice can change a campus. One campus can change a community. One community can change a county. One county can make the difference in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania can change the nation. And together, we can change the world.