CAMPUSES FOR ELECTION ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

The Campuses for Election Engagement Project (CEEP) is a national nonpartisan project that helps America’s colleges and universities get as many of their 20 million students as possible to register, volunteer in campaigns, educate themselves, and turn out at the polls. Maine Campus Compact will be spearheading this effort for campuses in the state of Maine and will be offering tailored support, training, resources, and other tools to ensure that students are engaged in the upcoming 2016 elections. *This document includes election engagement information on the Maine Caucuses (pg. 1) and how to register to vote in Maine (pg. 2-3).*

CAUCUSES

Maine does not use primary elections to nominate party candidates to run for the office of President of the United States. Instead, during a presidential election year, delegates to a party's state convention are chosen based on the results of a municipal caucus and are pledged to support a specific presidential candidate at the state convention.

*You must be a registered voter and enrolled in a party to participate in a party's presidential caucus.*

The Maine Republican Party will hold its presidential caucuses on **Saturday, March 5, 2016** at various locations around the state.

The Maine Democratic Party will hold its presidential caucuses on **Sunday, March 6, 2016** at various locations around the state.

In general, the candidate with the most support in the caucus will have the most committed delegates to state convention. Party rules govern the method of determining which candidates are favored by caucus participants, and the rules for allocating delegates among candidates to be the party's nominee are also determined by the party.

To learn more about the dates and locations of municipal caucuses in your area, visit your party's website:

- [Maine Democratic Party](#)
- [Maine Republican Party](#)
- [Maine Green Independent Party](#)
MAINE VOTER RIGHTS

You can vote in Maine if you are:

A citizen of the United States
An established resident in the municipality where you intend to register and vote
At least 18 years of age

Voters with questions and concerns can call the toll free election protection hotline, 1-866-OUR-VOTE. The Election Protection voter empowerment program is a coordinated nonpartisan effort to address obstructions of voting rights. Questions can also be directed to the State’s Elections Division in Augusta at 207-624-7650.

For more information on voter rights in Maine, click here.

REGISTER TO VOTE

It's never too late to register to vote in Maine.

You can register to vote until, and including, Election Day. There is no cut-off date for registering to vote in person at your town office or city hall. On Election Day, you can register right at your polling place.

Voters do not need to be enrolled in a party to vote in a general election, on any statewide ballot question, or in a municipal election.

Register by mail:
If you register by mail, registrations must be received by your Town Clerk no later than three (3) weeks prior to Election Day.

Click here to find your Town Clerk’s address from the Secretary of State’s web site.

Registrations may also be mailed to the Secretary of State in Augusta:
Bureau of Corporation, Elections and Commissions
101 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333.

*Registrations mailed to the Secretary of State should be received thirty (30) days prior to Election Day.

Register in person with your Town Clerk:
Click here to find your Town Clerk's address.
STUDENTS ATTENDING COLLEGE IN MAINE

If you are a student, you have the right to register in the municipality in Maine where you attend school, provided you have established a voting residence there as defined in Maine’s election laws and explained above. You can establish a voting residence at your Maine school address if you have a present intention to remain at that address for the time being, whether that residence is a dorm, apartment, house or even a hotel. Maine law expressly provides that you will not gain or lose residency solely because of your presence in or absence from the state while attending school, and this provision may not be interpreted “to prevent a student at any institution of learning from qualifying as a voter” in the town “where the student resides while attending” that school. In other words, as a student, you must meet the same residency requirements as all other potential voters. You must first determine where you have established residency and then register to vote there. If you pay “out-of-state tuition” as a student at a Maine college or university, that does not preclude you from establishing residency in Maine for voting purposes. If you have established residency in another municipality or state, you may vote by absentee ballot in that state.

If you lived in Maine prior to attending school and you wish to establish or keep your voting residency in Maine at that location (e.g., at your parents’ home address) - you may do so as long as you have not already registered to vote in another state. Maine students may keep their voting residency even if they move out of the county, state, or country to attend school. The only way you will lose this residency is if you “abandon” it by asserting residency in a new state. If you have registered to vote in another state, you will have to re-qualify as a Maine resident by providing proof of residency before you can register.

If you have any questions about the Campuses for Election Engagement Project or questions about voting in Maine please contact:

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