VOTER REGISTRATION

For High School Students
VOTING...

...is the most cherished of our constitutional rights.
OVER THE CENTURIES...

...previous generations have fought, marched, and even died for the right to vote.
VOTING...

...is the foundation of American Society. The people of the nation decide how their government is run, not kings, queens, or dictators.
THE ACT OF VOTING...

...enables the people to express their opinion about leaders and policies.
VOTING ...

...allows the people to have a voice in government by voting for candidates who reflect similar views and who will serve as the people’s voice in government.
BY NOT VOTING...

...one is abdicating his rights to influence government.

When citizens do not vote it is a possibility that the will of a minority, not the will of a majority, will govern the nation.
THE OFFICE OF THE LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE...

...encourages students who are at least 17 years of age to register to vote.
MESSAGE FROM THE LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE

As the state’s chief election officer, I encourage all eligible Louisianians to register to vote.

Young people in particular should take advantage of the opportunity to register and, equally importantly, to vote—our most sacred right.

I hope you will learn about the issues and candidates and make informed decisions each and every election day.

Tom Schedler
Secretary of State
IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN LOUISIANA, YOU MUST...

...be a United States citizen;

...be at least 17 years old, but must be 18 years old to vote;

...not be under an order of imprisonment for conviction;

...not be under a judgment of full interdiction or limited interdiction where your right to vote has been suspended; and

...reside in the state and parish in which you seek to register and vote.
YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE...

...in person at your parish registrar of voters office or by mailing a voter registration application to your parish registrar’s office.

To obtain a voter registration form, visit our Web site at www.GeauxVote.com, a designated mandated site (e.g., motor vehicle office, public library) or your school counselor.
Below are the political parties that are recognized in Louisiana:

- Democratic
- Green
- Libertarian
- Reform
- Republican

You may join one of the recognized parties, or if you want to be affiliated with a political party that is not recognized, you should designate “Other” on your voter registration application.

If you do not wish to be affiliated with a political party of any kind, you should designate “None” on your voter registration application.
WANT TO EARN MONEY...

...become a poll worker on election day!

If you are at least 17 years old and a high school senior, you could become a trained poll worker and earn up to $200 per election.

Contact your parish clerk of court and enroll in a commissioner training class to start earning money.
VOTING MACHINES

Election Day Voting Machine
AVC Advantage

Early Voting Machine
AVC Edge
SAMPLE BALLOT...

...for Election Day Voting Machine, AVC Advantage
## OFFICIAL BALLOT

**DATE - X PARISH**

### Governor

(One to be Elected)

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IMPORTANT DATES IN VOTING HISTORY

* 1776 - After announcing its independence from Great Britain, the right to vote in the United States was based on property ownership.

* 1787 - The Constitution gave the states authority to set voting rights.

* 1870 - The 15th Amendment prohibited state and federal government from denying a citizen’s right to vote based on race.

* 1890 - Wyoming became the first state to practice universal suffrage, thus allowing women to vote.

* 1920 - The 19th Amendment made universal suffrage nationwide, thus giving all female citizens of age the right to vote.

* 1953 - Voting machines were first used statewide in Louisiana.

* 1964 - The 24th Amendment banned the use of poll tax or any other tax as a requirement for voting.

* 1971 - The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

* 1991 - Electronic voting machines were first used in Louisiana.
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the Secretary of State's office at 225.922.2803 or your local registrar of voters.

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