

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

To register to vote, you must be:

1. A U.S. citizen
2. At least 18 years old by Election Day (In the State of Illinois, you can register to vote at 17 years of age if turning 18 years of age prior to Election Day)
3. A resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day

You also must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Illinois driver's license
- Illinois state ID
- Employee or student ID
- Credit card
- Birth Certificate
- Social security card
- Utility bill in applicant's name
- Mail postmarked to the applicant
- Valid U.S. passport
- Public aid ID card
- Lease or rental contract

In Illinois, you do not declare affiliation with a political party when you register to vote. In primary elections, you may choose to vote a specific political party ballot on Election Day. In 2010, Village of Machesney Park residents voted to be a nonpartisan Village, thus all elections in the Village are conducted under this assumption.

If you are interested in registering to vote, please visit the Village of Machesney Park Clerk's Office located at Village Hall.

The Village Clerk's office monitors all elections, encourages voter registration, and assists with voter change of address. You may obtain all details about voting, including absentee applications ballot by calling the County Clerk's office at 815-319-4252.

For additional information, please visit the Winnebago County Clerk's website at <http://www.winnebago-countyclerk.com/for-voters/application-to-vote> or you may visit the State Board of Elections Website -- <http://www.elections.il.gov>.