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**REVISION OF AUGUST 25, 2008 PRONOUNCEMENT
AND GUIDANCE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS REGISTERING
TO VOTE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

The Montgomery County Registrar's office does not have a position on whether registering to vote in Montgomery County will have an effect on students' benefits, such as health insurance, financial aid, scholarships, or taxes. Indeed, the Registrar's Office is prohibited from offering any advice on these issues. Questions regarding the effect -- if any -- that registering to vote in Montgomery County will have on a student's benefits should be directed to the entity administering those benefits.

Students wanting to register to vote in Montgomery County must be residents of Montgomery County. If a student considers himself or herself to be a resident of Montgomery County he or she may register to vote in Montgomery County. Students that consider themselves residents of other jurisdictions cannot register to vote in Montgomery County. Students should contact the voter registrar in that jurisdiction for information on how to register and vote.

Students who consider themselves to be residents of Montgomery County can obtain a voter registration application from this office, the Department of Motor Vehicles or online at www.sbe.virginia.gov. Applications must be completed and returned to the agency where they were received or mailed to this office. Once registered, students will receive a voter registration card by return mail to the address listed on the application.

Students who are registered to vote elsewhere in Virginia or outside the State are generally entitled to vote by absentee ballot if they cannot return home to vote. There are some states that do not allow first-time voters to vote absentee -- students should check with their home jurisdiction for more information. Absentee ballot applications can be obtained from the students' local voter registration offices. Their absentee ballot will be sent to them and they must return it by Election Day. Students registered in Montgomery County must vote at the designated precinct on their voter card. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact this or any Registration Office.

For more information on voter registration and voting for college students in Virginia, visit the Virginia State Board of Elections' website at www.sbe.virginia.gov or call toll free 1-800-552-9745. To contact the Montgomery County Voter Registration office, call (540) 382-5741 or e-mail govote121@montgomerycountyva.gov.

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