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CUNY VOTES.
A HOW-TO GUIDE FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE

WHO CAN REGISTER?
In order to be eligible to register to vote you must be:

- A U.S. citizen by birth (anyone born in the United States or its territories, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and certain Panamanians are U.S. citizens).
- At least 18 years old and a New York resident for at least 30 days prior to an election.
- Not currently serving time (in jail, on work release or parole) for a felony conviction.
- You must be registered at least 25 days before an election.
- You also need to register to vote if:
  - You have changed your address since the last time you voted or registered to vote.
  - You wish to change your party affiliation.
  - You have changed your name since last voting.

The last day for voter registration by mail or in-person at the Board of Election offices to vote in the September 10, 2013, primary election is August 16, 2013. The last day for voter registration by mail or in-person to vote in the November 5, 2013, general election is October 11, 2013.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines “voting” as the formal expression of a preference for a candidate for office or for a proposed resolution of an issue. Voting is the foundation upon which our democracy rests. The vote is our voice and it should be used loudly and regularly. Use your voice. Vote!

POLITICAL PARTIES
Enrolling in a political party is optional. However, if you wish to vote in a political party’s primary elections, you must enroll in that political party. If you switch political parties, you cannot vote in your new party’s primary until after the first general election after your switch. Thus, if you switch party affiliation before the 2013 general election, you may vote in your new party's primary in 2014. However, if you switch after the 2013 general election, you cannot vote in your “new” party's primary until 2015.
HOW DO I REGISTER?
Registering to vote is easy to do. The City University of New York makes voter registration forms available to all CUNY students when they register for classes. Ask about voter registration and the collection of application forms at your campus. You can also obtain a form, fill it out and mail it in yourself. You don’t even need a stamp. It’s as simple as that.

To get your voter registration form by mail or via the Internet, or for more information about voting, please call or visit the following websites:

- THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
  www.cuny.edu/vote
- THE NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
  (212) VOTE-NYC; www.vote.nyc.ny.us
- THE VOTER ASSISTANCE UNIT
  (212) 306-7100; www.nyccfb.info/public
- THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
  (212) 725-3541; www.lwvny.org
- CITIZENS UNION
  (212) 227-0342; www.citizensunion.org

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION
You will receive an official postcard from the Board of Elections in the mail indicating your election district, polling place and schedule for voting. You will also be sent a Voter’s Identification Card. If either card is not received within two weeks of registering, call the Board of Elections hot line at (212) VOTE-NYC.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION
If you cannot get to your poll site on Election Day you may qualify to vote by absentee ballot. You can vote by absentee ballot if you are temporarily or permanently ill/disabled, or if you are out of town on Election Day for business, vacation, school or similar circumstances. For the primary election, an absentee ballot application must be requested by September 3, 2013, and returned by September 9, 2013. For the general election, an absentee ballot application must be requested by October 29, 2013, and returned by November 4, 2013. To obtain an absentee-ballot application, check the box in the bottom left-hand corner of the voter registration form, call the Board of Elections at (212) VOTE-NYC or download the form at www.cuny.edu/vote.