Voting Frequently Asked Questions

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June 18, 2024 Primary Election

On the Ballot

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives

Who is my representative?

Click on these links to find out who represents you at each level of government.

Federal: President and Vice President; U.S. Senate; U.S. House of Representatives 1st District

State: Senate 25th District; House of Delegates 68th District (Use the links below to see the Virginia redistricting maps redrawn in 2021)

Local: Board of Supervisors; School Board; Mayor and Town Council - Town of Tappahannock

Click on these links for:

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How do I register to vote?

Register to Vote

- Already Registered but moved or changed your name?
Check your voter registration status.
Information or registration forms for persons living overseas or in the military.

Virginia Residents may register:

- **online** at the [Virginia Department of Elections](http://www.votedept.virginia.gov)
- **by mail-in** [Voter Registration Application](http://www.votedept.virginia.gov/Registration/)
- **In-Person** at any General Registrar's office: The office of the Essex County General Registrar is open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, except holidays, for this purpose. We are located at:
  
  - Voter Registration and Elections, 205 S. Cross Street, Suite B, PO Box 1561 Tappahannock, VA 22560-1561

Who is eligible to vote in Virginia?

- A Resident of the State of Virginia
- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age by the next general election
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law

Where do I vote?

Polling locations are ONLY open on Election Day 6:00am-7:00pm.

Your polling location can be found on the lower left corner of your voter ID card, by visiting the [Virginia Department of Elections website](http://www.votedept.virginia.gov) or by calling the Voter Registration & Elections Office at 443-4611.

**Early Voting & Ballot drop off location**

Voter Registration & Elections Office

205 S. Cross Street, Suite B

Tappahannock, VA 22560

Early Voting Hours

- Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
- Two Saturdays before Election Day 9:00am-5:00pm

Ballot Drop off hours

- Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
- Two Saturdays before Election Day 9:00am-5:00pm
- Election Day 6:00am-7:00pm
Election Day polling locations (polling locations are only open on Election Day)

Greater Tappahannock -101

Tappahannock-Essex Volunteer Fire Department

620 Airport Road

Tappahannock, VA 22560

North - 201

Antioch Baptist Church

454 Lloyds Road

Champlain, VA 22438

South - 301

Ephesus Baptist Church

287 Ephesus Church Road

Dunnsville, VA 22454

Central - 401

Tappahannock-Essex Airport

James Moore Terminal Building

1450 Aviation Road

Tappahannock, VA 22560

How do I vote Absentee?

Can't make it to the polls on election day?

You may have other options

- Vote absentee by mail
- Vote absentee in person
- Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for military and overseas voters

Track your vote by mail ballot here with Ballot Scout.
Additional information about Absentee Voting can be found at the [Virginia Department of Elections website](https://www.vote.virginia.gov).

### How do I return a voted by-mail Absentee Ballot?

**You may return your voted absentee ballot**

- **By mail** in the postage paid envelope provided with your ballot. The ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received in the registrar’s office by noon the Friday after the election.
- **By hand delivery** to the General Registrar. The ballot must be delivered by 7pm on Election Day.
- **At the secure drop off location inside** the General Registrar's office. The ballot must be dropped off by 7pm on Election Day.
- **In the secure drop box** located at each polling location on Election Day only (6am-7pm).

**Track your ballot through the mail here with Ballot Scout**

### Ballot hand delivery and Ballot drop off hours

- Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
- Two Saturdays before Election Day 9:00am-5:00pm
- Election Day 6:00am-7:00pm

**General Registrar's Address:** 205 S. Cross ST., Suite B, Tappahannock

### How do I become a candidate?

**Candidate Information**

Interested in running for office? Visit the [Virginia Department of Elections website](https://www.vote.virginia.gov).

Generally, all candidates must meet the following minimum qualifications.

- A candidate must be qualified to vote for and to hold the office being sought.
- A candidate must have been a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

### Informational Bulletin & Forms

The Virginia Department of Elections has developed and published candidate informational bulletins specific to each office type. In addition to the qualifications, forms, and filing requirements, candidate information bulletins provide candidates with information they will need to run for office.

You may download the information through the links provided below or contact the Department of Elections to request that a candidate informational bulletin and candidate forms be mailed to you for a $10 charge. Please send your check payable to the Department of Elections to: