



KEEPING UP WITH PERCY

ENTERING AN ELECTION YEAR: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In this issue, we have collected resources on voting information for residents of Alachua County. We encourage all eligible residents to participate in the electoral process, and welcome feedback for future issues.

The Florida Department of State has released a 2024 Voter Guide. If you would like to directly view this, please [click here](#). To provide the most accurate information, much of the information presented here has been adapted from the Guide.

Need to check your voter registration status, identify your voting site, apply for an absentee ballot, or find other information specific to Alachua County? Visit the Supervisor of Elections website at VoteAlachua.com.

What are all these elections for?

- **Presidential Preference Primary (PPP):** Voters registered with a major political party vote for their preferred presidential and vice-presidential candidate. This will determine the party's choice for the General Election. The Democratic Party in Florida submitted only one nominee and will not hold a PPP, while the Republican Party submitted multiple and will hold a PPP.
- **Primary:** 11 weeks before the General Election, each party holds a Primary to determine their top candidate for non-presidential offices. Florida holds closed primaries, meaning that only registered voters affiliated with a party can vote in that party's PPP and Primary. The Primary may also present nonpartisan offices, or offices contested by only one party.
- **General Election:** In November of an even-numbered year, all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote for local, county, state, and federal offices. These elections may also present proposed judicial candidates, local measures, and statewide constitutional amendments.

Election	Election Date	Registration Deadline	Early Voting
Presidential Preference Primary	March 19, 2024	February 20, 2024	March 9-16, 2024
Primary	August 20, 2024	July 22, 2024	August 10-17, 2024
General	November 5, 2024	October 7, 2024	October 26- November 2, 2024

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?



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Offices Up for Election in 2024 in Gainesville

- Federal offices
 - President of the United States
 - U.S. Senator (seat currently held by Senator Rick Scott since 2019)
 - U.S. Representative (District 3)
- District offices
 - State Representative (District 21)
 - State Attorney (8th Judicial Circuit)
 - Public Defender (8th Judicial Circuit)
- County offices
 - Board of County Commissioners
 - School Board
- Nonpartisan: Judicial
 - Supreme Court of Florida (terms expire Jan '25)
 - District Courts of Appeal (terms expire Jan '25)
 - Circuit and County Court (terms expire Jan '25)
- Other
 - Gainesville City Commission At-Large, Seat A
 - Gainesville City Commission At-Large, Seat B
 - Gainesville City Commission, District 1 ([check your district here](#))
 - Proposed amendments (2 confirmed, many potential)
 - Local public measures (taxes, charters, etc.)

The above is an incomplete list of items that may appear on a Gainesville ballot this year. You may hear more from us in the future explaining items relevant to life at UF, as a graduate student, or in Gainesville.

Proposed Amendments

In Florida, citizens can propose ballot measures to amend the state constitution. To be included on the 2024 ballot, a measure must collect 891,523 signatures and be approved by the state attorney general and state supreme court.

There are currently 2 approved initiatives on the 2024 ballot and 2 awaiting approval. Many more are under the required signature threshold.

On the ballot:

- Amendment 1: Changes school board elections from nonpartisan to partisan, beginning in 2026 and including any primary elections nominating candidates for the 2026 election. <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/initdetail.asp?account=10&seqnum=104>
- Amendment 2: Establishes a state constitutional right to hunt and fish. This amendment would not limit the powers of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/initdetail.asp?account=10&seqnum=105>

Pending Florida Supreme Court approval:

- Marijuana Legalization Initiative: Legalizes marijuana for recreational use. 1,033,770 signatures as of 1/22. <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/initdetail.asp?account=83475&seqnum=2>
- Prohibit Laws Restricting Abortion Initiative: Provides that "no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider." 972,607 signatures as of 1/22. <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/initdetail.asp?account=83927&seqnum=1>

Looking for more information on upcoming elections?

- For Gainesville residents (city commission election): <https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/Government-Pages/Government/City-Clerk/Upcoming-City-Election>
- For Alachua County residents: <https://www.votealachua.com/Elections/Upcoming-Elections>
- For Florida residents: <https://dos.fl.gov/elections/for-voters/election-dates/>
- For residents of another state who want to vote by mail: <https://www.usa.gov/absentee-voting>

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OPPORTUNITIES

Internships and Professional Development

- Gulf Research Program's Science Policy Fellowship – for scientists, engineers, and health professionals to work at the nexus of oil system safety, environmental protection, and human health in the Gulf region. Deadline to apply: February 7, 2024.
<https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/science-policy-fellowship>
- California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) – For those who have completed all their PhD requirements by September 15, 2024. Deadline to apply: March 1, 2024.
<https://ccst.us/ccst-science-fellows-program/>
- Mount Sinai International Exchange Application – Global Health Disparities Research Training Program. Deadline to apply: March 1, 2024.
<https://icahn.mssm.edu/about/departments/environmental-public-health/education/global-health-program>
- Gulf Research Program's Early-Career Research Fellowship – For doctoral degree holders, this fellowship will provide support for scientists, engineers, and health professionals at the critical pre-tenure phase of their careers. Deadline to apply: March 6, 2024.
<https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/early-career-research-fellowship>
- Health Policy Research Scholars – For full-time doctoral students in the second year of their degree. Deadline to apply: March 7, 2024.
<https://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/active-funding-opportunities/2024/health-policy-research-scholars.html>
- MOST Policy Fellowship – Opportunity for scientists, engineers and other outstanding scholars to gain first-hand experience in science policy at the state level in Missouri. MOST offers two distinct fellowship programs: the Legislative Policy Fellowship and the Executive Policy Fellowship. Deadline to apply: March 15, 2024.
<https://mostpolicyinitiative.org/fellows/apply/>
- Eagleton Science and Politics Program – For those who have completed all their PhD requirements by July 1. Deadline to apply: March 17, 2024.
<https://eagleton.rutgers.edu/eagleton-science-and-politics-program-2/>
- Idaho Science & Technology Policy Fellowship – For scientists, social scientists and engineers to learn firsthand about policymaking while using their knowledge and skills to address pressing challenges facing Idaho. Deadline to apply: March 29, 2024.
<https://www.uidaho.edu/president/direct-reports/mcclure-center/science-policy/istpf/become>
- Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering (CASE) Workshop – Should apply through a sponsor (NSPN, for example) to attend. Workshop dates: April 14-17, 2024.
<https://www.aaas.org/programs/catalyzing-advocacy-in-science-and-engineering>

National Science Policy Network (NSPN): Committee Meetings

- <https://www.scipolnetwork.org/>
- Advocacy Committee: 8 pm ET, 4th Monday of every month
- Science Communication Committee: 5 pm ET, 3rd Monday of every month
- Science Policy Committee: 7 pm ET, 2nd Thursday of every month
- Additional committees: DEI, Grants & Finance, Science Diplomacy



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