



Common Ground's UWM Student Voting Guide

Important Dates:

- October 14th:** Online registration deadline and mail-in registration deadline. After this date, citizens can register to vote in person at an election clerk's location or at a polling site.
- October 20th:** Because voting absentee can take up to two weeks to process (this includes your request being processed, the time it takes your ballot to arrive, and the time it takes your ballot to travel to your election clerk), the US postal service recommends that all absentee voting requests are completed by this day to ensure that your vote is counted. Remember: your absentee ballot must be received by an election clerk by 8:00pm on election day. If it is not, your vote will not be counted.
- October 26th:** A week before election day! If you send your absentee ballot out after this day, it might not reach your election clerk in time. We recommend that, rather than mailing your absentee ballot, you drop it off at an approved site. Here is a link to information about absentee ballot drop-off sites: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6798>
- October 29th:** The last day a voter can legally request an absentee ballot. Remember that absentee ballots must be returned to an election clerk by 8:00pm on election day to be counted-- therefore, requesting an absentee ballot on this day risks not having your vote counted.
- October 30th:** The last day to register in person at an election office. You can still register in person on election day.
- November 3rd:** Election day! You can register to vote on election day if you bring acceptable proof of residence and ID with you to the polls.

Early Voting Polling Locations:

If you are registered to vote in Milwaukee, you can use any of these early voting polling locations; you do not need to check if it corresponds to your registration address

- Midtown Center, 5700 W Capitol Dr
- Zablocki Library, 3501 W Oklahoma Ave
(Mondays - Fridays 8am to 7pm;
Saturdays - Sundays 10am to 4pm)
- Bay View Library, 2566 S Kinnickinnic Ave
- Cannon Park Pavilion, 303 N 95th St
- Clinton Rose Senior Center, 3045 N Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr
- East Library, 2320 N Cramer St
- Frank P. Zeidler Municipal Building, 841 N Broadway, Room 102
- Good Hope Library, 7717 W Good Hope Rd
- Mitchell Street Library, 906 W Historic Mitchell St
- Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S Howell Ave
- Villard Square Library, 5190 N 35th St
- Washington Park Library, 2121 N Sherman Blvd
(Mondays & Tuesdays 7am to 1pm;
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
1pm to 7pm; Saturdays - Sundays
10am to 4pm)
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Student Union,
2200 E Kenwood Blvd
(Mondays - Fridays 10am to 3pm)
- Independence First, 540 S 1st St
- Manitoba School, 4040 W Forest Home Ave
- Milwaukee Area Technical College, 700 W State St
(By appointment only. Please email
kdzapat@milwaukee.gov or call 414-286-5995 to
request an appointment.)



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How to register to vote: To register, you need to prove where you live. You must have lived there for 28 days. Here are documents that serve as acceptable proof of residence:

The two most common proof of residence documents for college students:

- A current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card (your address on your state ID does not need to be current as long as the address at the DMV is current).
- Any correspondence from UWM to a Wisconsin street address with your name on it
- Your UWM ID card (for registration this does not need to be your UWM voter ID card described below) with a Proof of Enrollment letter. This letter can be printed from the “Academics” section of your PAWS account.

Other proof of residence:

- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
- Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
- A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before Election Day.
- Bank statement.
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government.
- A letter on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual’s residence for voting purposes.

Once you have your POR you can register!

Online: Once you have your proof of residence, you are ready to register! You can register online or by mail before October 14th using this website:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/RegisterToVote>. If you are not using DMV issued proof of residence, you will need to scan, print, and physically mail your materials. This website lets you complete the entire process online using only your phone camera:

<https://commonground.votewisconsin.com/>

In person: After October 14th and before October 30th, you must register in person at your local municipal clerk’s office. Find your municipal clerk’s office here:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk>

On election day: You can also register to vote on election day! Bring your proof of residence and your proof of ID to your polling place to register and vote. Find your polling place here:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace>



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How to Vote: When you vote, you must prove who you are.

You must provide proof of ID at the polls AND when requesting an absentee ballot.

Most common forms of ID for college students:

- Wisconsin state ID: driver's license or state ID. If you are not from Wisconsin, you must surrender any other state IDs you possess if you try to obtain a Wisconsin state ID.
- **A UWM voter identification card. This is not your regular ID;** it is an ID that you must obtain by going to a specific office. To use this ID, **you must also present a Proof of Enrollment letter**, which you can generate through your PAWS account. For information on this process, go here: <https://uwm.edu/vote/voting-steps/vote/wisconsin-voter-id/>
 - Students at the Milwaukee campus can get a free voter ID card at Panther Card Office, Student Union Room W198. Check here for hours and covid updates: <https://uwm.edu/retailservices/panthercard/>

Other acceptable forms of ID:

- A driver license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- Federal ID: A passport book or card, a military ID card issued by the US Uniformed Services
- A certificate of naturalization issued no more than two years ago
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin (can be expired or unexpired)

Voting Process:

Request your absentee ballot:

- Go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee>. If you are not using Wisconsin ID from the DMV, using this site will require you to scan and print your form of ID.
- If you do not have access to a scanner/printer: go to <https://commonground.votewisconsin.com/>
- Drop off your absentee ballot in person: If you do not want to send your ballot through the mail, you can drop it off with any of these officials: Wisconsin County Clerks, Wisconsin Municipal Clerks, City of Milwaukee Election Commission, or the Milwaukee County Election Commission. More information can be found [here](#). **You must drop off your ballot in the location that corresponds to your voter registration, not just the drop off location that is the most convenient.**
- Remember: You can order more than one absentee ballot! This is useful if you order a ballot and have to relocate before you receive the ballot. If you need to cancel or update an absentee ballot request you should call your municipal clerk.

Vote in person:

- Find your polling place here: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace>



Cast Your Ballot, Check Your Vote

Join Common Ground's campaign to make sure that the ballots that we cast get counted. In Wisconsin's April elections, 23,000 absentee ballots were rejected. Those 23,000 people were not Wisconsin's only disenfranchised voters-- that number does not include people who were turned away from the polls because they couldn't get through the line, people whose absentee ballots never arrived, or people who had bad information about what documents they needed to register. **Voter laws need reform, and you can be a part of that change.** After this election, Common Ground will check public voter records to see if the people we worked with had their votes counted, and follow up with the people whose voices were not heard. We will use what we learn to pressure officials for accountability and change. If you have any questions, reach out to Bob Masson (robert.masson@marquette.edu) or Catherine Johnson (catherine@commongroundwi.org).

How to participate:

Pledge to vote! If you need any help getting registered to vote, we can help you with that. **Once you have your voting plan, give us the address you are registered to vote with, the name you are registered under, and some way to contact you.** We will not send you mailings or sell your information. We will only use this information to check the public voter rolls after the November election. If we see that your vote was not counted, we will reach out to you. We want to hear your story-- Did your absentee ballot not arrive? Did a family issue prevent you from making it to the polls? Why were you unable to participate in this election? If we find systemic issues that prevent voters from exercising their rights, we will take action to change how voting works in Wisconsin.

Who is Common Ground?

Common Ground is a nonpartisan, nonprofit grassroots coalition of Milwaukee institutions. Our 38 members include churches, community groups, businesses, and schools that work to improve Milwaukee for everyone. Marquette has been a member of Common Ground for about ten years. In our Get Out the Vote campaign, we have committed to getting at least 13,000 voters in Milwaukee to the polls-- and to set ourselves up to make changes in Wisconsin voting laws if need be. Look for us at <https://www.commongroundwi.org/>.