

Top Things to Remember When Running a Registration Drive

1. Make sure you're using the current state of federal mail-in registration form. Because of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, registration forms have been updated.
2. Review the new applications to make sure people have properly filled out the forms. Be especially sure voters:
 - a. Marked the check-box affirming they are over 18 years of age;
 - b. Marked the check-box affirming they are US citizens;
 - c. Provided the required identification number, usually their driver's license number or the last four digits of their social security number, and
 - d. Signed and dated the form.
3. Inform voters of what identification, if any, will be required of them at the polls. Check with the chief election official in your state, usually the Secretary of State, for this information.
4. Registering voters isn't enough to turn individuals into active voters; they will be more likely to vote if you provide them with voter education material or direct them to online resource like the League's DemocracyNet, www.dnet.org, where they can learn about the candidates running for office in their community.
5. Make voters aware of their voting rights. When voters go to vote anywhere in the United State, they should be able to expect fair and decent treatment. That includes:
 - a. Equal treatment and opportunity to register and vote, regardless of race, religion, national origin, sex or disability;
 - b. Privacy—only voters should know how they voted;
 - c. Having their vote accurately recorded and counted;
 - d. If they have a disability, access to voting device they can use, and appropriate assistance;
 - e. Assistance from poll workers on how to use the voting equipment if voters request it; and
 - f. Courtesy from poll workers and others at the polling place.
6. Empower these newly registered voters so they feel connected to the election process right from the start by challenging them to:
 - a. Get 5 other people to register to vote;
 - b. Get 5 other people to polls on election day;
 - c. Attend a local candidate debate; or
 - d. Watch at least one television debate.