

Deadlines Approaching Quickly

We are so thrilled to have more teachers joining in the Promote the Vote program on a daily basis. This program is a great way to open the eyes of your students to voting, civics and government. Our brand new curriculum, developed with the help of the Mississippi Department of Education, aligns with the state Social Studies Framework and provides our teachers with resources that often cannot be found in textbooks.

The last day to register a school to participate in Promote the Vote is October 17, so be sure to get your school involved now. Click [here](#) to register.

Deadline to register for the Oratory Competition is Friday October 3.

The oratory competition is open to any student in grade 9-12 who attends a school registered with Promote the Vote. The theme for the competition is "The Primary Issue." Participants will present an argument for the best party primary system for Mississippi. Arguments can be a maximum of five minutes long and need to be submitted on a CD or DVD as well as a paper transcript. The top participants will be invited to Jackson to compete in the Oratory Showcase at the Old Capitol Museum on October 23. A panel of expert judges will decide which of our orators will receive top honors.

Deadline to register to vote in the 2014 General Election is October 4.

Circuit Clerk offices will be open from 8 a.m.- noon on Saturday, September 27, and Saturday, October 4, to accommodate voter registrations. All eligible citizens who plan to participate in the November 4 election must complete their registration (or transfer of registration if you have moved) by noon on October 4 to meet the 30-day registration deadline. Registrations may be printed from the Promote the Vote website under [Student Links](#) on the homepage. These registrations may be delivered to the Circuit Clerk's Office in person or may be mailed. If you do not have an acceptable form of photo identification, you may apply and have your photo taken for a Mississippi Voter Identification Card.

Voting is a fundamental right for American citizens. So many around the world have no say in how their government is run and who represents them. Please encourage your eligible students, friends, family and co-workers to cast their ballots on November 4. Every vote counts toward a better tomorrow.

For more questions about voting or voter ID, visit the Secretary of State's website at www.msvoterid.ms.gov. You may also call our office at 601-359-1350.