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PRESS RELEASE

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Fall in Love with Your Party by Valentine's Day!

UTICA, NY – January 27, 2026 – The Oneida County Board of Elections reminds all registered voters that Saturday, February 14, 2026 is the deadline to change your party enrollment before the 2026 Primary Election on June 23, 2026.

Primary elections are a way for political parties to choose who will be their candidates on the general election ballot in November. New York State has closed primaries, meaning that to vote in a party's primary election, you must be an enrolled member of that party.

Enrollment change requests must be received by the Board of Elections by February 14, 2026 to be effective for the June Primary. Any enrollment changes received after that will take effect seven days after the June Primary. The Oneida County Board of Elections office will be open Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, to receive any last-minute enrollment changes.

You can change your enrollment by submitting a new voter registration form to the Board of Elections using any of the following methods:

- Use the NYS Board of Elections' Online Voter Registration portal – learn more at elections.ny.gov. Application deadline is 11:59 PM on February 14, 2026.
- Use the MyDMV customer portal – learn more at dmv.ny.gov. The application deadline if using the DMV portal is 1:59 PM on Friday, February 13, 2026.
- Submit a paper form to our office in person or by mail to:

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Note that a mailed application must still be received by the Board of Elections by February 14, 2026 to be effective before the primary, so personal delivery is the safer option. Paper forms are available at your local post office, municipal building, or over the counter at the Board of Elections. Call us at 315-798-5765 if you need a form mailed to you or have any other questions.

Not sure about your voter registration or enrollment status? Look it up at voterlookup.elections.ny.gov!