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Dear Scholarship Recipients,

The General Election is **November 6th**, and Early Voting begins **October 25 to November 1 from 10am-8pm**. Please review the following information below so you do not miss the opportunity to register or vote by absentee ballot.

The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is **October 16th at 9 p.m. (online or postmarked)**. If you have a Maryland drivers' license or MVA issued ID, you can register to vote online [at this link](#).

Your signature on file at MVA becomes your voter registration signature. If you do not have a valid license, you will need to mail your application since a signature is required. [Print the form for non-licensed individuals here](#).

If you are residing at college, and/or you work long hours, travel or have difficulty getting to the polls, here is an explanation of how to get it done by mail through [absentee ballot](#). Maryland does not maintain past lists, you must reapply for an absentee ballot for every election - **if you requested one for this past Primary you must request one again for this General Election**.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

For more specific details and information [Click here](#), but here is the short version.

1. Anyone can vote absentee, no reason required.
2. You can request a ballot either online, by mail or in person.
3. You must request your ballot by mail or fax by October 30, 2018 or download by November 2, 2018.
4. Its Nov. 3rd! Am I too late? You can still go in by person and request a ballot after Nov. 3rd. (It can be filled in there and left or taken home

and mailed.)

5. Can someone request it for me? Yes, with an additional form which you can download below.

6. When will I get my ballot? About three weeks before the election if you chose mail, if you chose to download it- be sure to provide your correct email and a link will be sent to you about three weeks prior to the election.

7. How do I vote? There are instructions on the ballot. You cannot email your ballot in or deliver it to an early voting place or poll. You must mail it or hand-deliver it to the local board of elections. See below. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 6th.

8. How will I know they got it? You can check the status of your ballot online.

It is important on Election Day that voters have a clear understanding of my candidacy and have accurate information entering their polling location. Volunteers are critical to help man the polls and greet voters with information. It is one of the best ways you can help me and ensure that on Election Day there is no voter confusion. Volunteering at the polls is also a good way for our young college students to get first-hand experience as they study and explore government and political science. If you can spare a few hours for me during **Early Voting October 25th to November 1st or on Election Day November 6th**, [please click here](#) or hit "**Reply**" and send me the times and poll location you prefer. A volunteer will get back to you with the specifics.

It always takes many volunteers and much effort from a team to cross the finish line. Again, I could not do this job without your support and input. I am always happy to hear from you and please feel free to contact me anytime you need assistance.

Sincerely,

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