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Sammy Student
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Dear Sammy,

North Dakota will hold two statewide elections in 2012. The June Election (often referred to as the Primary Election) will be held on Tuesday, June 12 and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6.

In North Dakota, a qualified voter is a United States citizen who is eighteen or older; a resident of the state; has lived in his or her voting precinct for the 30 days immediately prior to an election; and who has not had his or her voting rights revoked by court action.

North Dakota Resident Student Attending College:

A college student has the choice of voting in the precinct associated with his or her North Dakota home residential address or he or she may vote in the precinct of the residential address they have while attending college. They must choose one or the other as their residential address for voting. They cannot use both.

If the home address is selected, then the college student may return home to vote on Election Day at the precincts polling location. Or, they may cast their vote through an absentee ballot process. To vote by absentee ballot, complete the application at <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/absentee/> and follow the instructions as to where to send the application. The ballot will be mailed to your college address.

Regardless of the choice of a voting address, home address or the college address, voters can find the polling location related to that address at <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/WhereToVote.aspx?tab=0>.

To vote in person at a polling location, a voter is asked to provide identification (ID) that correlates to the voting address the college student voter has selected. Acceptable forms of identification are listed at [Approved IDs](#). If the college student voter does not possess an ID showing his or her selected voting address while attending college, this letter may be used in combination with another [Approved ID](#) to establish them as a qualified voter in the precinct where they will be voting.

Whenever a voter applies for an absentee ballot and votes that ballot or goes to a polling place to vote, a record of where they cast his or her ballot is maintained in the state's Central Voter File. If a voter casts a ballot in more than one precinct, they are subject to criminal prosecution.

Out-of-State Students Attending College:

If a student from another state meets the criteria listed above to be qualified voter in North Dakota, they may cast their ballot in North Dakota or they may cast an absentee ballot in his or her home state, which is allowed in all states (check home state for applicable requirements). If an out-of-state student chooses to make North Dakota their voting address, their home state will be informed. If records ultimately reveal that the student voter voted in both states, they are subject to criminal prosecution.

Al Jaeger
Secretary of State
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Dakota