

High School Collaborative Toolkit

Grab and Go (Top 5 things to help register and educate future voters)

1. For Voter registration: Example announcement: “New this year, 16 and 17-year olds can register to vote in preparation for their 18th birthday. Are you interested in pre-registering and being ready for the election when you turn 18? Check out [voter registration event location, time].”
2. For signing up to be an Election Judge Trainee: Example social media post: “Did you know that 16 and 17 year olds can work on Election Day? You can sign up, be trained, and support Election Day as an Election Judge Trainee. Check out your county or city election website to find more information.”
3. For learning how to vote: Example: “Are you 18, eligible to vote and this is your first year voting? You can find information and tips on some great websites. Go to the Minnesota Secretary of State website to [find your sample ballot](#) and get [tips for new voters](#). Go to [Minneapolis Elections to practice Ranked Choice Voting](#) (if that is happening in your area), and go to League of Women Voters Minnesota for tips on [“How to Vote”](#). You can also go to [Vote 411.org](#) for candidate information.
4. Pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds: Example announcement: “New this year, 16 and 17-year olds can register to vote in preparation for their 18th birthday. Are you interested in pre-registering and being ready for the election when you turn 18? Check out [voter registration event location, time].”
5. Election Day reminders: Sample social media post: “Get Election Day reminders by texting “YOUTHVOTE” to 33222. You will be reminded about voter registration cut-off days, early voting, and general election information.”

Graphics

- [From the Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State](#) and [Voter Outreach materials](#)
- From the [We Choose Us](#) campaign:
 - [English](#), [Hmong](#), [Somali](#), & [Spanish](#)
- [From Hennepin County](#)

Resources for everyone...

- [LWV Minnesota High School Collaborative webinar series](#) that meets once a month to share resources and information about youth civic engagement related topics. There is often built in time to meet and share with your colleagues and peers.
Recordings: [September 19, 2023](#) (“What’s New?”)

Resources for if you are a student...

- So you want to help your classmates prepare for an election. What do you think is important for your peers to know about the election? If you don’t know where to start,

consider finding out who is eligible to vote. Then, how someone does vote in an election. Sharing that information can empower new voters who may not have done this before.

- [Who can vote](#) (Minnesota Secretary of State)
 - Example announcement: “New this year, 16 and 17-year olds can register to vote in preparation for their 18th birthday. Are you interested in pre-registering and being ready for the election when you turn 18? Check out [voter registration event location, time].
- How to vote including filling in a ballot and Rank Choice Voting
 - [Tips for new Voters](#) (Minnesota Secretary of State)
 - [Ranked Choice Voting](#) (Minneapolis Elections)
 - [How to Vote](#) (League of Women Voters Minnesota)
 - Example announcement: “Are you 18, eligible to vote and this is your first year voting? You can find information and tips on my three favorite websites. Go to the Minnesota Secretary of State website to find your sample ballot and get tips for new voters. Go to Minneapolis Elections to practice Ranked Choice Voting (if that is happening in your area), and go to League of Women Voters Minnesota for tips on “How to Vote”. You can also go to Vote 4111.org for candidate information.
- [Being Nonpartisan](#) (LWV US)
- Voter Education (These resources will help you learn more about the offices that are on the ballot this election season. Some may give descriptions of the jobs people are campaigning for, some may link to candidate websites, and some may have guides to read candidate stances side by side.)
 - [Hennepin County](#)
 - [2023 Voter Guide](#)
 - [Minneapolis Elections](#)
 - [Ramsey County Elections](#)
 - [Vote411](#)
 - [What's On My Ballot?](#) (Minnesota Secretary of State)
- Voting reminders
 - Sample social media post: “Get Election Day reminders by texting “YOUTHVOTE” to 33222. You will be reminded about voter registration cut-off days, early voting, and general election information.”
- [Election Judge Trainee](#) (Minnesota Secretary of State, 16 year olds can apply to be an Election Judge Trainee)
 - Example social media post: “Did you know that 16 and 17 year olds can work on Election Day? You can sign up, be trained, and support Election Day as an Election Judge Trainee. Check out your county or city election website to find more information.
- So you want to help your classmates be engaged civically but they cannot vote. What are the issues you and your classmates are concerned about that local elected officials can work on? Consider researching an issue, it's local connections, who in local government can make an impact, and then connecting with that elected official via their office, email, phone, or letter.

Resources for if you are an adult...

- So you want to help youth in your school or community prepare for an election. You can use similar resources above. However, we have learned that by supporting students who want to engage, it builds a lifelong commitment to civic engagement and participation. People of any age can register voters and share educational information.
- [Find your local League of Women Voters](#) to see if they can support student engagement (or what works best for your community).

Resources for if you are a LWV volunteer registering young voters

- LWV US Guide - [High School Voter Registration Training Manual](#) (though from 2018, contains some basic helpful information)
- Minnesota Secretary of State