

Dear High School Students,

This is an invitation to empower you as a citizen of the United States of America to be able to vote. This is an opportunity for you to help change your world. Your right to vote is central to our healthy Democracy. We are here to help you get registered to vote. The voter registration form is easy to fill out from home using the online app. You can do it on a cell phone or a computer. If you prefer a paper form, you can call our office at 860-844-5322, and we will be happy to mail a voter registration form or absentee ballot application to you.

Online Voter Registration and Changes can be done at:

<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>

The CT Voter Registration Website can be used to:

- Register to vote
- Change your Address
- Change your Party Affiliation
- Change your Name

If you think you already registered, you can check your Voter Registration status at:

<https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>

If you prefer you can print a hard copy and mail it in to the Registrar of Voters, here is the link to the form in English

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/ElectionServices/ElectForms/electforms/VoterRegCardEnglish2015pdf.pdf?la=en>

Completed voter registration forms should be mailed to:

Registrar of Voters, Granby Town Hall, 15 North Granby Rd, Granby, CT 06035

If you did not receive an absentee ballot **application**, which will be automatically mailed to all registered voters in June, here is the link to print a hard copy:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/ElectionServices/Absentee-Ballot-Application-ED-3/ED3-Rev-2019-FILLABLE-APPLICATION-ABSENTEE-BALLOT.pdf?la=en>

Completed absentee ballot applications should be mailed to:

Town Clerk, Granby Town Hall, 15 North Granby Rd, Granby, CT 06035

In order to be mailed an absentee ballot, the Town Clerk must have a signed application first. A filled out application form can be sent to the Town Clerk up to one year in advance of the vote. You can use the same form to apply for a primary and election of the same year.

Voter Registration Instructions and Helpful Tips

- 1) If you are using a paper form, use a blue or black ink pen. Online registrations will ask for your Connecticut Driver's License number for ID. If you do not have one, you will need to print a hard copy of your application and mail in the form with your signature. For mailed in forms, you can enclose a copy of an acceptable ID from list on the form, or fill in the last four digits of your social security number.
- 2) You need to fill out all of the required information – be sure to Check New Voter Registration on the first line. On the second line check Yes if you are a US Citizen, Yes if you are going to be 18 by the Election, which is on November 3, 2020 this year. These boxes are at the very top of the form. (If you miss turning 18 by a one day or more, we are happy to hold on to your registration form until you are eligible to register.)
- 3) We appreciate your full name including middle name.
- 4) Date of birth is required – Please print neatly to ensure we can read this information.
- 5) Use your full address with the zip code; Enter a separate mailing address only if it is different. Granby is 06035, North Granby is 06060 and West Granby is 06090
- 6) Giving a phone number is optional, be aware you will get calls from political parties, special interest groups and candidates if you fill this in, as it is public information.
- 7) Gender is for statistical analysis of voting patterns
- 8) Enrolling in a party is free and carries no obligations on how you vote. If you choose a major party, you will be able to vote in their events to choose candidates and delegates. There is a 90 day waiting period if you decide to switch political party, but for new voters you will have party privilege to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary if you enroll by noon on August 10th.
- 9) Online applications for those with a DMV number, can use their electronic signature. On paper forms you must sign your name at the bottom, affirming that you are eligible, and please be sure to add today's date next to your signature
- 10) 17 year olds **can** fill out the voter registration cards, and will be able to vote when they turn 18; 17 year olds can vote in the Democratic OR Republican primaries IF they register with that major party AND will be 18 by Nov 3rd, 2020.
- 11) Some states will not allow college students to vote, please check the rules if you are going away to college. Connecticut absentee ballots can be requested up to a year in advance – the application link is posted above.
- 12) For those who register as a Democrat or Republican, and will be 18 by November 3rd, you can vote on August 11th, either by absentee ballot or at the HS in the community gym for the Presidential Preference Primary from 6 am to 8 pm.