

# Get Your Absentee Voter Ballot 2010

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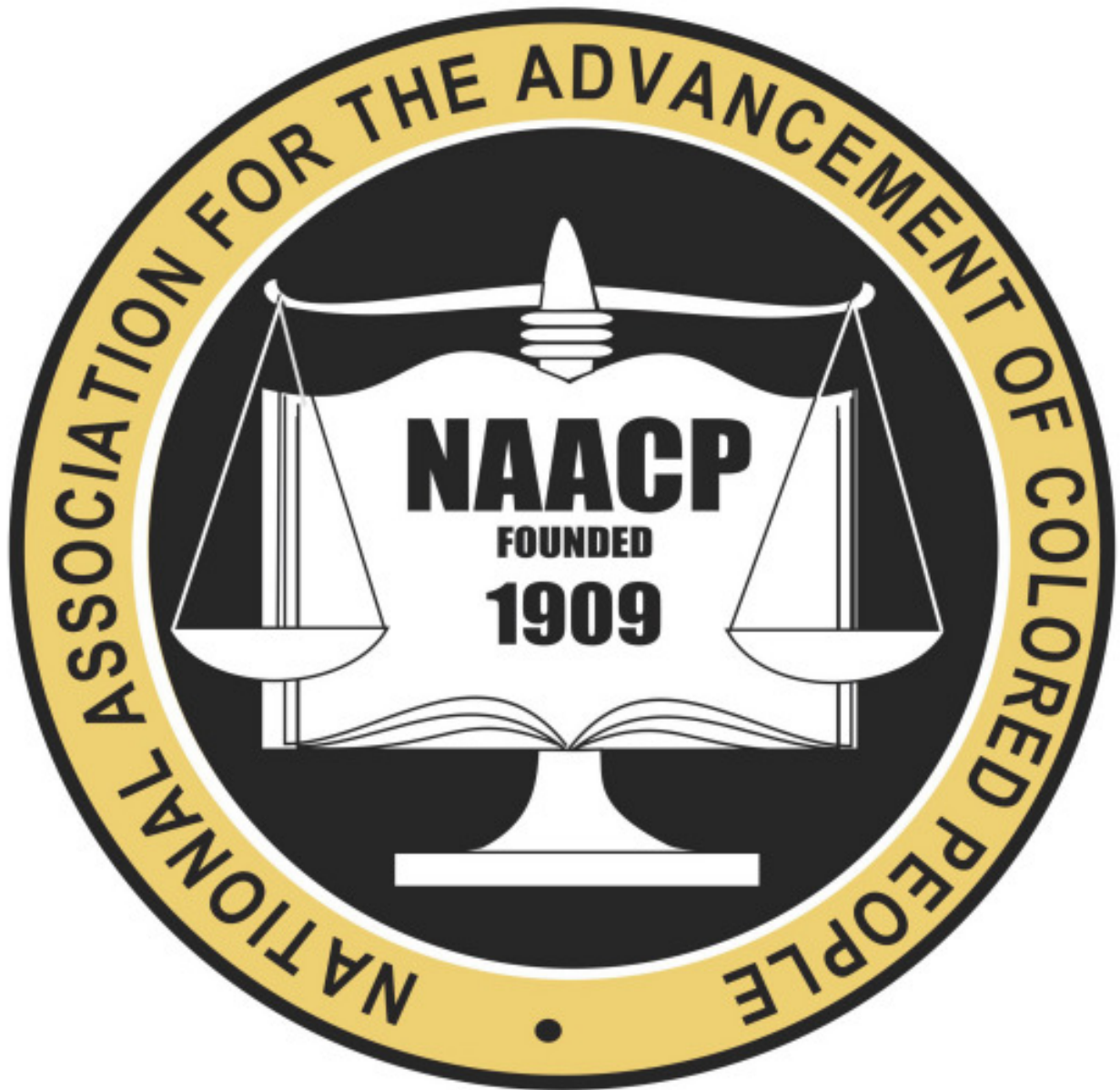
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# ESTL Chapter NAACP ANNOUNCES NEW COLLABORATION TO INCREASE VOTER REGISTRATION

Several entities are joining forces in their continuation to educate new potential voters and to encourage those already registered to exercise a cherished right.

Voter election registration and education have been held at all area banks and at area high schools throughout the city benefiting numerous patrons.

The East St. Louis Board of Elections partnered with the local NAACP, the Metro East Lenders Group, and the area high schools in their continuing effort. The drive gave potential voters a last chance to register before the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election.

*“Voting is crucial this year more than ever and our voices must be heard through our votes,”* said NAACP President Johnny Scott.

On October 1st, the banks opened their doors and registered new voters. Participating [banking institutions](#) were: Associated Bank, First Bank, First Illinois Bank, Regions Bank and US Bank.

“We just want to remind everyone they have the ability to vote. We don’t care who they vote for as long as they vote. Each voice and vote is important,” said Illinois Bank Sr. Vice- President and COO Richard Coolbaugh.

Board of Election personnel set up stations at Tomorrow Builders Youthbuild Program September 22<sup>nd</sup>, SIU-E East St. Louis Charter School Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and East St. Louis Sr. High School Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

In a addition to the drives, the Election Board is working to ensure voters are aware of an Illinois State law changing regulation of absentee and voting by mail. The law was passed by the Illinois General Assembly.

As a result, any registered voter can vote by mail without stating a reason. The voter only has to fill out a form requesting that right. The forms are being distributed by various organizations and churches throughout the area or they can pick them up from the Board of Elections office.

If voters choose this method, they must first request an absentee ballot application. That application must be in the possession of the Board of Elections by the end of the business day October 28<sup>th</sup>. The other option is to vote in the [Board of Elections office by November 1<sup>st</sup>](#).

[Voters will also have the opportunity to apply for absentee voting at the](#) upcoming 56<sup>th</sup> Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Awards Banquet [on October 17](#) starting at 5:30 pm at the [Millennium Riverfront Hotel](#). If you plan to attend the dinner as well that evening attire is black tie and tickets are \$50 general admission and \$100 VIP.

[For more information, you may call the East St. Election Board of Elections \(618\) 398-3778; St. Clair County Clerk \(618 277-6600\) and Madison County Clerk, \(618\) 692-6290.](#)

Many lives have been given and legislation won for the right to vote. Please do not take this opportunity lightly. It is the one chance to be heard. Make sure you are registered.

Vote [on November 2](#).

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**ASSOCIATED BANK:** Ms. Loretta Holmes, Banking Office Manager (Not Pictured); Mrs. Wanda Kaid (Associated Bank); Ms. LaVeta Horace (Seated behind voter registration table)



**REGIONS BANK:** Mr. Delmar Tegtmeier, Sr. Vice President/Division Manager (Not Pictured); Mrs. Rhonda Reamer, Branch Manager (Not Pictured); Mr. Cameron Cobb (Regions Bank); Ms. Sandra Howell (Regions Bank); Mrs. Mary Hamilton (Seated behind voter registration table)

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### FIRST ILLINOIS BANK:

Dr. Edna R. Allen, Vice Chairman; Mr. Elmer D. Jones, Chairman; Rev. Johnny Scott, President, NAACP [East St. Louis Branch](#); Mrs. Kandrise Mosby, Asst. Executive Director; Mrs. Florine Matthews; Mr. Richard Coolbaugh, Sr. Vice President/COO; [Mr. James Lewis](#), Executive Director; Mr. Joseph H. [McCaskill](#), Secretary (Not Pictured)



### US BANK:

Mrs. Joyce Merrell, Branch Manager (Not Pictured) and Mr. Keeva' Johnson Registrar (Seated)

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### FIRST BANK:

Ms. Emma Stanley, Vice President (Not Pictured) and Ms. Rosita Moy Election Specialist II



### TOMORROWS BUILDERS YOUTHBUILD CHARTER SCHOOL:

Mr. [Fonzy](#) Coleman, Principal (Not Pictured), Mr. John Lauth, Teacher and students

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### **SIUE EAST ST. LOUIS CHARTER SCHOOL:**

Dr. Frances Karanowich, Director, Mr. Willis Young, Asst. Director, Mrs. Ledora Williams, Counselor (Not Pictured) and students.