

OBERLIN

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Obie Voting FAQs

When do I vote on election day?

Polls open at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 6.

Where do I vote in Oberlin?

Your voting/polling location is either Philips Gym (for the majority), or Mount Zion Baptist Church located at 47 Locust Street. If you would like to verify your polling location, visit the [Lorain County Board of Elections](#) website and select "Polling Place Lookup" under Voter Resources.

What do I bring to vote?

Our Office of Community & Government Relations sent a copy of a utility bill to the OCMR of all Obies who live in on-campus housing. This bill can serve as your form of identification. Please be sure to keep your letter/utility bill for use on election day! While we hope to have folks available at one or both of these polling places to re-print your utility bill if necessary on election day, securing the bill sent to your OCMR is best. Other valid forms of ID include: an unexpired Ohio driver's license or state ID card; a military ID; a photo ID issued by the US government or the State of Ohio, that contains your name and current address and that has an expiration date that has not passed; bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address.

Off-campus students, check the voter ID requirements on the Ohio Secretary of State website: <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/id-requirements/>. If you don't have the proper ID, you may vote by provisional ballot. This takes a bit longer, please plan accordingly.

How can I celebrate voting with fellow Obies?

Oberlin College Hillel is hosting [Election Day Poll Party @ The 'Sco](#), 4-7pm on Nov. 6! Also, a number of local businesses, including Ben Franklin, The Blue Rooster, The Local, and Slow Train will be providing 10% discounts to anyone who visits and shows their voting sticker on Tuesday and Wednesday!

Finally, voting with a group of friends/fellow Obies can be fun and an expression of support. We invite you to take a group selfie with your voting stickers and hashtag with **#ObieVote**.

How do I learn about the candidates and issues on the ballot?

The League of Women Voters of Oberlin Area have a wonderful [2018 Lorain County Voters Guide](#) available for viewing/download. For information on each of the candidates and ballot issues, go to vote411.org and type in your address. Then click the green button that says “Get personalized information on candidates and issues” and click on the individual races to learn about who is running in that race. You can also view a sample ballot on the [Lorain County Board of Elections](#) website.

How do I ensure I can vote if I have a disability?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Voting Rights Act (VRA) both legally require polling locations to provide accommodations for voters with disabilities. Specifically, the VRA legally allows voters with disabilities to select a person to assist them with voting, with some restrictions on who can be selected. If a polling location does not have adequate access ramps and accommodations for voters with physical disabilities and mobility impairments, election workers must offer alternative means for voting.

Additional Resources

If you have any questions, two library staff members serve as poll workers: Alison Ricker, head of the Science Library, and Kay Spiros, administrative assistant, Art Library. Alison is co-president of the League of Women Voters of Ohio. Feel free to reach out to her at aricker@oberlin.edu.

While some have argued that college-aged students forgo voting largely out of apathy, disgruntled with their perceived lack of influence, we know Obies understand the importance of voting and the difference it can make. Help make our campus a model for college voting on November 6! **Remember, your #ObieVote matters!**