

Registering to Vote in New York Myths vs. Facts

2026 VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE



Myth: If I register here, I'll lose my scholarships or financial aid

Fact: Federal financial aid, like Pell Grants, are not impacted by voter registration. However, In-state grants and tuition rates requiring in-state residency may be impacted. Check with your financial aid office to confirm!



Myth: My parents won't be able to claim me as a dependent if I register to vote where I go to school.

Fact: A parent's ability to claim you as a dependent is based on factors like age, income, and whether a parent provides more than half of your financial support. Voting registration and location are not among these factors.



Myth: If I register to vote, I'll be called for jury duty.

Fact: Jury duty lists are drawn from a variety of sources beyond voter registration records—including taxpayers and licensed drivers.

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