## My E-Z Voter Checklist <u>Be A Voter</u> @ <u>beavoter.info</u>



Voting is about choosing politicians who make laws that affect your daily life. Vote wisely by learning about the issues and matching them to your goals. Check three issues from the following list of common concerns that you want addressed or add your own.

Goals		Add your own
College financial aid	Job with health benefits	
Clean air and water	Safe schools	
Access to full health services	Minimizing debt	
Childcare	Hurricane and tornado assistance	

#### Learn more about yourself by taking these free assessments: <u>What's Your Type?</u> and <u>Can You Tell the Difference</u>?

# **P** LEARN ABOUT VOTING ISSUES

Search for information about voting issues that relate to your goals from research-based, educational, non-partisan organizations, for example:

Pew Research Organization	Vote Smart
<u>Vote411</u>	Brookings Institution
Campus Vote Project	Your school, college or local library

# • MATCH ISSUES TO GOALS

Based on the information you learned by using the links above, list 5-7 campaign positions of each candidate. Then compare these statements to your goals. Which candidate you agree with the *most*? That's the one who gets your vote!

Your goals/issues	Candidate A	Candidate B	Check if you agree



### MAKE DECISIONS

Candidates	Number of each candidate's statements you agree with (highest # gets your vote)	Main reason you support this candidate
Name/Candidate A		
Name/Candidate B		

Download the sample ballot <u>here</u>. Based on the results above, mark the candidates you will vote for in the next election. Remember to vote for all positions listed up and down the ballot.

<b>COMPLETE VOTING PLAN</b> Check each item as you complete it.
I will <u>register</u> now at <u>Vote411</u> I'm already registered <u>I'm not sure if I'm registered</u> .
I used my current address and looked up my polling location and precinct at Nonprofit Vote.
My precinct number is My polling location is
I have reviewed my state information, voter identification requirements, and how to use the voting machines at the <u>U.S. Vote Foundation</u> .
Early voting is from and regular voting is
I will vote on this date Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
I plan to vote between7-11 a.m12-4 p.m5-7 p.m.
I will drive to the polls myself. If I don't have the car I will ask for a ride from
or take public transportation.
I have marked this voting date on my calendar, set a reminder on my phone, and have told family and friends that this is when I'll vote.
I have signed up for election reminders from <u>Rock the Vote</u> .
I have texted three friends and posted a message on social media reminding everyone to <u>register</u> , complete the <u>E-Z Voter Checklist</u> , and show up to vote.
I learned about the candidates and their positions at <u>Vote Smart</u> and <u>League of Women Voters</u> .
I downloaded and printed my sample ballot from <u>Ballotpedia</u> and checked the names of all of the candidates for whom I will vote.
I have my sample ballot ready to take to my polling place. (Phones are not permitted during voting so remember to take the sample ballot with you.)
I will call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-687-8683 if I have any problems voting.
<b>VOTER TURNOUT IS EXPECTED TO BE HIGH. VOTE EARLY!</b>
I'M READY!I VOTED!



#### More at <u>beavoter.info</u>

Why bother to vote?	Where can I find my polling place?	What identification do I need to bring with me to the polls?
Does my vote really count?	What if I'm too busy to vote?	I attend college out of state. Can I still vote? Where?
How do I get reliable information about the candidates?	What if I don't like any of the candidates? Should I still vote?	I'll be out of town. How do I get an absentee ballot?



#### **TAKE ACTION**

Friends don't let friends miss out on voting!

Sign the Pledge to Vote below and post on social media.	Complete the <u>E-Z Voter</u> <u>Checklist.</u>	Ask friends and family to register and show up to vote.	Post a link to <u>beavoter.info</u> on your social media and tell friends to post it too.
Text the <u>E-Z Voter</u> <u>Checklist</u> to three friends.	Sign up for election reminders at <u>Rock the</u> <u>Vote</u> .	Take <u>What Do You Know</u> About U.S. Government quiz and compare results with friends.	Get free National Voter Registration Day <u>Toolkit</u> to use in school or your community.
Become a voter registrar.	Apply to become a <u>poll</u> <u>worker.</u>	Apply to work for <u>Census</u> 2020.	Drive friends, family, or neighbors to the polls.



#### **SIGN THE PLEDGE**

I pledge to vote in the next election for all offices listed up and down the ballot.

	edge to vote in the next election on Sign above
Get voter checklist at	BE A VOTER
beavoter.info	Vote for people who support YOUR priorities

<u>Be A Voter</u> is a non-partisan, non-profit, research-based creator of civic and voter education resources. Learn more at <u>beavoter.info</u>.