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TAMU 2020 ELECTION RESOURCE GUIDE

**A brief reference guide to help
students sort through the variety of
important resources and information
surrounding the 2020 election**





OVERVIEW



Who: To learn more about the candidates running for office in Texas, check out this [voting guide](#) created by SGA's Municipal Affairs Committee ([gigthevote.com](#)). Or visit ([ballotready.org](#)) enter your address, and click "Research Ballot".

What: Offices on the ballot this November include: President/Vice President ticket, representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives, State Supreme Court Justices, District Attorneys, State Board of Education, and more. For a full list of offices on the ballot in Texas see Secretary of State's site ([sos.state.tx.us](#)). To view races in other states/territories visit ([www.usa.gov/election-office](#)).

When: **Early voting** opened on Tuesday October 13, and closes Friday October 30. Click [this link](#) to see hours for early voting ([brazosvotes.org](#)). **Election Day** is Tuesday, November 3rd. For more information on voting in person visit [this link](#) ([brazosvotes.org](#)). Deadline to **request a mail-in ballot** is October 23. To **vote by mail** your ballot needs to be processed by November 4 and postdated on or before November 3. For the best chance of being processed, send back at least two weeks before Election Day (for more info, visit [this texastribune.org](#) article).

Where: Brazos County: Early voting locations [here](#).
Brazos County: Election Day location [here](#).
Out of county: Find your early voting or Election Day location using the [Polling Place Locator](#) from vote.org. ([vote.org](#))

Why: In the 2016 Presidential election, only 46% of eligible voters participated in the election ([txpolitics.utexas.edu](#)). Voters aged 18–30 are typically underrepresented in voter turnout statistics. Taking the time to vote is important because the candidates and initiatives on the ballot shape policy from the local level all the way up to the national level, and the policies created after this election will affect all of us.

MORE ON MAIL-IN BALLOTS

In Texas, all college students who are registered to vote, are eligible for absentee ballots. Make sure you have all the information you need to make yours count.



Click for more info on mail-in & early voting in every state.

Absentee Ballot Drop off



October 1st, governor Abbott issued the, "[Proclamation Enhancing Ballot Security](#)" limiting each Texas county to one official ballot drop off location. The order has been challenged in court and the situation is still developing, [KBTX reports](#) that the order, "will not affect Brazos County". For more info search for drop-off locations in your county.

Absentee Ballot Mail-in

Ballots can also be returned by US Postal Service or contracted courier service. It is advised that ballots be filled out and mailed, two weeks before Election Day, on or before October 20.



Make Your Absentee Vote Count

How to make sure that your ballot is counted in this election:

- [How to properly fill out your absentee ballot](#) (Spectrum News)
- [How to avoid mistakes that might invalidate your ballot](#) (WFAA)

More info & links on Absentee Ballots

- [Secretary of State Application to vote by mail](#)
- [Absentee Ballot Deadlines by state](#)
- [What you need to know about mail-in voting in Brazos County](#)
- [Absentee Ballot Rules](#)
- [Voting outside the polls Webinar series](#)



ALL ABOUT VOTING (IN PERSON)

This is the first election for many young and newly registered voters. Whether you've voted once or a hundred times before, make sure your prepared.

Make a plan to vote

Use a vote planning tool online to plan a time and place to vote, as well as to get information on and compare candidates in each of the races so that you know how you're voting when you get to the polls..



**Click Here
Make a Plan**



**Polling Locations
Brazos County**

Find Your Polling Location

Find your nearest polling location, and check the dates & hours. If you are voting early, make sure your polling location is open for early voting.

If you need help getting to the polls on election day, make sure to take advantage of **Lyft's Get To the Polls** initiative offering voters free & discounted rides to drop-boxes and polling places on November 3rd (with promo code: 2020VOTE)

Don't Forget Your ID

Voters in Texas are required to bring state or federal issued identification, such as a drivers license, passport, or a military id card. For a full list of acceptable identification methods, see the Texas voter ID list.



**Full list of
acceptable IDs (TX)**

Tell Your Friends!

Once you've made your plan and voted. Encourage your friends and family to do the same.

