



**Politics, Younger Women's Style: A 2006 Election Resource Guide**  
**Brought to you by the NY Metro Chapter of the Younger Women's Task Force**

**The 2006 Elections are right around the corner. Make sure you are registered, educated, and ready to vote!**

**KEY DATES & DEADLINES:**

- \*The last day to register to vote in the General Election is **October 13, 2006\***
- September 12, 2006** – Primary Election (only for those registered in a party)
- November 7, 2006** – General Election (all registered voters)

**WHO CAN VOTE?**

To register to vote in the State of New York, an individual must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 18 years old by the date of the election
- Live at present address at least 30 days before an election
- Not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
- Not claim the right to vote elsewhere

**HOW CAN I GET REGISTERED?**

Register in person at your county board of elections or at any New York State Agency-Based voter registration center. Visit or call 1-800-FOR-VOTE with any questions or concerns.

**New York City**

32 Broadway, Seventh Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
**Phone** 212-487-5300

**Bronx County**

1780 Grand Concourse- 5th Floor  
Bronx, NY 10457  
**Phone** 718-299-9017

**Kings County (Brooklyn)**

345 Adams Street- 4th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
**Phone** 718-797-8800

**Queens County**

126-06 Queens Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415  
**Phone** 718-730-6730

**Richmond County**

1 Edgewater Plaza  
Staten Island, NY 10305  
**Phone** 718-876-0079



## **CAN I GET AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?**

In order to vote by absentee ballot, the voter must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Unavoidably absent from his/her county on Election Day
- Unable to appear at the polls due to illness or disability
- A patient in a Veterans' Administration Hospital
- Detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony

Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at the county board of elections or online at: <http://www.elections.state.ny.us/download/voting/absentee.pdf>. Upon completion, applications must be mailed to your county board no later than the seventh day before the election or delivered in person no later than the day before the election.

In order to be counted, the ballot must either be delivered to the Board of Elections by the close of the polls on Election Day, or be postmarked the day before the election and received by the Board of Elections no later than seven days after the election.

## **WHAT ARE THE KEY RACES?**

NY State Governor  
NY Attorney General  
NY State Comptroller  
NY State Senate  
NY State Assembly  
US Senate  
US Congress

## **IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE ELECTING A NEW PRESIDENT THIS YEAR. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO VOTE IN *THIS* ELECTION?**

Believe it or not, a lot of the political decisions that affect our daily lives are left up to the states. Laws and policies vary widely from state to state, and state legislatures have a great deal of power to affect change. In this election, for example, the roles of Governor and Attorney General are up for grabs. These are very powerful positions within the state, so you'd better make sure you vote for the candidate who will best represent you over the next four years! This is election *does* matter.

## **WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

The NY State Board of Elections [www.elections.state.ny.us](http://www.elections.state.ny.us)  
The New York City Board of Elections [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us)  
USElections.com [www.uselections.com/ny/ny.htm](http://www.uselections.com/ny/ny.htm)  
The New York City Campaign Finance Board [www.nyccfb.info](http://www.nyccfb.info)  
The League of Women Voters of New York City [www.lwvnyc.org](http://www.lwvnyc.org)  
Gotham Gazette [www.gothamgazette.com](http://www.gothamgazette.com)

## **WHAT IS THE YOUNGER WOMEN'S TASK FORCE?**



**The Younger Women's Task Force**, a project of **the National Council of Women's Organizations**, is a nationwide, diverse and inclusive grassroots movement dedicated to organizing younger women and their allies to take action on issues that matter most to them. By and for younger women, YWTF works both within and beyond the women's movement, engaging all who are invested in advancing the rights of younger women.

For more information on the New York Metro Chapter of the Younger Women's Task Force, visit [www.ywtf.org](http://www.ywtf.org) or e-mail us at [nyywtf@gmail.com](mailto:nyywtf@gmail.com).