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young people who rock

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Noah Gray

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You know what they say: You never forget your first time. Voting, that is. Noah Gray can't vote because he's only 16, but he founded [Virgin Voting](#) to encourage other young people to take their first-time voting seriously.

In this historic election year, Noah doesn't care who 18-year-olds vote for — just that they vote. So, he's giving them an incentive: a video contest. Young people compete for a prize by producing films that call on other young people to take to the polls.

A film created by Noah himself can offer participants inspiration. He put together a documentary that's been shown in high schools and has received short film awards. It not only includes interviews Noah scored with major candidates and their surrogates during the primary season, but interviews with first-time voters about the issues important to them.

What would you like to ask Noah? Post your questions here or at [iReport.com](#). Watch my interview with Noah on Friday at 3:30 p.m. ET on [CNN.com Live](#).

FYI: Until election day, I will be interviewing Young People Who Rock Politics! We will hear the views of different parties and platforms to ensure we are representing this generation's diverse viewpoints.

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Noah Gray, 16, is the founder of Virgin Voting.

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Amanda Bass

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Amanda Bass tries to inspire young people to get involved in politics, paraphrasing something photographer Gordon Parks said about using a camera: "You have to have a reason to pick it up. You have to have a story to tell." As the regional field director for Georgia Campaign for Change, this 20-year-old says you have to believe in what you're fighting for.

Amanda believes in her cause to register voters in Georgia so much, she once chased down a bus. She was waiting for a man to finish registering when his bus started leaving. She ran to climb aboard and asked them to wait two minutes for him to finish, and they did. But that is just one of the many people she's registered, on football



Amanda Bass, 20, is regional field director for Georgia

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