

Voting/Elections

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What are the qualifications for registering/voting in Alexander County?

You must be a legal citizen of the United States and a legal resident of Alexander County for 30 days prior to the date of the next election. A person 18 years of age or a person 17 years of age can register and vote in the primary if they will be 18 by the date of the General Election.

How do I register to vote?

You must complete a voter registration application and mail or deliver it to the Board of Elections at least 25 days prior to an election. A registration form can be found by clicking [here](#). Voter registration applications can also be found at these [locations](#).

Alexander County has a permanent registration system. You will need to register or request a change in your registration **ONLY** if you:

- Have not registered in Alexander County before
- Have moved within the county since the last election.
- Wish to change your party affiliation or have legally changed your name

Where do I vote?

On Election Day, every voter is assigned a voting place within the precinct where they live. If you are unsure of where your assigned voting place is, use the online search [here](#) or contact our office.

Can convicted felons vote?

If you have completed all parts of your sentence, for a felony conviction or have been pardoned, you are eligible to vote in North Carolina.

Former convicted felons must register again to vote in their current county of residence

What time do the polls open?

All voting places in Alexander County are open 6:30am-7:30pm on Election Day

Unaffiliated voters can vote in any Party Primary, right?

The political parties recognized by the NC State Board of Elections allow unaffiliated voters to participate in their Party Primary Elections. The unaffiliated vote may choose one party's ballot or they may choose to vote a Non-Partisan ballot.

What if I am disabled and cannot enter or have difficulty entering the polling place?

If you are unable to enter the voting place due to age or physical disability, curbside voting is available. Please have someone enter the voting place and inform election officials of your desire to vote a curbside ballot. You may also choose to vote an absentee ballot by mail by completing the Official Absentee Ballot Request form.

Can anyone request an absentee ballot by mail?

Any registered North Carolina voter can request a mail-in absentee ballot. This type of absentee voting allows a voter or a near relative or legal guardian to request that an absentee ballot be sent to the voter by mail. To make a request, the Official State Absentee Ballot Request form must be completed. Forms are available at the Board of Elections office and online [here](#). The County Board of Elections must receive completed request forms no later than 5:00pm on the Tuesday before the Election.

What is One-Stop (Early) Voting?

Any registered Alexander County voter can appear in person at the Board of Elections Office or a satellite voting location, submit an application for a ballot, be issued a ballot, and vote that ballot at that time. One-Stop Early Voting is conducted starting on the second Thursday before the Election and ends at 1:00pm on the last Saturday before the election.

Can I apply for an absentee ballot for my child away at college if they are registered to vote in Alexander County?

A near relative may request a ballot for a voter using the official absentee ballot request form. The form is available online [here](#) or at the Board of Elections Office.

If I am in the military or live overseas, how do I vote absentee?

Absent uniformed services members (and their eligible dependents) and U.S. citizens living outside of the United States may request an absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). This federal act and its corresponding law in NC allow uniformed service members and overseas citizens who are absent from Alexander County to request, receive, and return an absentee ballot under special rights. For additional information, click [here](#).

How Can I Become a Precinct Worker?

Please click [here](#) for information on becoming a Precinct Worker.