

Election Information

VOTE



**City & School Elections held
on
Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

Important Deadlines

Monday, October 20th– Pre-registration Deadline for the General Election; Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot to be Mailed

Tuesday, November 4th - General Election Day; Absentee Ballot Receipt Deadline

Make a plan to vote by visiting: <https://voterready.iowa.gov>
Hardin County Voter

Information: <https://www.hardincountyia.gov/elections>

Voter Registration

To vote in Iowa, you must be registered to vote.

To qualify to register to vote, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen,
- An Iowa resident, and
- At least 17 1/2 years old (must be 18 years old by election day to vote.)

There are 3 ways to register to vote:

1. Download a voter registration form.

***Signed and completed voter registration forms must be delivered to your county auditor.**

Hardin County Auditor's Office
1215 Edgington Ave., Ste. 1
Eldora, Iowa 50627

2. Online Voter Registration

***You will be transferred to the Iowa Motor Vehicle Division website**

3. Same day registration is available in Iowa on Election Day--bring a valid ID.

Am I Registered to Vote?

Update your voter registration by completing a new voter registration form.

Absentee Voting

Requesting and voting an absentee ballot through the mail is an easy way to get your ballot mailed to your home or other destination if you are a registered voter in Hardin County. Voting by mail allows you the convenience of voting from the comforts of home.

1. Download an Absentee Ballot Request Form (PDF).
2. The auditor's office must have a written request from each individual voter wanting to vote by mail. Auditor offices do not mail out ballots without a request.
3. The deadline for requesting a ballot to be mailed is **15 days before general elections**.
4. The auditor's must receive the original request.
5. Submit the completed Absentee Ballot Request Form to the Hardin County Auditors Office

1. Our mailing address is: Hardin County Auditor's Office, 1215 Edgington Avenue, Suite 1 -Eldora, Iowa 50627
 2. Email or fax requests are not honored unless they are followed by the original. The original can be mailed but it must be postmarked on the pre-registration deadline. In addition, the request must be received by the time the polls close on Election Day.
 6. Once the Auditor office has your completed absentee ballot request form, staff members will process your absentee ballot request form.
 - o Track Your Ballot here.
- For primary and general elections, the ballots are mailed no sooner than 20 days before election day.

When your ballot arrives, there will be additional items inside the delivery envelope:

1. A ballot for your precinct.
2. Instructions on how to complete your absentee ballot along with important dates related to absentee voting.
3. Secrecy folder to keep your voted ballot a secret.
4. A combined Affidavit/Return Envelope which requires your signature on the backside. The returned envelope is postage paid.

Voted absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by 8:00 p.m. CT on Election Day, November 5th.

In-person Absentee Voting: Varies by county; contact local election official:
Jolene Pieters-Hardin County Auditor
641-939-8109

Absentee Ballot Return: By 8:00 p.m. CT on Election Day, Tuesday-November 4th

Vote at the Polls

Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

1. Find your Polling Place: Iowa law requires each voter to vote in the polling place for the precinct where the voter lives.
2. Bring Your ID
A vast majority of registered voters in Iowa have either an Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID. Voters who have neither are mailed an Iowa Voter Identification Card at the time they register to vote or update their registration. Voters can also present a U.S. passport, U.S. military or veteran ID, or Tribal ID card or document.
A voter without one of the approved forms of identity for pre-registered voters may have the voter's identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct or may prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration Documents.
3. Cast Your Vote!
Each voting booth will have instructions on how to mark your ballot.

College Student Voting:

- As a college student, you may choose to register to vote at your home address or at your college address. You cannot register to vote at both. Visit the [Secretary of State Voter Information](#) for more details!

On the Ballot

Political Fact Checking

- [Center for Public Integrity](#)— A well documented investigative journalism organization and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 2014 & 2017.
- [FactCheck.org](#)—“a nonpartisan, nonprofit ‘consumer advocate’ for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.”
- [NewsGuard](#)— Browser extension that provides an easy way to evaluate websites. "Green-Red ratings compiled by a team of trained journalists signal if a website is trying to get it right, has a hidden agenda, or knowingly publishes falsehoods and propaganda."
- [PolitiFact](#)—“a fact-checking website that rates the accuracy of claims by elected officials and others who speak up in American politics.”
- [ProCon.org](#)—“a nonprofit nonpartisan public charity that provides well-sourced pro, con, and related research on more than 50 controversial issues. ... With more than 12,000 pages of highly curated, referenced content, ProCon.org provides a platform for people to question information, evaluate opposing views, and debate them in a respectful way.”
- [AllSides](#)—this site “exposes bias and provides multiple angles on the same story so you can quickly get the full picture, not just one slant.”
- **Campaign Finance Disclosures:** [Federal Election Commission](#)-- Official United States Government website that tracks campaign finance and donations.

For more information visit the [Iowa Secretary of State](#)