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## HOW TO HOST A HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION DRIVE

### LOGISTICS

- Get **school administration approval** for time and location.
- **Pick a busy location**, lunch period, before or after classes, or during a big school event.
- **Go up to people** and ask them to register! Don't just sit behind your table.
- People will need a **driver's license** or know the **last 4 digits of their Social Security number**.
- **Make the online link** to register to vote **easily accessible** and promote it for those who forget to bring identification.

### SET UP

- Have **"I registered to vote!" stickers** available to anyone who registered.
- **Display the poster** that can be used to scan for voter registration information.
- Since many 17yr old's will have a driver's license, provide a **link to check their registration status** and **prepare talking points** about getting signed up to vote-by-mail while away at college.
- **Have a computer/tablet** to check voter registration status.

### PROMOTING THE DRIVE

- Distribute/hang flyers
- Submit an announcement to your school's daily announcements
- Post about the drive on social media
- Make it clear this is a non-partisan activity - language can be **"High School Democrats are hosting a Voter Registration & Education Drive, Note: You can apply for any party affiliation"**

### TABLING SCRIPT

- "Are you registered to vote?"
- "Is your voter registration up to date?"
- "Would you like to sign-up to vote by mail?"

### ADDITIONAL RECOMENDATIONS

- Have a training session with all your volunteers to go over the process of registering to vote. The process can be confusing for anyone, and club members will need to **be up to date** on the information at the time of the voter registration drive.
- Decorate your table to attract more people! *A few examples include making colorful posters, have candy, play music, and hang patriotic bunting on the table.*

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- For paper vote by mail application forms, it needs to be **county specific**. Be sure an applicant flips their form over and fills out the return address.
- Mail-in Ballots for the June Primary Election and the November General Election are mailed approximately **45 days** prior to the date of the election.
- If voters want to sign up using the paper application, NJDSC can provide them with **stamps** to mail back to their county or we can mail it back for them.
- Applications must be received by your county Clerk of Elections via mail **7 days** prior to the election. Hand delivered applications will be accepted up until 3 p.m. the day before the election.
- **Ways to return your vote-by-mail ballot:** by mail, in a ballot dropbox or at your county's board of elections. **NOTE: Your VBM ballot CANNOT be returned to your in-person early voting poll location or your Election Day poll location.**

## PARTY AFFILIATION

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## NJ VOTER REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- **Student Voter State Webpage**
- Voter Registration Deadline for the **Primary Election is June 4, 2024 and for the General Election is November 5, 2024.**
- Voters can register to vote **online** or by filling out a **paper registration form.**

## TABLING SCRIPT CONT.

- "Is your voter registration up to date?"
- "Have you made a plan to vote?"

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## HOW TO HOST A COLLEGE VOTER EDUCATION DRIVE

### LOGISTICS

- Reserve a time and location for your tabling.
- **Pick a busy location**, near the dining hall, the quad, or student center.
- **Go up to people** and ask them to register! Don't just sit behind your table.
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- **Make the online link** to register to vote **easily accessible** and promote it for those who forget to bring identification.

### SET UP

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- Since many college students may already be registered, provide a **link to check their registration status** and **prepare talking points** about getting signed up to vote-by-mail while away at college.
- **Have a computer/tablet** to check voter registration status.

### PROMOTING THE DRIVE

- Distribute/hang flyers in dorms, at the library, and in academic buildings
- Make a graphic club members can post on their personal social media accounts
- Post about the drive on the club's social media accounts

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### ADDITIONAL RECOMENDATIONS

- Have club members commit to helping at the table
- Have a training session with all your volunteers to go over the process of registering to vote. The process can be confusing for anyone, and club members will need to **be up to date** on the information at the time of the voter registration drive.
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**COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN BE REGISTERED AT THEIR CAMPUS ADDRESS OR HOME ADDRESS -- THE CHOICE IS THEIRS!**

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## HOW TO HOST A VOTER EDUCATION DRIVE

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- People will need a **driver's license** or know the **last 4 digits of their Social Security number.**
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### PROMOTING THE DRIVE

- Share information about the drive to the organization's email list
- Post about the drive on the organization's social media accounts
- Hang flyers up around town at local coffee shops, grocery stores, libraries, send to community leaders etc.

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