

# YOUTH 2020 VOTING GUIDE



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RESOURCES FOR FIRST TIME AND YOUNG VOTERS

**1 First Time Voter Checklist:** Register to vote, find your polling place, and much more at this helpful [link](#).

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**2 Michigan Voter Information Center:** For all Michigan youth looking to vote, this is your one stop shop to see if you're registered, learn about absentee voting and what you should expect day of [here](#).

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**3 SOS Absentee Voting:** Apply for an absentee ballot at this link and check on the status of your application. Changed your mind on your vote? You can learn how to spoil your ballot and re-vote [here](#).

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**4 U.S. Vote Foundation:** October 19th is the last day you can register to vote and November 3rd is Election Day. Find out all other important dates at this [link](#).

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**5 Pledge to Vote:** This is a momentous election and every vote counts. Hold yourself accountable by pledging to vote [here](#).

# WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOU VOTE



## Research Issues And Candidates

Before going to the polls research the issues and candidates you'll be voting for. Read up about them on unbiased websites so you can make the decision on who and what you want to vote for on your own. Try this [website](#) for unbiased news media.



## Review The ballot

Sometimes it can be difficult to know every candidate and proposal that will be on your ballot. Before visiting the polls familiarize yourself with what your ballot will look like at websites like [Ballotpedia](#).



## Talk To Someone Who Voted Before

Ask a parent, guardian, or adult you know well to tell you what it's like to vote in person and/or using an absentee ballot. Learning from these individuals' experiences will help you understand what to expect when you vote.



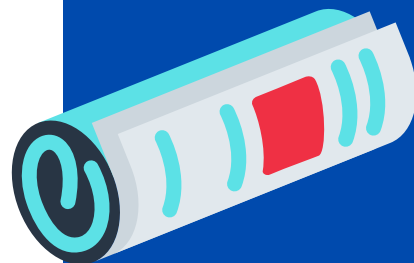
## Know Voting Place And Time

To ease the stress of voting day research your polling place and the time it opens and the time it closes. Make sure to get in line before your polling place closes. If you're in line before the polls close, you can still vote so don't let anyone turn you away.

# SUPPORT THE POLITICAL PROCESS

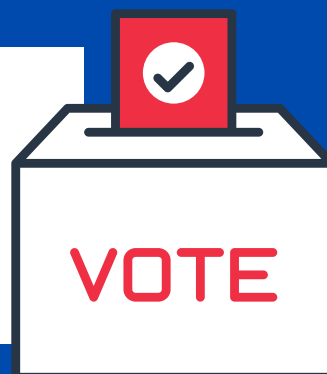
EVEN WHEN YOU CAN'T VOTE

**Remain informed:** Utilize [this website](#) to learn about candidates and issues from unbiased sources so you can have well-educated and open discussions about the election with others, helping those who vote stay informed.



**Volunteer for a campaign:** You can volunteer to support local, state, and national campaigns even as youth or young adults. There are great online options for many volunteers so research how you can support a candidate you like.

**Practice voting:** Run a [mock election](#) to facilitate the voting process so you and others who can't yet vote are prepared to participate in future elections.



**Share your perspective:** Let those who are voting know how policies and politicians will affect you as a young person. Sharing this information with others will help them understand the full impact of their vote.



**Make others aware:** Advertise there is an election happening and how others can get registered to vote. You can utilize [this service project](#), hang these [posters](#) around town, or even post on social media to share information out.

