

2025-2026 California Civic and Election Dates

The Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act (SCVEA) Overview:

In 2019, the Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act ([California Education Code §66850-66852](#); [California Elections Code §2148.5](#)) was enacted to provide California colleges and universities with the necessary tools to enhance civic engagement and participation among young voters. The SCVEA requires each California Community College and California State University campus, and requests each University of California campus, to:

- Distribute, in consultation with the California Secretary of State, campuswide emails to all students with specified voting—and election—related dates and information, and to include specified dates on all print and online academic calendars.
- Post on social media reminders to students of specified voter-related dates and information.
- Designate one person per campus as the Civic and Voter Empowerment Coordinator with specified responsibilities, including developing a Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan.



For more information on the SCVEA requirements, please view the [Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Implementation Guide](#) or scan the QR code to the left.

California Civic and Election Dates:

All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the 2026 Primary and General Elections. To check your voter registration status, visit: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>. Make sure to register or update your voter registration information as needed using the college student voter registration link: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/collegestudents> or by scanning the QR code to the right.



June 2, 2026, Primary Election Dates and Deadlines:

- **Monday, May 4:** Your county elections office will begin mailing ballots by this date.
- **Tuesday, May 5:** Ballot drop-off locations open.
 - Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned by mail, at a drop-off location, or your county elections office. To find a location, visit <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov>.
- **Monday, May 18:** The last day to register online to vote for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election.
- **Tuesday, May 19 - Tuesday, June 2: Same Day Voter Registration** (Conditional Voter Registration) is available. Voters can use the Same Day Voter Registration process during this time.
- **Saturday, May 23:** Vote centers open for early in-person voting in all [Voter's Choice Act](#) counties.
- **Tuesday, June 2:** Election Day – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by June 9, 2026.



California Civic and Election Dates (continued):

November 3, 2026, General Election:

- **Tuesday, November 3:** Election Day – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - More information coming soon

For specific dates and deadlines in a county, please [contact the corresponding county elections office](#).

2026 Key Dates:

- **Monday, March 23 - Tuesday, June 2:** [California University and College Engage the Vote Championship](#)
- **Monday, August 11 - Tuesday, November 3:** [California University and College Ballot Bowl](#)
- **Tuesday, September 15:** National Voter Registration Day
- **Thursday, September 17:** Constitution Day
- **Monday, October 5 - Friday, October 9:** National Voter Education Week
- **Tuesday, October 20:** Election Hero Day
- **Tuesday, October 27:** Vote Early Day

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Contact Us:

For additional information or questions, please email caststudentsvote@sos.ca.gov or visit the [California Students Vote Project](#).

