

## Who We Are

The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW) is an advocacy ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We work with bishops, pastors and congregations to develop and support the ministry of advocacy through an advocacy network. We inform our network on issues affecting the well-being of the people we serve in our communities.

ELCAvotes is an initiative to:

- Expand the role of the church in encouraging faithful and non-partisan voter participation by providing faith based resources around voting
- Provide a framework for all Lutherans to understand and speak out about the intersection of voting/elections, racial/gender and economic justice
- Provide young adults the tools to understand and speak about what it means to be a civically-engaged young person of faith
- Engage with and equip ethnic communities to talk about voting rights and race and their connection with elections today

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# 2018 Student Voter Guide

Election Day is November 6, 2018.

Are you ready?

### Check your registration status at [MyVote.WI.gov](https://MyVote.WI.gov)

- Registration Deadlines:
  - By mail OR online: October 17
  - At Municipal Clerk's Office: November 2
  - At Polling Place: November 6 (ELECTION DAY)
- You need proof of residency to register to vote
  - You could use a bank statement, paycheck, utility bill, current and valid Wisconsin driver's license or State ID, or other documents (check with you Municipal Clerk for other options)

### You need a photo ID to vote

- A WI driver's license, passport, and military ID are all accepted
- Your address does NOT have to be up-to-date, an ID with a photo is what matters
- You can use your unexpired WI student ID to vote, as long as it has:
  - Your signature
  - A date of issuance
  - An expiration date no more than two years from the date of issuance
  - You must also bring an enrollment verification letter in order to use your student ID
- If you don't have any of these, you can get a free state ID at the [DMV](#)

### TIP: Enter your address at [MyVote.WI.gov](https://MyVote.WI.gov) to:

- Check your registration status
- Find your polling place location and hours
- See a sample ballot of your races and referendums

### Absentee voting as a student

- You can vote in your home state while going to school in Wisconsin
- You can vote while you are studying abroad
- You must be registered within the state in which you'd like to vote
- Go to [usvotefoundation.org](https://usvotefoundation.org) for information on absentee voting

### TIP: Getting to the polls

- Check with your local cab companies to see if any of them are giving free rides to the polls
- [Lyft](#) is giving away 50% promo codes for rides to the polls through [Vote.org](#), [Nonprofit Vote](#), and [TurboVote](#)

### You have the RIGHT to vote!

- While the polls are open, your employer must give you up to three successive hours off to go vote – you must let them know that you intend to take time to vote, and they can decide when the time off is given during the day
- If you are waiting in line when the polls close, you still have the right to stay and vote – you cannot be turned away for standing in line
- You have the right to vote in secrecy – poll workers cannot try to force you to vote a certain way
- There is no language requirement to vote – you can bring another person into the voting booth to help you understand the ballot (except your employer or union representative)

### Voting as a student does NOT affect...

- Your dependency status on your parent's taxes
- Your tuition status
- Your financial aid
- Your driver's license or car registration

### Your vote DOES count!

- 18-29 year olds make up approximately 17% of the US population
- However, in 2016, less than half of 18-29 year olds voted

### Other resources

- Rock the Vote: [rockthevote.org](https://rockthevote.org)
- Wisconsin Elections Commission: [elections.WI.gov](https://elections.WI.gov)
- Wisconsin Vote: [wisconsinvote.org](https://wisconsinvote.org)