

Alexander County Board of 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 [visiting the NC Board of Elections website](#). For additional information on voter registration and locations to register, visit the [NC State Board of Elections](#) website.

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, you must go to your proper precinct to receive your correct ballot style. Your proper precinct is the polling place for the precinct that is based on the address where you have resided for at least 30 days prior to Election Day. If you are unsure of where your assigned voting place is, use [the NC State Board of Elections Public Voter Search](#) or contact our office.

Can convicted felons vote?

Persons who are currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction are not qualified to vote in North Carolina. Active felons include persons serving prison time or those on probation or parole for a felony conviction and who have not completed all aspects of their sentence, including completion of any period of parole or probation. It is a felony to vote if you are not qualified to do so.

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. Upon completion of your sentence, you must submit a new registration form to the county board of elections office where you reside.

What time do the polls open?

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

What is a Primary Election?

A Primary Election is an election in which registered voters select a candidate they believe should be a political party's candidate for elected office to run in the General Election. You are only eligible to participate in a primary election of the political party for which you are affiliated.

If I register as an unaffiliated voter, can I vote in a primary election?

Yes. If you are an unaffiliated voter, you can choose to participate in any recognized party's partisan primary, or you may request a non-partisan ballot. However, you must choose only one party's primary. Participating in a partisan primary will not affect your status as an unaffiliated voter.

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 [Alexander County Board of Elections Webpage](#). 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?

One-stop absentee voting (commonly known as "early voting") allows any registered voter to cast an absentee ballot in person on select days prior to Election Day. One-stop voting begins on the third Thursday prior to Election Day and ends on the last Saturday before Election Day. Unlike on Election Day, when registered voters can only vote at their specific precinct, one-stop voting allows registered voters to vote at any one-stop absentee voting site in the county.

What if my Child is registered here but away at college?

A near relative may request a ballot for a voter using the official absentee ballot request form. The form is available online at [Alexander County Board of Elections Webpage](#) 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, visit the [NC State Board of Elections website](#).

How Can I Become an Election Day Worker?

Please Visit the [Alexander County Board of Elections website](#) for information on becoming an Election Day worker.