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**Students Across the State Can Now Register to Vote Online**

SAINT PAUL, Minnesota — October 26, 2013 — Minnesota college students will now be able to apply online to register to vote, or update their existing registration, thanks to an application developed by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State and accessed at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). The online process will deliver convenience to voters, reduce errors in voter rosters, and deliver significant cost- and time-savings for local election officials.

One of MSUSA's top priorities is to increase student involvement in elections. "This tool will make voting easier for thousands of college students," said MSUSA state chair, Alexandra Griffin.

Applying for voter registration online provides another delivery method for the application but will not replace paper applications, which will still be available. Students already handle a great deal of their responsibilities online— engaging in everything from taking online classes to paying bills. In light of this, offering voter registration online just makes sense.

The online tool was built to ensure that only persons providing verifiable identification numbers will be able to register, and online applications will go through the same verification process as paper registrations. If approved, the applicant will be added to the voter roster, and a postcard will be mailed to the voter to verify their address and provide the location of their polling place.

Students should check their registration online to ensure it is up-to-date. In Minnesota, a person must re-register to vote if their address has changed, if they have changed names, or if they have not voted in the previous four years.

More than 35 municipalities across the state will hold elections on November 5 for various city officers, and 113 school districts will hold elections for school board members and/or have ballot questions. Eligible voters will be able to register online up until 5 p.m. on October 15. Pre-registration is not required, and eligible voters may register at their polling place on Election Day. MSUSA encourages students to participate in these local elections, which have important consequences for the local communities they live and attend school in.

If students have questions about registering, they should feel free to contact MSUSA Director of Government Relations, Jonathan Bohn at [govrelations@msusa.org](mailto:govrelations@msusa.org) or 651.224.1518

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