

What My Vote Will Mean to Me

There are several major milestones in a person's life that elicit great excitement. When I was a child, I could not wait to turn five so I could go to kindergarten. When I neared 16, I counted the hours until I could get my driver's license. Now that I am on the cusp of 18, I am eager to have the privilege of voting in my first election. Why? My single vote ensures my voice is heard but collectively, we can change our schools, cities, states, and country.

What my vote means is a new high school to accommodate the growth in my community. Sidewalks are nice; I think I'll vote for the mayor that supports making this happen in my town. Our schools can use additional funding, so I will say yes to the educational lottery on the ballot. The ideals and principles of a particular candidate for governor align well with mine, so I am excited to cast my vote for her in the next election. I wholeheartedly support our military and look forward to being part of the reason my candidate is sworn in as President of the United States of American – the greatest country in the world. Those who currently serve or those who served in the past deserve reasonable protections and access to appropriate benefits. Ensuring a leader who supports the same is seated in the Oval Office is important to me.

When likeminded, albeit diverse, individuals come together to solve problems on the local, state, and federal levels, we can make a real difference; and it all starts with a single vote. What voting means to me is the satisfaction of knowing I contributed to the direction of my community, state, and country by simply casting my vote. My candidate may not always win but one can never lose by voting. I hope to see you at the polls!