

Independent Living Program Activity Card **Category: DAILY LIVING**

Activity: Register to Vote

Description: The objective of this assignment is to encourage you to register to vote. Being registered to vote doesn't mean you have to vote, but as a registered voter you have the chance to get involved, speak out and be heard. You can make an impact on local, state and federal elections! Your vote counts!

You may earn \$5.00 OF dollars for turning in your completed registration form. We will mail it for you.

Total Dollars Earned:

\$
(ILP Use Only)

Date: _____

_____ Youth Signature	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Print Name (Youth)	_____ Group Home (If Applicable)

Receipt
(ILP Use Only)

Register to Vote

Who May Register to Vote

You may register to vote if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a United States citizen
- You are a resident of California
- You are at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the next election)
- You are not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony
- You have not been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent to register and vote

How to Register to Vote

1. **Fill-out a Voter Registration Form Online** Complete this on-line form, which can be located at <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/votereg1.html> and we will mail a typed registration form to you. After you receive the pre-typed form, just sign it and mail it to your county election official. We recommend you use this service at least one month prior to election-day to avoid missing your opportunity to vote due to postal delays.

Once you receive your form in the mail, which takes approximately 7 to 14 days, **you must** sign, date, and return it by mail to the county elections official on the return address side of the voter registration card. Please make sure all of the information is correct and drop it back in the mail. We'll pay for the postage!

For security purposes, full on-line voter registration is not yet available and current law requires the voter's original signature be affixed to the VRC, by completing the information requested in the on-line form on this site, a registration card with your information will be printed and mailed to you.

OR

2. **Download and Mail a Voter Registration Form**
Please download and complete the form by clicking the link located at <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/votereg1.html> . Please remember to sign it and MAIL it DIRECTLY to your COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. For **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE ADDRESSES**, please visit: www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm.

Downloadable forms are also available in Espanol at <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/votereg1.html>

Please note: There are special requirements for new citizens and new California residents. For further information regarding these requirements, please contact

the local elections official in the county in which you are registered to vote at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm

There are also special provisions for new citizens and new residents within California. For further information about these alternatives, contact the county elections official of the county in which you are registered at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm

When to Re-Register to Vote

You will need to re-register to vote when:

- You move
- You change your name
- You change your political party affiliation

As a California voter, you should be aware that there are ongoing local elections throughout the state. The 15-day close of registration deadline for these local elections varies depending on the actual date of the election. If you need to know a deadline for a local election, you will need to contact your local county elections office, which can be found at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm to confirm the deadline. You can acquire a voter registration form either at your local county elections office, library, or U.S. Post Office. It is important that the completed voter registration form has a 15-day deadline postmark on it. It is not the Secretary of State's Office desire to disenfranchise anyone from the voting process.

The Deadline to Register to Vote

In California, the deadline to register to vote for an election is 15 days before each local and statewide election day, so please register early!

Additional Assistance

For additional assistance with voter registration, please contact the Secretary of State's office at any of the following toll-free numbers:

English: 1-800-345-VOTE

Spanish: 1-800-232-VOTA

Chinese: 1-800-339-2857

Vietnamese: 1-800-339-8163

Japanese: 1-800-339-2865

Tagalog: 1-800-339-2957

Korean: 1-866-575-1558

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Voter Registration

http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_faq.htm#vr

The above information is from <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/votereg1.html>