

## North Carolina Voter Registration Fact Sheet

### Introduction:

Voter Registration creates the opportunity for individuals to actively contribute to their society through the voting process. The Benefit Bank helps clients fill out the National Voter Registration Application, which will register them for the federal, state, and local elections. The application can also be used to update information such as changes in name, address, or party affiliation.

### Federal Registration Overview:

I. There are several requirements that an applicant must meet to vote in the federal elections.

1. Citizenship: U.S. citizen
2. Age: 18 years old on the day of the election

II. If an applicant intentionally puts false information on the national application, they are committing perjury. Committing perjury could result in a fine and/or imprisonment, or deportation/denial of entry into the U.S. if a non-citizen.

### State Registration Overview:

I. Apart from the federal requisites, applicants must also meet North Carolina's requirements.

1. Residency: Live in North Carolina at the address on the application for at least 30 days prior to election. The applicant, also, must not be registered to vote in any other state.

2. Age: 18 years old on the day of the election

3. Felony charges: If a convicted felon, then applicant must have his/her rights of citizenship restored before registering.

II. The applicant must register with a party to vote in that party's primary unless that party allows unaffiliated voters to vote in its primary. The person

will be listed as "unaffiliated" if he/she indicates a political party that is not a qualified party. Also, the applicant will be listed as "unaffiliated" if he/she does not indicate a party.

III. The applicant must include a copy of identification with the application or else present identification when voting in their election district for the first time.

1. The following forms of identification are acceptable: a current driver's license, a non-driver state-issued ID, a birth certificate, a current and valid photo ID, a U.S. passport, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other document with their name and address.

#### Application Submittal:

I. The application must be delivered by the applicant or postmarked at least 30 days before the election.

II. The mailing address (destination address) will be on the state follow-up instructions.

III. If the applicant is unable to sign, counselors should enter the date for the applicant then complete Box D at the bottom of the form. Counselors may use the address and phone number of The Benefit Bank site instead of their personal information. If the client is completing the form for someone at home who is unable to sign, he/she should complete Box D later with his/her own information.

#### Completion of Voter Registration:

I. Applicants will know that their registration is complete when they receive a voter registration card. They should also receive instructions for how to locate their polling place. If the voter goes to the wrong polling place or does not have I.D., he/she must vote by provisional ballot.