



Text Banking: 101

Join JMU as we text thousands of students and friends to help them register and vote safely this fall! You'll use [Outvote](#), a relational organizing app, to text your contacts.

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD

Download Outvote from your phone's app store.
When prompted, input the ALL IN campaign code: **020333**.



STEP 2: CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Create an account using your email or Facebook. You should be prompted to sync your contacts.

If not, you'll have to do so manually. Tap  and select "Sync My Contacts."

STEP 3: TEXT!

Select . Scroll down to JMU's logo and tap "Start Texting." Select as many of your contacts as possible, then click "Get Started."

Now, a pre-written text has popped up in the app. You can modify the text if you'd like. Or, just click "Send"! The message will populate into your native texting platform.

STEP 4: RESPOND

Once your contact responds, navigate back to the Outvote app, select the  icon, and tap their name. Click "Follow up" and choose a response based on what your contact said.

VIRGINIA-SPECIFIC FAQs

Outvote makes things easier, but it can't simplify voting laws and your friends may have some questions. The app has pre-written responses for you to use, or feel free to reference our VA-specific FAQs.

QUESTION

I'm registered in Virginia, but I'm now out-of-state because of COVID.
Can I still vote?

I haven't registered yet. Where should I register so that my vote actually counts?

I'm afraid to go to the polls, but I'm not sure about mail-in voting.
What should I do?

ANSWER

Yes! You can still vote, either by applying for an absentee ballot or by registering in your home state. To apply for a Virginia absentee ballot, go here: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/thirdparty/DukesVote>

You **should definitely** register in Virginia! No matter which party you support, your vote matters in VA. The presidential race will be competitive, as well as a number of congressional races.

Virginia has in-person, early voting available—which will be less crowded! It runs from September 18 to October 31. You can vote early at your local registrar's office: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>