

2023 Voter Guide

Bradford County, Florida



Bradford County Elections Office
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Who Can Register to Vote?

To register in Florida, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America (A lawful permanent resident, commonly referred to as a "green card holder," does not have the right to register or vote in Florida.);
- Be a Florida resident;
- Be at least 18 years old (You may pre-register at age 16, but must be 18 to vote.);
- Not have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state, without having the right to vote restored.
- Not have been convicted of a felony without your civil rights having been restored.

(Section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

How to Register to Vote

Apply to register in any of the following:

- Online at RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov
- Apply through any of these agencies:
 - Supervisor of Elections Office
 - Driver's License offices
 - State Public Assistance offices
 - Public Libraries
 - Hunting/ Fishing Licensing agents
 - County Governmental offices

Upcoming Elections

March 19, 2024 - Presidential Preference Primary
(Last Day to Register to vote is February 20, 2024)

August 20, 2024 - Primary Election (Last day to register to vote is July 22, 2024)

November 5, 2024 - General Election (Last day to register to vote is October 7, 2024)

Voter Registration Application

A Voter Registration form is complete if it contains:

- An indication you are a U.S. Citizen
- An indication you have not been convicted of a felony, or, if convicted, you have had your civil rights restored.
- An indication you have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, or, if so adjudicated, you have had your right to vote restored.
- Your date of birth.
- Florida Driver's License or Identification Card number, or if you do not have a FL DL # or ID #, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
- Your name.
- Your legal residence address.
- Your signature attesting to the oath printed on the form: swearing or affirming the information contained in the registration application is true. Completed paper applications may be mailed or hand delivered to the Elections Office for processing.

When to Register

You can apply to register to vote at any time. However, there is a 29-day deadline prior to each election for registering to vote or for changing party affiliation. When the registration books are closed for an election, updates to a voter's name, address, and signature shall be the only changes permitted for purposes of the upcoming election. The date your Voter Registration form is postmarked or hand-delivered to any driver license office, voter registration agency, armed forces recruitment office, the Division of Elections or any Supervisor of Elections office, will be your registration date (Section 97.053, Florida Statutes). If your Voter Registration form is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a Voter Information Card will be mailed to you. Voter registration and party changes will be accepted after the deadline, but only for the purpose of subsequent elections. (Section 97.055, Florida Statutes)

Voting Restoration Amendment

The Voting Restoration Amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they have completed all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation. This amendment does not apply to people convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless their rights have been individually restored. For more information, please visit votebradfordfl.gov

Voter Information Cards

After registering to vote you will receive your Voter Information Card in the mail. This card is informational only and cannot be used as a form of identification at the polls. The card lists your address, date of birth, registration date and number, party affiliation, precinct number, location and address, as well as the district for your representation. If your precinct location or polling place should change, you will be notified by the Elections Office and issued a new Voter Information Card in the mail.

Changes to your registration

It is the responsibility of the voter to keep his/her information current. Be sure you notify the elections office if you have a change in name, mailing/residence address, party or if there is a significant change in your signature or identifying mark [this is how Vote-By-Mail ballots and signed petitions are verified]. A new voter information card will be mailed to you.

Florida is a Closed Primary State

You must be registered in the party to vote in that party's primary, unless all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election. All registered voters may vote in Non-Partisan Elections, for issues and in the General Election.

To Remain a Voter:

Registration is permanent as long as you remain a qualified voter and a resident of Florida, but you must keep your address current with the Supervisor of Elections.

Where to Vote:

Your precinct number and polling place location are listed on your voter information card. On Election Day, polls are open from 7am to 7pm. Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. and remain open until all voters who are in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. have voted.

If the Supervisor of Elections office changes the location or number of your polling place or precinct, they will issue you a new voter information card and place signs at the old polling location.

You will not be permitted to vote in a precinct in which you do not live.

Early Voting

Voters can now mark a ballot and insert it into the voting equipment up to 15 days prior to the election. Early voting location is at the Bradford County Commission Meeting Room in the North Wing of the Courthouse.

Early Voting Schedule will be available in January 2024.

Photo and Signature Identification

Voters are required to present a photo and signature ID before voting. A Florida Driver's License, a Florida Identification Card, employee picture ID and numerous other forms of picture identification, will be accepted by election officials. If you do not present picture identification, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Vote By Mail

Any registered voter on file in Bradford County may request a mail ballot in person, by phone, email or by mail. If the ballot is to be mailed to an address other than the voter's address on file, the request must be made in writing and signed. Military members and their dependents are exempt from this requirement. To request a Vote-By-Mail ballot online, visit votebradfordfl.gov

Requesting a Vote-By-Mail Ballot

The voter making the request must disclose all of the following information:

- Voter's name
- Voter's address
- Voter's date of birth
- Voter's Florida Driver's License or ID card number, or the last four digits of the Social Security number
- Voter's signature (written requests only)

An immediate family member or legal guardian may request a mail ballot for a voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse, or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the voter or voter's spouse. The requester must provide the information above and the following information:

- Requester's name
- Requester's address
- Requester's Florida Driver's License or ID card number, or last four digits of the Social Security number
- Requester's relationship to voter
- Requester's Signature (written requests only)

Voters may request a mail ballot for a specific election or for all elections through the next General Election. No later than 45 days before each absent uniformed services voter and to each overseas (UOCAVA) voter who requested a mail ballot. Otherwise, mail ballots are available between the 40th and 33rd days prior to each election. Ballots are mailed as non-forwardable and return-if-undeliverable mail to those voters who have requested one.

Voting Your Mail Ballot

Follow the instructions included with your mail ballot very carefully! The voter must personally vote the ballot (unless assistance is required due to blindness, disability, or inability to read or write). The voter must sign the certificate envelope where indicated.

POWER OF ATTORNEY MAY NEITHER SIGN FOR A VOTER NOR MAKE PARTY CHANGES.

Returning Your Mail Ballot

Mail ballots may be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office by mail, in person, or placed in the secure ballot intake station located in our office. However you choose to return your ballot, it must be received in the Elections Office by 7 PM on Election Day.

A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT A POLLING PLACE.

However, they may be accepted at an Early Voting location during the Early Voting period.

Voting a Provisional

What is a Provisional Ballot?

Provisional Ballots provide a safeguard to voters whose identity or eligibility is in question. Provisional Ballots may be issued at polling places on Election Day or at Early Voting sites.

Some reasons for issuing a Provisional Ballot:

- Voter does not show photo and signature ID when voting.
- Voter status displays that ballot has already been cast by mail or during Early Voting.
- Voter's eligibility status is in question.
- A challenge has been made about the eligibility of a voter.

The county Canvassing Board is responsible for examining the Provisional Ballot certificate and making a determination as to the voter's eligibility. A Provisional Ballot voter must be given notice of rights, including the right to show evidence of eligibility to vote. Evidence must be presented no later than 5 PM the second day following the election. Once eligibility has been determined, the Provisional Ballot will be counted.

Election Workers

Elections Workers must:

- Be registered to vote in Bradford County.
- Be able to read and write the English language.
- Attend mandatory training classes.

For more information, call our office.

How to Mark Your Ballot



If using an optical scan ballot, you will fill in the oval next to your choice using a marking pen. Alternatively, on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) machines, use the touchscreen to make your selections.

Sample Ballots are provided for your convenience. Use it to research the candidates and races, and mark your choices. You may bring it into the voting booth to use as a guide to mark your official ballot.

Voter's Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Be familiar with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain current information with the Elections Office.
3. Know the location and hours of his/her polling location.
4. Bring proper identification to the polls.
5. Treat Election Workers with courtesy.
6. Respect the privacy of others.
7. Ask questions if needed.
8. Make sure his/her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling location.

NOTE: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

(Section 101.031, Florida Statutes)

Voter's Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his/her voice accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he/she is in line at the official closing time of the polls in your county. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
3. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
4. An explanation if his/her registration or identity is in question.
5. Cast a provisional ballot if his/her registration or identity is in question.
6. Written instructions to use when voting and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from Election Workers.
7. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by Election Workers or any other person.
8. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

(Section 101.031, Florida Statutes)

Bradford County Elected Officials

Constitutional Officers

Sheriff - Gordon Smith
Property Appraiser - Kenny Clark
Supervisor of Elections - Amanda Seyfang
Clerk of the Court - Denny Thompson
Tax Collector - Teresa Phillips
County Judge - Tatum Davis

County Commissioners

District 1 - Carolyn Brown Spooner
District 2 - Kenny Thompson
District 3 - Chris Dougherty
District 4 - Danny Riddick
District 5 - Diane Andrews

School Board Members

Superintendent of Schools - Will Hartley

District 1 - Sheila F. Cummings
District 2 - Gayle Shuford Nicula
District 3 - Cheryl G. Canova
District 4 - Candace Osteen
District 5 - Lynn Melvin

State Senator- District 6

Jennifer Bradley (904) 368-3933

State Representative- District 10

Charles "Chuck" Brannan III (850) 717-5010

U.S. Senators

Marco Rubio (202) 224-3041
Rick Scott (904) 346-4500

U.S. Representative-District 3

Kat Cammack (904) 269-3203

For more elected officials and contact information, please see our website: votebradfordfl.gov



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