

Dear Students and Friends of Texas College:

I pray this correspondence finds you and your family safe and in good health during these unprecedented times. I also pray that the many distractions of the world have not become overwhelming in ways that impinge upon your remaining conscientious of our rights and obligations to the 2020 General Elections. The opportunity to vote represents a significant moment for many groups, for historically, voting was not guaranteed to all and was often discouraged and infringed upon for some. The right to vote carries a fundamental weight within our democracy; the right to vote allows your voice, your interests, and your concerns to be heard and represented within our government and respective communities.

At the core of Texas College's mission is the assertion of individual's' comprehensive development that empowers life-long learning, leadership, and service. Such development and empowerment are embodied in the practice of exercising your right to vote. Moreover, regardless of political affiliation, the College values and encourages active social responsibility in the electoral process. Therefore, the following page provides important dates and information regarding voter registration in Texas for the upcoming 2020 General Election. Additionally, information is also provided for those residing outside of Texas.

Please note that Texas College does not endorse individual candidates or political parties. However, the College does strongly encourage our students, staffs and community of friends to participate in the political process by voting. Again, I urge your review of the following page and strongly implore your active participation this November.

In closing, I pray blessings upon you and your family. I also encourage you to remain safe, vigilant and empowered with the wisdom of God.

Sincerely, Dwight J. Fennell President

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2020 GENERAL ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

CHECK VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO

VISIT https://www.usa.gov/confirm-voter-registration#item-214522.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY (TEXAS; MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS)

- MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN
- MUST BE A RESIDENT OF TEXAS
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE (OR OLDER) BY NOVEMBER 3, 2020

REGISTERING TO VOTE AT YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS

- 1. VISIT <u>https://www.register2vote.org</u>.
- 2. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ONLINE FORM. YOU WILL THEN BE MAILED A FORM POPULATED WITH YOUR INFORMATION AND A PRE-ADDRESSED, POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.
- 3. SIGN AND DATE YOUR APPLICATION, PUT IT IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, AND PLACE IN THE MAIL BEFORE OCTOBER 5, 2020.

REGISTERING TO VOTE IF RELOCATED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

- 1. APPLY FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT BY VISITING https://www.register2vote.org/?appIntent=vbm.
- 2. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ONLINE FORM.YOU WILL THEN BE MAILED A FORM POPULATED WITH YOUR INFORMATION AND A PRE-ADDRESSED, POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.
- 3. SIGN AND DATE YOUR APPLICATION, PUT IT IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, AND PLACE IT IN THE MAIL BEFORE OCTOBER 19, 2020 (THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT SO THAT YOU GET YOUR MAIL IN BALLOT IS OCTOBER 23).
- 4. YOU WILL THEN GET YOUR MAIL IN BALLOT, WHICH NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AND MAILED IN OR POSTMARKED BY ELECTION DAY.

REGISTERING TO VOTE OUTSIDE OF TEXAS

VISIT <u>https://www.vote.gov/</u>. SELECT YOUR RESPECTIVE STATE OR TERRITORY FOR GUIDANCE.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE AT 800-252-8683.