



August 9, 2019

Dear Bedford Graduate,

The Bedford Democratic Committee congratulates you on your recent graduation from Bedford High School, a proud moment for you and your family as well as a wonderful accomplishment reflecting many years of study and work. It also marks another significant milestone for many of you, reaching the age of eighteen and becoming eligible to vote. Your right to vote in elections is what has made our democracy and country a beacon for the rest of the world.

We want to welcome you to the ranks of Americans who will have a role in determining the future of your country by exercising this important right, your right to vote. The results of the upcoming New Hampshire Presidential Primary in February as well as state and local elections will impact your life and future. Issues such as healthcare access and coverage, public education and postgraduate funding, renewable energy support, and continuing to make New Hampshire an attractive place to live and work are only some of the issues the Governor and Legislature will address in the coming years. Nationally, issues such as climate change, personal privacy, security, healthcare, and immigration will need to be addressed.

**We hope you will ensure your eligibility to vote by registering at the Bedford Town Clerk's office. For those of you who may be leaving the area for college or other endeavors, you will need to request an absentee ballot** to be able to vote as a Bedford resident in upcoming elections. Information, provided by the Bedford Town Clerk, on how to request and complete an absentee ballot is on the reverse side of this letter.

In addition, the Bedford Democrats maintain a website at [bedfordnhdems.org](http://bedfordnhdems.org) and a Facebook page ([bedfordnhdems](https://www.facebook.com/bedfordnhdems)) where you can find further information or sign up to become a member of the group. Our group meets monthly and the dates of meetings can be found at these sites.

**The Bedford Democrats will be hosting an Ice Cream Social at 6 PM on August 24, 2019 at the Bedford Old Town Hall.** We invite you to attend to learn more about our group and hear from your elected representatives as well as some presidential candidates.

If you would like to receive reminders about upcoming elections, please sign up for our email newsletter on our website. We encourage you to engage in the political process in a way that is meaningful to you as active citizenship is crucial to the health of our democracy. We wish you success in the next phase of your life after high school. Congratulations on reaching the twin milestones of high school graduation and becoming eligible to be a registered voter for all upcoming elections.

Best wishes for your future,  
The Bedford Democratic Committee



# **Voter Registration Information**

## **Town of Bedford, New Hampshire**

Polling Location: Bedford High School Gymnasium 47 Nashua Road, Bedford 03110

Polling Hours: 7:00 am - 7:00pm

Absentee Ballots: Absentee ballot request applications are available at the Bedford Town Office Building and/or may be downloaded from the Town of Bedford website ([www.bedfordnh.org/240/Town-Clerk](http://www.bedfordnh.org/240/Town-Clerk)).

The Town Office is located at 24 North Amherst Road and the hours are Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm Tuesday – 7:00am – 4:30pm.

Any questions? Please call the Bedford Town Clerk 603-472-3550 ext. 2

### **You will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot for the following reasons:**

- You plan to be absent on the day of the election.
- You cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment.
- You are unable to vote in person due to a disability.
- You cannot appear at any time during polling hours because an employment obligation requires you to remain physically at work, or to be in transit to or from work from the time the polls open until after the polls close.

### **What type of ID will I need to vote?**

- Driver's license issued by any state or federal government
- Non-driver ID card issued by NH DMV or motor vehicle agency of another state
- Photo ID card for "voting identification only" issued by NH DMV (RSA 260:21)
- United States armed services identification card
- United States passport or passcard
- NH student ID card

**NH Voter Information Look-up:** Check your party affiliation and absentee ballot status at <http://app.sos.nh.gov>

Party Affiliation Changes Cutoff for party affiliation is 90 days prior to a primary election.

**Registered Undeclared?** DURING PRIMARY ELECTIONS ONLY you may choose a Democratic, Republican or Libertarian ballot. You then become a member of that party. To return to Undeclared, sign your name in the "undeclared book" when exiting the polls or visit the Town Office Building during regular office hours.

**Town of Bedford, New Hampshire Election Dates:** Presidential Primary: Tuesday, February 11, 2020~District/Town Elections: Tuesday, March 10, 2020~State Primary: Tuesday, September 8, 2020~General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2020