



## VOTING INFORMATION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



Registering to vote and voting by absentee ballot has never been easier! If you will be away at college and intend to vote in an upcoming election, plan ahead.

- Verify your voter registration at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>
- Allow plenty of time for mailing both the absentee ballot application AND returning your voted ballot by mail, if that is the method you choose.

### REGISTERING TO VOTE

You can register to vote for all elections at the Fenton Township office or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office, or by mail. To register to vote you must be:

- A U.S. citizen.
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day.
- A resident of Fenton Township at least 30 days before Election Day.
- Not serving a sentence in jail or prison.

### TO REGISTER BY MAIL

Download a Voter Registration Application at:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration\\_97046\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf)

Complete, sign and mail the application to:

Fenton Township Clerk  
12060 Mantawauka Drive  
Fenton, MI 48430

Voter Registration Applications must be received by the 15th day before Election Day (postmarks accepted) to be eligible to participate in an upcoming election.

### ELECTION ELIGIBLE VOTER REGISTRATION

With the passage of Proposal 18-3, an unregistered elector (or registered elector who has moved) who wishes to participate in an upcoming election now has the following options:

1. Register in person at a Secretary of State Branch, a designated voter registration agency, the voter's county, township clerk's office or by mail no later than the 15th day prior to the election.
2. Register to vote during the 14 days prior to the election, including Election Day, by applying in person at the Township Clerk's Office.

Voters who register to vote in person during the 14-day window must show proof of residency as well as provide photo identification. A Michigan Driver License or Michigan Identification Card with the current address satisfies both the proof of residency and photo identification requirements. If the photo identification provided is a Driver License or State ID Card with a non-current address, the following documents are considered acceptable proof of residency:

- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document

## **ABOUT YOUR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE**

There are several things to consider in making your decision regarding your principal residence:

- Residency requirements for various colleges and universities follow rules set down by those institutions so be aware that your residence can determine how much tuition you will pay.
- Health insurance may require that you have the same address as your parents if you are covered under their policy.
- Your residence may also determine automobile insurance rates.
- Because Michigan only keeps one “principal residence address” on record for your driver’s license and your voter registration, if you change one, you’ll change them both!

## **OBTAINING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Absentee ballots no longer require a “reason” so anyone can choose to vote absentee. Ballots are typically available 30 days before an election. You can obtain an absent voter ballot by the following methods:

Download an Absent Voter Ballot Application at:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot\\_105377\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf)

Complete and sign the application and submit it to the Fenton Township Clerk by mail, email or fax.

Request an Absent Voter Ballot Application from the Fenton Township Clerk by telephone, email, mail or fax. Then, complete, sign and return the application to the Fenton Township Clerk by mail, email or fax.

Complete an Absent Voter Ballot Application in person at the Fenton Township office during regular office hours. The Clerk’s Department is also open from 8:00am to 4:00pm on the Saturday immediately before each election.

If you wish to be added to our permanent Absent Voter list, you may call the Fenton Township Office, or send a signed request by mail, email or fax.

Once a completed application is received, a ballot will be issued to you in person or by mail. If applying to vote absentee in person, you may also choose to vote the ballot while at the Township Office.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

By Mail: Fenton Township Clerk  
12060 Mantawauka Drive  
Fenton MI 48430

By Phone: 810-629-1537

By Fax: 810-629-9736

By Email: [info@fentontownship.org](mailto:info@fentontownship.org)

Regular Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.