

HOW TO... run a virtual future voters registration drive

What is ORFV and how can I register?

The Ontario Register of Future Voters is a list of eligible 16- and 17-year-olds who will be automatically added to the voters list when they turn 18. To be eligible, you must be:

- 16 or 17 years old;
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of Ontario.

You can use [eRegistration](#) to add, update or confirm your information on the Ontario Register of Future Voters. Only the applicant can add, update or remove their information.

Examples of acceptable ID include an Ontario driver's licence, report card, cell phone bill, or pay stub. Find other examples of acceptable ID needed to register or maintain your information at elections.on.ca/id-requirements.



How do I participate in a virtual future voters registration drive?

1. Designate one teacher as the **Future Voters Teacher Ambassador** at your school. Get in touch with outreach@elections.on.ca to let us know you are participating. If there isn't a teacher available to lead the initiative, share the opportunity and info with your school's elected student council or other civic action clubs!
2. Ask each Grade 10, 11 and 12 **homeroom classroom teacher** (or student) to share the ORFV materials and encourage those eligible to sign up.
3. If you want to participate in a friendly provincial competition, make sure you track how many students sign up for the Ontario Register of Future Voters! Share an Excel spreadsheet, Word doc, or other tracker where students who have registered can add their name, a reason they commit to vote in their first election, and a screenshot of their successful online registration.
4. Teachers can designate a student in each class as the **Future Voters Student Ambassador** to remind others to register and update their information on your school's tracker. Student ambassadors can share weekly registration totals with their class and their school's teacher ambassador.
5. At the end of the registration drive period, teacher ambassadors can share the total registration number with their school and submit to Elections Ontario at outreach@elections.on.ca. They can also share 5-10 quotes or reasons that students listed for committing to vote in their first election. **Schools should not share their tracker containing student information with Elections Ontario.*
6. Elections Ontario will announce the winning school at the end of the registration drive!



What is the timeline?

1. **Confirm participation by April 16th** - Email Elections Ontario at outreach@elections.on.ca to let us know your school is participating and the name/email of the Future Voters Teacher and Student Ambassador(s).
2. **Share your school's registration totals by April 30th** - Share your total number, and if possible, the total number as a percentage of total 16- and 17-year-old students at your school.

How can I host a classroom discussion?

Elections Ontario encourages you to remain non-partisan in your discussions about voter engagement, electoral participation, and democracy. While issues are very important motivators for voters, everyone has different perspectives on what issues matter most. Elections Ontario encourages all eligible voters to participate in the democratic process and have their voices heard.

Possible discussion questions:

- What have you learned about the importance of democracy and voter participation over the last year?
- What values do you associate with voting? How might these be the same or different to the values your parents or grandparents associate with voting? Why?
- What motivates you to vote?
- Who inspires you to vote?
- How will you get informed about issues and candidates when you vote for the first time?
- Fill in the blanks:
 - I will vote in my first election:
 - Because _____
 - So that _____
 - To represent my _____
 - For my community/family/friends to _____
 - So in the future we _____

How can I include those who may not be eligible to vote or to sign up for the ORFV?

Democracy and civic participation are not just about voting. Discuss the other ways that students play a role in building community, contributing to democratic decision-making processes in their homes or schools, and why representation matters in all aspects of society (government, school, work, sports, the arts, etc.)