

# 2018 VOTING GUIDE

**RAISE YOUR VOICE  
FOR A BETTER U**

## WHY VOTE?

Elected officials are your voice in the political process. Your vote can influence how issues that matter to you are decided.

Your vote also affects the University of Minnesota. We encourage you to talk to candidates about the importance of the University of Minnesota and higher education, and weigh their answers when you consider your vote.

Once you've voted, keep in touch with lawmakers by joining the Legislative Action Network at [z.umn.edu/BeHeard](http://z.umn.edu/BeHeard). You will receive updates about legislation affecting the University, and help on how to make your voice heard.

## WHO CAN VOTE IN MINNESOTA?

A voter must be:

- 18 years or older
- A U.S. citizen
- A Minnesota resident for at least 20 days before Election Day
- Not convicted of a felony or treason without having civil rights restored

## QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

Whether you attend a candidate forum, a candidate comes to your door, you go to a parade or you write an email to a candidate, here are some important questions to ask:

1. Where does a strong University of Minnesota rank on your priority list?
2. State support for the University of Minnesota is decreasing. The University currently receives only 18 percent of its budget from the state of Minnesota. What do you think is the right level of state support for the University?
3. As Minnesota's land-grant university, the University's impact stretches to all corners of the state: There is a strong tradition of education and public service, and the University is the state's primary research institution, with faculty of national and international reputation. How do you think the state can support the vital role the University plays for all Minnesotans?

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

### September 21 First day to vote early

You may vote early in person at your county election office. (Some cities and towns offer in-person absentee voting also.)

You may register AND vote early by mail by requesting an absentee ballot online at [umn.turbovote.org](http://umn.turbovote.org). Your ballot must arrive by mail before 8 p.m. on Election Day in your precinct.

### October 15 Last day to preregister to vote

Preregistering saves you time and allows you to vouch for up to 8 people who live in your precinct on Election Day.

Preregister online at [z.umn.edu/votes](http://z.umn.edu/votes), by mail, or in person at your county election office.

### November 6 General Election Day

Find your polling place at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

To register on Election Day, please bring one of the following: a government-issued photo I.D. with your current address, recent utility bill with your current address, or registered voter from your precinct to vouch for your address.

For more information and election reminders,  
visit [advocates.umn.edu](http://advocates.umn.edu)