WOMEN for WOMEN
A GIVING CIRCLE

***Women for Women* believes in ensuring women's voices are at the forefront of the democratic process.** We support public policy initiatives that ensure accessible and fair voting and provide nonpartisan information and resources to educate, engage, and empower our community to participate in elections. By helping women make informed choices and ensuring their voices are heard, we strengthen civic participation and contribute to a stronger Western North Carolina.

Voter turnout plays a significant role in shaping election outcomes. *Please share this information with your colleagues and networks. Ask your family and friends whether they have a plan to vote. Take a neighbor to vote. Volunteer for a voting activity.*

Your voice, your vote … it matters!

2026 Election Resources

Check Your Registration! **Click here** to make sure you are registered and that your voter information is accurate and up to date.

Not Registered to Vote? (or know someone who isn't) **Click here** to register to vote online through the DMV.

- The deadline to register for the upcoming election is **Thursday, October 9th**.
- If you miss the registration deadline, you may still be able to register in person during the early voting period. **Click here** to find out more about same-day registration.

Have an N.C. College Student in your life? Share this **Student Guide to Voting** with your student so they have the resources and knowledge they need to vote.

When and Where Can You Vote?

- **Vote Early in Person**
  - Early Voting will run from **Thursday, October 15th to Saturday, October 31st.**
  - **Click here** to find early voting sites and schedules in your county.

- **Vote in Person on Election Day**
  - Election Day is **Tuesday, November 3rd.**
  - **Your voting district and polling place may have changed!** N.C. redrew its congressional map ahead of the 2026 elections. **Click here** to access the Voter Search tool and confirm your district and voting location, and to access your sample ballot.

- **Vote by Mail**
  - Any registered voter in N.C. can vote by mail using an absentee ballot.
  - The **deadline to request an absentee ballot for yourself or a near relative is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20th**.

- Absentee ballots must be ***received*** by your county's board of elections by 7:30 pm on election day, November 3rd. There is no longer a grace period for ballots postmarked on or before election day.
- **Click here** to request an absentee ballot and find more information about voting by mail.

Voter Photo ID Requirements

- Whichever way you decide to vote, all N.C. voters will be asked to show a photo ID when they check in to vote.
- If you plan to vote by mail, you will need to include a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID when returning your ballot.
- **All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID** – if you cannot show an acceptable ID when voting, you can fill out an ID Exception Form. This applies to those voting in person, or by mail-in ballot.
- **Click here** for more information about voter ID requirements, ***accepted forms of ID***, ID exceptions, and how to get a free ID.

Be an Informed Voter! Did you know that more than 30% of voters do not complete their ballots? An incomplete ballot is a missed opportunity to have the broadest possible impact in an election. **The more you know about the races on your ballot, the less you leave blank.** Use the resources below to familiarize yourself with your sample ballot and learn about the different candidates running for each office.

- Find your **Sample Ballot here**
- **NC Voter Non-Partisan Voter Guides** – enter your address to get a list of candidates on your ballot and overviews of their stances on important issues.
- **Judicial Voter Guide**
- Learn about the **3 Constitutional Amendments** on N.C.'s 2026 ballot
- Learn about the **2 Bond Referendums** for Buncombe County voters

Get More Involved! The following organizations provide non-partisan voter information, education, registration resources, election-related training, and opportunities for volunteering and civic engagement.

- **North Carolina State Board of Elections**
- **Buncombe County Elections Services**
- **League of Women Voters of North Carolina**
- **League of Women Voters of Asheville-Buncombe**
- **WNC Votes**
- **Democracy NC**
- **A Guide to Taking Action in 2026** – a list of resources and opportunities to promote voting
- **Election Protection** – learn about becoming a Vote Protector!
- **How To Vote/Cómo Votar** – field guide to overcoming barriers to voting, in English and Spanish

A Note About These Resources

The information and resources provided above are non-partisan voter education and civic engagement resources. This is not a comprehensive list - many additional local and state resources are available. *WFW* and the CFWNC do not endorse the organizations, candidates, ballot measures, or other efforts referenced in these resources. We share this information to help *WFW* members access reliable election information and make their own informed decisions.