

# KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

## Information for College Students



### VOTING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- **To register by mail**, your application must be postmarked by October 2, 2010
- **To register in-person**, your application must be submitted to your local county clerk or registrar's office by October 12, 2010.

### EARLY VOTING

- **Early voting in Nevada is available to every voter.** Voters can vote at any location in their respective county where early voting is offered.
- Early voting will take place from **October 16, 2010 – October 29, 2010** for the 2010 General Election.
- For early voting locations and times, visit the Nevada Secretary of State's website at [www.nvsos.gov](http://www.nvsos.gov).

### WHERE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

- **Every registered voter is assigned to a particular polling place.** On Election Day, you may only vote at your assigned polling place. The correct voting location should be printed on your voter identification card and may be on campus. If you are unsure of where to vote, you should contact your local voter registrar or county clerk.
- You can search for your polling place on the Nevada Secretary of State's website, [www.nvsos.gov](http://www.nvsos.gov).
- Polls are open for voting from **7:00 AM until 7:00 PM**.

### WHAT IF I AM A FIRST TIME VOTER?

- **You must prove both your identity and residence when you register, vote OR submit your absentee ballot request.** Once you have proven your residence, you do not have to show a photo ID to vote.
- If you did not provide the last four digits of your Social Security number or your Nevada Drivers License number on your registration form, you need to show a photo ID to prove your identity. Acceptable forms of photo ID include a current and valid Nevada drivers' license; Nevada State Identification Card; or another current and valid photo identification card (like a student ID issued by a public or accredited private school, college, or university).
- Acceptable methods of proving your residence include any photo ID listed above that includes your address or any of the following: a rent receipt with pre-printed address; bank statement; credit card statement; government-issued tax bill; current utility bill; vehicle registration; or proof of insurance for your vehicle.

### WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON?

- If you are unable to vote in person because you are attending school in a different county, state or country, **you may vote by absentee ballot.**
- If you are registered to vote, you must submit an application for an absentee ballot to your county clerk by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26. You can get the application from your county clerk. To be counted, your absentee ballot must be received by your local election official at their designated offices by 7 p.m. on November 2. You cannot drop off your absentee ballot at a polling place.

### WHAT IF I AM FROM NEVADA BUT MOVED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE STATE FOR COLLEGE?

- If you are attending college in a different county than your primary residence, **you may register and vote in the county where your primary residence is or where you live while in school.** You may use your dorm address for registration purposes.
- You can only register and vote in one county per election.

### WHAT IF I AM FROM NEVADA BUT GO TO COLLEGE IN ANOTHER STATE?

- **You can only register and vote in one state per election.**
- You may register and vote in Nevada using your permanent Nevada residence as long as you do not intend to set up a primary residence in another state.
- If you wish to vote in your school's state, check with the local registrar.

### WHAT IF I AM NOT FROM NEVADA BUT MOVED TO NEVADA TO GO TO COLLEGE?

- **If you want to vote in Nevada, you must establish residency in Nevada.** However, you do not automatically gain Nevada residency by attending college here: you must intend to establish a primary residence and intend to stay for an indefinite period of time in Nevada. You can also file with your county clerk a sworn statement that Nevada is your primary residence and that you intend to keep it your primary residence. You are eligible to vote in Nevada even if you are classified as "out of state" by your college or university.
- **If you want to vote in your home state, please contact the voting officials in that state** to register and determine if attending college in Nevada affects your ability to vote there.

### WHAT IF I AM STUDYING ABROAD?

- If you are attending college in another country, **you can register to vote in Nevada using your most recent Nevada residence** as long as you do not intend to permanently reside in that country.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING IN NEVADA

- The Nevada Secretary of State has information about your voting rights in Nevada and contact information for your local county registrar's office. Web: [www.nvsos.gov](http://www.nvsos.gov) Phone: (775) 684-5705 - Elections Division
- If you feel your voting rights have been obstructed or violated, you can file a complaint online with the ACLU of Nevada at [www.aclunv.org](http://www.aclunv.org).