

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

 Fair Elections Center

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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Applications must be received or postmarked 30 days before Election Day.
 - If the deadline falls on a Sunday or U.S. Postal Service holiday, the postmark deadline is extended to the next day that is not a Sunday or holiday.

GETTING STARTED

Training Requirement: South Carolina does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements: South Carolina does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

OBTAINING APPLICATIONS

State Form: The state voter registration application can be found on the State Election Commission website: scvotes.gov/voters/register-to-vote

Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in voter registration drives: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/

Photocopying Blank Forms: South Carolina law does not forbid photocopying blank forms for use in voter registration drives.

HANDLING APPLICATIONS

Incomplete Applications: Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have permission from the applicant.

Photocopying Completed Applications: There is no law or rule prohibiting photocopying or retaining information from completed registration applications. As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained.

Submitting Completed Applications: Return completed applications to the county elections office where the applicants are registering: scvotes.gov/contact/county-voter-registration-election-offices

Applications must be either received by the county of the voter's residence (if delivered in person) or postmarked (if mailed) at least 30 days before the next election.

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