

1. I am a college student. What are my options for voter registration and voting?

As a student, you can choose to register to vote either in your hometown or in your college town. Where you register will determine which candidates and ballot measures you can vote on. Keep in mind that you can only be registered in one location at a time. Visit the [How to Vote](#) page for more information on voting methods.

2. How do I register?

To register in Black Hawk County, complete a [voter registration form](#) and mail it to:

Election Office
316 E 5th St
Waterloo, IA 50703

If you have an Iowa driver's license, you can [register to vote online](#).

If you have missed the pre-registration deadline (15 days prior to Election Day for all elections), you may also [register at the polls on Election Day](#) provided you show proof of identity and residence.

3. How do I know if I am already registered to vote in Black Hawk County?

All registered voters receive a voter registration card listing their address, precinct name, and polling location. If you are unsure about your registration status, you can [check your voter registration](#).

4. Where will my voter registration card and other election materials (including absentee ballots) be mailed?

Your voter registration card will be sent to the address listed on your registration unless you provide an alternate mailing address. If you want election materials sent to your Black Hawk County address, do not list an alternate mailing address (such as your parents' address) on your registration form.

5. I moved from the dorms to an apartment. Do I need to update my address?

Yes, it's recommended that you update your voter registration before Election Day. The pre-registration deadline is 5:00 PM, fifteen days before the election. If you miss this deadline, you can still update your address at the polls on Election Day.

Go to the polling place for your new address (not your old one). [Find your polling location](#). Inform the election officials that you have moved within the county. They will verify your registration and have you update your address before allowing you to vote. You may need to provide proof of your new address, so it's a good idea to bring a document showing your updated residence along with your ID.

6. I am registered in another county in Iowa. Can I vote on campus?

It depends on where you wish to be registered to vote. Only Black Hawk County residents can vote at an on campus satellite; if you're registered elsewhere, you can either:

- Update your registration to Black Hawk County to vote here locally.
- Remain registered in your current county and vote there (either in person or by absentee ballot).

If you go to the polls on Election Day without being registered in Black Hawk County, you can still vote using Election Day Registration. To do so, you must provide both proof of identity and proof of residence. [Acceptable Election Day Registration documents](#).

7. Where do I vote?

Your polling location is listed on your voter registration card; however it can vary based upon the type of election held. [Find your polling location](#).

8. Do I need to bring ID to the polls?

Yes! Accepted IDs include:

- Iowa Driver's License (not expired more than 90 days)
- Iowa Non-Operator ID (not expired more than 90 days)
- U.S. Passport (not expired)
- U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID (not expired)
- Iowa Voter Identification Card (must be signed)
- Tribal ID Card/Document (must be signed, with photo, not expired)

If you cannot prove who you are, a registered voter from your precinct may attest for you.

9. What can I use as proof of residence?

You can provide any of the following documents, as long as it includes your name and current address and is dated within 45 days of submission. Digital versions are acceptable.

- Residential lease
- Property tax statement
- Utility bill (including cell phone bill)
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government documents (e.g., vehicle registration, tax assessment)

UNI Students: If you live on campus, you can access and present documentation of your university address through the MyUNI mobile app or via the MyUniverse portal.

If you cannot prove where you live, a registered voter from your precinct may attest for you.

10. I have additional questions. Who do I contact?

You can contact the Black Hawk County Election Office at 319-833-3007 or via email at election@blackhawkcounty.iowa.gov