

It's Easy to Ask People to Vote

Voting is important—Girl Scouts know that! It's more important than ever right now because a Presidential election is coming up on November 5, 2024.

As you begin working on your I Promised a Girl Scout I'd Vote patch program, now is a great time to consider hosting a Voter Registration table in your school.

Why is getting more people to vote important to you as a Girl Scout? Because voters can impact these shocking statistics:

In Indiana, only **36% of seats of influence** are held by females, while **51%** of the population is female.

Only **27% of US Representatives and Senators** serving Indiana are women.

Although women make up more than half the U.S. workforce, they **hold less than 28% of STEM jobs.**

Women working full-time in Indiana earn only **72% of the income** men do.

Your Voice Matters

Why is getting more people to vote important to everyone? Because not enough people in Indiana or the nation who are eligible voters actually turn out to vote.

According to US Census Bureau Current Population Survey for the November 2020 election:

- Less than 74% of eligible citizens registered to vote.
- Less than 67% of eligible voters actually voted.
- Among 18-to 29-year-olds, only 16.5% of eligible voters turned out to vote.
- Only 46.9% of eligible male voters and 53.1% of eligible female voters voted.

And the Indiana Secretary of State (*in.gov*) indicates for the same election only 69.3% of eligible voters registered and only 65% of registered voters cast their vote—ranking among the lowest states for voter turnout.

How to Host a Voter Registration Table

- 1** Ask your school for permission to host a table at a specific day/time/event. If that's not the right person to ask, they can redirect you to the correct person. If you don't have your own table to bring to set up, ask to borrow a table for your event.
- 2** Download the resources you need to have at your table (Why is voting important? Flyer, voter registration forms (English/Spanish), business card sized voter registration QR code cards) at gsci.me/registertovote24. Print out a good supply to have on hand at your booth.
- 3** Decorate your table/booth in vibrant, recognizable voting-themed colors. For example: use a table covering, streamers, a photo backdrop, and signs stating the purpose of your booth. **Tip:** Keep your political position neutral in order to attract the most people to your table.
- 4** Have several Girl Scouts available to divide and conquer duties during your booth time. You might consider having two Girl Scouts walking around asking folks to stop by, one near the table directing folks to you, and one or two at the table to share information and help folks fill out voter registration forms online or on paper.
- 5** Say THANK YOU to everyone who stops by whether they register to vote or not. Have fun!

Good news! By hosting a voter registration table you will accomplish Step 3: Get the Word Out toward earning your I Promised a Girl Scout I Would Vote patch!