



A Message from the Booker T. MS 54 “Community Service A”

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Every Vote Matters -Why, How and Where Can I Vote-

Why should you vote?

If you think that your vote doesn't matter in a sea of millions of other votes, consider some of the closest elections. In 2000, George W. Bush won by a small margin, which ended in a court case (Al Gore VS George W. Bush). It turns out, Bush won Florida by 0.009%; which means if only 600 more people had gone to vote for Al Gore, then we would have had a different president in 2000. While you may not directly elect a president, if enough votes join together with your vote in a region, then your vote definitely matters.

Why does my vote matter?

If you think that your vote doesn't matter if you don't live in a swing state, that is incorrect. Consider the fact that a lot of other people also think this. Then, even though this is very unlikely, your state could end up voting the other party by a very slight margin. Your vote matters! It is the way you contribute to the country as a citizen. Your ancestors fought for your rights to vote, and you should use it.

How can I vote?

There are a few different ways you can vote. One way you can vote is by mail. Here is how you do it:

Review the [Absentee Ballot Application](#) and confirm that you meet the eligibility requirements for voting absentee.

1. Fill out the application completely.
2. Submit the request to your [local election office](#). You should request your ballot as far in advance of the election as possible. The deadline to request a ballot by mail is (received by) Tuesday, October 27, 2020.
3. When your ballot arrives, read it carefully and follow the instructions to complete it and return it.
4. Your ballot must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 3, 2020 and received no later than Tuesday, November 10, 2020. You may also return your ballot in person by Tuesday, November 3, 2020 by 9:00 p.m. You can find ballot tracking information [here](#).

Another way to vote is In person, to do this visit [Election Day](#) to learn more about where and how to vote at a polling station.

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Go vote!