



VOTER GUIDE
OSCEOLA COUNTY
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
MARY JANE ARRINGTON

LETTER FROM MARY JANE ARRINGTON

Dear Voters,

At the Supervisor of Elections Office it is our goal to provide you with quality election services. It is our mission to provide information and to educate registered voters to help them to make informed decisions. We strive to make the voting process easy for our voters and are committed to serving the citizens of Osceola County. Please take the time to review this voter guide, which is full of election information that will help you be a more informed voter. Thank you for taking the time to register to vote.



Mary Jane

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

You may have other voting rights under state and federal laws. If you believe your voting rights have been violated, please contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, 1-850-245-6200.

VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain a current address with the office of the Supervisor of Elections.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat election workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER:

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS

Polls will be open on Election Day from 7 AM to 7 PM. To determine your polling place, check your location on your voter information card, your sample ballot, or contact the Supervisor of Elections office. You may also check the location of your polling location on our website at www.voteosceola.gov.

POLLING LOCATION CHANGES

When it becomes necessary for the Supervisor of Elections to move a polling location, the registered voter will receive a new voter information card with all the new polling location information a minimum of 14 days prior to an election.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In order to vote in an election you must be a registered voter for at least 29 days before that election. You have several options to register to vote:

You may register online at www.voteosceola.gov, complete the application in this brochure, or you may obtain an application from the Supervisor of Elections Office or other locations throughout the county. Lastly, you may call our office at 407.742.6000 and we will be glad to mail you one.

To be a qualified voter you must be a citizen of the US, a Florida resident, and be 18 years of age. You may pre-register when you are 16 years of age. This gives you the opportunity to vote in your first election as soon as you are eligible.

DO WE HAVE YOUR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION?

It is important that the Supervisor of Elections Office has your most current information. Do we have your current address? Has your name changed? Is your signature current? If not, you need to update that information. You may make some of those changes on our website. You may also complete the attached application and return it to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

WHY IS MY SIGNATURE IMPORTANT?

If you are voting by mail, requesting a mail ballot or signing a petition we use your signature to verify your identity. We compare your signature to the one we have on file. If your signature does not match what we have on file your vote, request or petition may not be counted.

During our lifetime our signature sometimes changes, so please make sure our records are current. Your signature can be updated by filling out a voter registration application and returning it to our office.

Please note that if you update your registration online, the system will use the signature on your Florida ID or Driver License.



VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

In order to vote at the polls on Election Day or to Early Vote, you are required by Florida law to have both signature and photo identification. It can be one form of identification, such as a Florida Driver License, Florida ID card, or your passport. You may also use more than one form of identification to meet this criteria. For example, if you have a student ID with your picture on it, but not a signature, you would then need to present a second form of acceptable ID that has your signature on it.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION

- Florida Driver License
- Florida Identification Card
- U.S. Passport
- Military or Student Identification
- Debit or Credit Card
- Public Assistance Identification
- Neighborhood Association Identification
- Retirement Center Identification
- Veteran health ID card issued by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- Concealed weapons license
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county or a municipality

All identification presented must be current and valid. For example, your driver license or passport must be current and not expired.

If you are not able to provide proper identification at the polls, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. Your signature will be used to verify your identity.

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO VOTE

1. VOTE BY MAIL

You may request a ballot be mailed to you and vote at your leisure. Instructions will be included on how to complete your ballot. You may return it by mail in the postage paid envelope that is provided, hand deliver it to the Elections Office or to one of our secure ballot intake station locations.

To request a Vote by Mail ballot simply call us at 407.742.6000 or visit www.voteosceola.gov

2. VOTE EARLY

Prior to each county-wide election you may vote at any of our designated Early Voting locations. Locations will be available in different areas of the county for your convenience. Check our website or your sample ballot for Early Voting times and locations.

Early Voting wait times can be found on our website during the Early Voting period.

3. ON ELECTION DAY

You can only cast your vote at your assigned polling location on Election Day. Voting is simple, quick, and easy.



Your polling location and all Early Voting sites will be accessible for persons with disabilities. If you need assistance, please ask.

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Approximately 3 - 4 weeks prior to the election you will be mailed a sample ballot unless you receive a Vote by Mail ballot. This ballot will be an example of the ballot you will receive at the polls and will contain the races and issues on which you will be voting. We encourage you to review it, mark your choices and bring it with you when you vote. If you do not receive one, we advise you to notify the Elections Office so we can confirm your address. Sample ballots are also available online.

VOTING BY MAIL

WHO MAY VOTE VIA U.S. MAIL?

If you are a qualified voter in the State of Florida you are entitled to a Vote by Mail ballot.

HOW DO I REQUEST A BALLOT?

A request for a Vote by Mail ballot can be made online at www.voteosceola.gov, in person at the Elections Office, by telephone, or by sending us a written request. Only the voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian can request a Vote by Mail ballot.

WHEN CAN I REQUEST A BALLOT?

You may request a Vote by Mail ballot for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election. Requests must be made prior to the twelfth day before an election.

HOW AND WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY BALLOT?

Ballots that are sent by mail are mailed out approximately 30 days prior to each election for those voters who have a request on file in our office.

HOW CAN I TRACK MY BALLOT?

You can track your mail ballot status on our website or sign up to receive text or email notifications via ballottrax. To sign up for automatic notifications, visit: osceolamailballots.com.

CAN I VOTE AN ACCESSIBLE BALLOT BY MAIL?

If you have a visual impairment or disability, you have the option to mark your Vote by Mail ballot via Enhanced Ballot. Enhanced Ballot is an accessible “web balloting portal” which allows eligible voters to access, mark, and print their ballots at home, on their home devices and printers.

A voted ballot must be received in our office by 7:00 PM on Election Day. When you return your ballot, it is important for you to sign the red box on the envelope with the voter’s certificate. On Election Day your polling place IS NOT a place for you to return your vote by mail ballot.



How to Mark Your OSCEOLA COUNTY BALLOT

All voters in Osceola County use a marksense paper ballot that is optically scanned by a voting machine to count your ballot.

**USE A BLACK INK PEN
TO MARK YOUR BALLOT
CORRECTLY,
COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL
NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE**

U.S. PRESIDENT	-Vote for ONE-
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	YOUR CHOICE
<input type="radio"/>	NOT YOUR CHOICE



ELECTION INFORMATION

FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE

What does this mean? This means that in a Primary Election, only registered Republicans may vote for Republican candidates and only registered Democrats may vote for Democratic candidates. All registered voters, including voters registered with no party affiliation or a minor party affiliation, will be able to vote in non-partisan races during the Primary Election.

UNIVERSAL PRIMARY

If all candidates in a primary race have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the Primary Election for that office. This is called a Universal Primary Contest.

ELECTION RESULTS

On Election night, live election results will be easily accessible after the polls close on the home page of our website, www.voteosceola.gov. Election results are also available throughout the year on our website.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING EQUIPMENT

The ExpressVote Universal Voting System utilizes touchscreen technology that produces a paper ballot for tabulation. As a universal voting system, the ExpressVote allows all voters, regardless of abilities, to make their selections privately and autonomously. A voter assist terminal will be available at each Early Voting site and polling location.

NEED A DEMONSTRATION?

**If you, your club, or organization would like
to schedule a demonstration call:**

407.742.6000

BECOME AN ELECTION WORKER

The Supervisor of Elections has opportunities available for dedicated, civic-minded individuals to participate in the electoral process. More than 500 of your fellow citizens participate in Election Day activities. Election workers earn \$240 - \$370 for each Election Day they work depending on their position.

Interested in becoming an Election Worker? We have opportunities available for the following:

- Election Day Workers – work at the polls.
- Early Voting Election Workers – work up to two weeks prior to the election at one of our Early Voting locations.
- Work in and around the office assisting us with the facilitation of each election.

Your first step is to fill out an election worker application online at www.voteosceola.gov.

VOTER FEEDBACK

Our office is dedicated to receiving feedback from all voters. Since the 2010 Elections, Voter Feedback cards have been available at each polling location. We genuinely want to hear from you. Make sure to fill out your feedback card and tell us about your experience at the polls. Your comments allow our office to provide you the best level of service possible.

ADOPT-A-PRECINCT

The Supervisor of Elections Office continues to offer its Adopt-A-Precinct program where a group or organization can “adopt” a polling location and recruit volunteers to serve as election workers for that location. The Supervisor of Elections office will then give that group the money that would have gone to the individuals working the polling place. The organization can make \$3,000 to \$5,500 in an election cycle, working two elections, depending on the size of the polling location. The group can either use that money for their organization or donate it to another worthy cause.

- All workers must be registered or pre-registered to vote in the state of Florida.
- A group will need a person to coordinate and at least 7 to 10 volunteers, depending on the size of the polling location adopted.
- Each polling site is required to have a set amount of bilingual workers. If the organization cannot provide these workers, the Elections Office will assist the group by providing bilingual election workers.
- Training is mandatory for all workers and will be provided by the Supervisor of Elections. Training will be held before each election and lasts, on average, from two to eight hours depending on the assigned position.

If your group or organization is interested in adopting a precinct, please call 407-742-6105. We are very excited about this program and hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to serve your community.

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT ELECTIONS? VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.VOTEOSCEOLA.GOV](http://www.VOTEOSCEOLA.GOV)

Travel Tote Lessons: Our totes are specifically designed for teachers! Each lesson targets a certain grade level. The lesson, along with all necessary materials to teach it, are included inside of a tote that teachers can check out. These totes can travel between classrooms or schools.

Sunshine State Young Readers: This is a wonderful program where students vote for their favorite Sunshine State book. We will bring our election equipment to your school and help with the election process.

Voter Registration Drives: Did you know students are eligible to pre-register to vote at age 16? We will be in the high schools and community events at various times during the year to hold voter registration drives, so please look for us the next time you are out and about!



Student Elections: We would be glad to come to your school and help with Class Officer elections, Homecoming Court elections, or even hold a mock election on an important issue at your school.

Request A Speaker: The Supervisor or a staff member from the Elections Office would be happy to visit your classroom or organization to talk about the election process.

EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Osceola County Supervisor of Elections Office is committed to informing the community about the election process. We have several exciting educational outreach programs we are using in the schools, and we also have programs such as our Adopt-A-Precinct program that are geared toward civic and community organizations as well.

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 <p>Florida Voter Registration Application Part 1 – Instructions (DS-DE 39, R1S-2.040, F.A.C.)(eff. 10/2013)</p>		<p>Información en español: Sírvase llamar a la oficina del supervisor de elecciones de su condado si le interesa obtener este formulario en español.</p>	
<p>To Register in Florida, you must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a U.S. citizen, • a Florida resident, • at least 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17, but cannot vote until you are 18). <p>If you have been convicted of a felony, or if a court has found you to be mentally incapacitated as to your right to vote, you cannot register until your right to vote is restored.</p> <p>If you do not meet any ONE of these requirements, you are not eligible to register.</p> <p>Questions? Contact the Supervisor of Elections in your county: dos.myflorida.com/elections/contacts/supervisor-of-elections Visit the Florida Division of Elections' website at: dos.myflorida.com/elections</p> <p>CRIMINAL OFFENSE: It is a 3rd degree felony to submit false information. Maximum penalties are \$5,000 and/or 5 years in prison.</p> <p>PUBLIC RECORD: Once filed, all information including your phone number and email address as provided become public record except for the following which can only be used for voter registration purposes: your FL DL#, FL ID#, SSN, where you registered to vote, and whether you declined to register or to update your voter registration record at a voter registration agency. Your signature can be viewed but not copied. (Section 97.0585, Fla. Stat.)</p>		<p>Where to Register: You can register to vote by completing this application and delivering it in person or by mail to any supervisor of elections' office, office that issues driver's licenses, or voter registration agency (public assistance office, center for independent living, office serving persons with disabilities, public library, or armed forces recruitment office) or the Division of Elections. Mailing addresses are on page 2 of this form.</p> <p>Deadline to Register: The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before any election. You can update your registration record at any time, but for a Primary Election, party changes must be completed 29 days before that election. You will be contacted if your new application is incomplete, denied or a duplicate of an existing registration. Your Voter Information Card will be mailed to you once you are registered.</p> <p>Identification (ID) Requirements: New applicants must provide a current and valid Florida driver's license number (FL DL#) or Florida identification card number (FL ID#). If you do not have a FL DL# or FL ID#, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number (SSN). If you do not have any of these numbers, check "None." If you leave the field and box blank, your new registration may be denied. See section 97.053(6), Fla. Stat.</p> <p>Special ID requirements: If you are registering by mail, have never voted in Florida, and have never been issued one of the ID numbers above, include one of the following with your application, or at a later time before you vote: 1) A copy of an ID that shows your name and photo (acceptable IDs—U.S. Passport, debit or credit card, military ID, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID, or public assistance ID); or 2) A copy of an ID that shows your name and current residence address (acceptable documents—utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document).</p> <p>The special ID is not required if you are 65 or older, have a temporary or permanent physical disability, are a member of the active uniformed services or merchant marine who is absent from the county for active duty, or a spouse or dependent thereof, or are currently living outside the U.S. but otherwise eligible to vote in Florida.</p> <p>Political Party Affiliation: Florida is a closed primary election state. In primary elections, registered voters can only vote for their registered party's candidates in a partisan race on the ballot. In a primary election, all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on any issue, nonpartisan race, and race where a candidate faces no opposition in the General Election. If you do not indicate your party affiliation, you will be registered with no party affiliation. For a list of political parties, visit the Division of Elections' website at: dos.myflorida.com/elections</p> <p>Race/Ethnicity: It is optional to list your race or ethnicity. Boxes: Please check boxes () where applicable.</p>	
<p>Numbered rows 1 through 7 and 12 must be completed for a new registration.</p>			
 <p>Florida Voter Registration Application Part 2 – Form (DS-DE #39, R1S-2.040, F.A.C.)(eff. 10/2013)</p>		<p>The downloadable/printable online form is available at: dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration</p>	
<p>This is: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Record Update/Change (e.g., Address, Party Affiliation, Name, Signature) <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Replace Voter Information Card</p>			
<p>OFFICIAL USE ONLY</p>			
1	Are you a citizen of the United States of America?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
2	I affirm that I am not a convicted felon, or if I am, my right to vote has been restored.		
3	I affirm that I have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or, if I have, my right to vote has been restored.		
4	Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)	-	-
5	Florida Driver License (FL DL) or Florida identification (FL ID) Card Number	-	-
6	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name (Jr., Sr., I, II, etc.):
7	Address Where You Live (legal residence-no P.O. Box)	Apt/Lot/Unit	City
8	Mailing Address (if different from above address)	Apt/Lot/Unit	City
9	Address Where You Were Last Registered to Vote	Apt/Lot/Unit	City
10	Former Name (if name is changed)	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	State or Country of Birth
11	<input type="checkbox"/> Email me SAMPLE BALLOTS if option is available in my county. (See Public Record Notice above) My email address is:		
Party Affiliation (Check only one. If left blank, you will be registered without party affiliation)		Race/Ethnicity (Check only one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party of Florida <input type="checkbox"/> No party affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Minor party (print party name):		<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black, not of Hispanic Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> White, not of Hispanic Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an active duty Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine member <input type="checkbox"/> I am a spouse or a dependent of an active duty uniformed services or merchant marine member <input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.		<input type="checkbox"/> I will need assistance with voting. <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in becoming a poll worker.	
12	SIGN/ MARK HERE		Date
<p>Oath: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, and that all information provided in this application is true.</p>			

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PLEASE BE SURE TO SEAL ALL OPEN SIDES WITH TAPE TO ASSURE YOUR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT COPIES DO NOT GET LOST - DO NOT STAPLE -

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If you are a new applicant, state and federal law require you to provide a current and valid Florida driver license number or Florida identification card number. If you have not been issued a Florida driver license or ID card, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have one, check “none” on the application. If you do not provide any number or check “none”, your application may be denied. See s.303, HAVA and section 97.053(6), Fla. Stat.

SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If you are registering by mail, have never voted in Florida, and have never been issued a Florida driver license, Florida identification card, or Social Security Number, you must include with your application, or at a later time before you vote, a copy of one of the following photo identifications that includes your name and photo:

- US Passport
- Buyers Club ID
- Military ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Employee Badge or ID
- Debit/Credit Card
- Student ID

Or you may provide a copy of one of the following documents that contains your name and current residence address:

- Bank Statement
- Government Check
- Other Government Document
- Paycheck
- Utility Bill

SOME EXEMPTIONS

If you are one of the following persons, you are exempt from having to provide a copy of an ID at this time. These exemptions are:

- Persons 65 years of age or older
- Persons with a temporary or permanent physical disability
- Members of the active uniformed service or merchant marine who, by reason of such active duty, are absent from the county
- Spouse or dependent of an active uniformed service member or merchant marine who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the county
- Persons currently residing outside the US who are eligible to vote in Florida

DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE.



UPCOMING ELECTIONS

	BOOK CLOSING	EARLY VOTING	ELECTION DAY
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION	February 20, 2024	March 4, 2024- March 17, 2024	March 19, 2024
PRIMARY ELECTION	July 22, 2024	August 5, 2024- August 18, 2024	August 20, 2024
GENERAL ELECTION	October 7, 2024	October 21, 2024- November 3, 2024	November 5, 2024

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION

PRIMARY ELECTION

GENERAL ELECTION

**Osceola County Supervisor of Elections
Office Mission Statement:**

“To provide the citizens of Osceola County with quality election services and maintain the integrity of the electoral process. As election professionals, we are the gatekeepers of democracy.”

Vision Statement:

“To build and maintain public trust in the electoral process.”

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