



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO OFFICE OF THE CLERK-RECORDER

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2024 SLO County High Schools Voter Registration Drive

A friendly competition to see which school can register (or pre-register!) the highest percentage of eligible students to vote during California's High School Voter Education Weeks

Dates: Monday, September 16 through Monday, September 30

Open to: All high schools within SLO County

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Summary of the Program

In partnership with the League of Women Voters (LWVSLO), the SLO County Elections Office is holding a countywide high school voter registration drive to see which local school can register or pre-register the highest percentage of students during the last two weeks of September. The drive kicks off on Monday, September 16—the day before **National Voter Registration Day**—and runs through the end of the month. These two weeks are also designated by the California Secretary of State as the official **High School Voter Education Weeks**.

While it is a friendly competition and will ultimately recognize one school as the “Inaugural SLO County Voter Registration Champ,” the broader goal is to demonstrate and highlight a commitment to civic participation by high school students across our community.

How to get involved

- Identify one or more students/faculty to serve as campus coordinator(s); coordinators participate in a 30-minute training session with the County Elections Office (either in-person or via zoom) on September 3rd, 4th or 5th

and/or
- Schedule a visit and presentation from the League of Women Voters before the end of the registration drive, during which they will assist attendees in registering

With support and approval from campus administration, students are free to use their creativity and initiative to spark interest and participation on their campus. Campus coordinators will be provided with a list of example activities, but what's done at each campus is up to you.

To register as a campus registration drive coordinator, email the following info to electionsoutreach@co.slo.ca.us by September 5, 2024:

- Student/faculty name(s)
- School
- Contact email(s) and phone(s)

To schedule a campus visit from the LWVSLO, contact Julie Rodewald at (805) 235-5463 or voterregistration@lwvslo.org.

Official Tools & Resources Available

- 30-minute in-person or online training session to understand the process and requirements for a valid voter registration; this training will also cover how to report registration numbers to the Elections Office
- 45-second video that highlights how to register to vote online and how to submit confirmation of that registration for the competition
- Digital file of the competition logo
- Sample social media templates for use in promotion (but students are free to get creative and use their own ideas!)
- On-campus presentation by representatives of the League of Women Voters (to be scheduled directly with the LWVSLO; does not have to occur between 9/16/24 and 9/30/24, but any voter registrations completed during a campus visit by the LWVSLO outside of 9/16-9/30 will not be included in the competition totals)
- Upon request, Elections Office staff are available to visit campus and provide support during any registration drive activities

Additional Details

The SLO County Elections Office has already gathered enrollment data for each school site from the associated school district or the County Office of Education. "Eligible students" means the reported number of students aged 16+ as of September 30, 2024. Elections Office staff will calculate the percentage of registrations at the mid-point and at the conclusion of the drive, based on confirmed registrations and this data.