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FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Federal Post Card Application

**Wherever U.S. citizens go,
FVAP ensures their voices are heard.**

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) works to ensure Service members, their eligible family members and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so – from anywhere in the world.

The Federal Post Card Application - FPCA

States administer elections in the United States, but under federal law, the FPCA allows you to request voter registration in your state of legal voting residence, request absentee ballots for all federal elections in a current calendar year, and update your voter contact information. We recommend that you send in a new FPCA every January and each time you move. Election offices send out blank ballots 45 days before election day, so allow time for your FPCA to be mailed and processed. The FPCA is available at FVAP.gov.

FPCA

Instructions

Voter Information Page

Section 1



Check the box that describes you best. Then enter your current name. If you registered under a different name, write this information in the previous name area. Your date of birth is required.

You must provide either a state-issued ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have either of these numbers, you must write in Section 6: "I do not have a Social Security Number or state-issued ID number."

Section 2



Include the complete street address of your voting residence. You cannot use a post office box mailing address. If your address is a rural route, write a description of your voting residence in Section 6.

Election offices use your U.S. voting residence address to determine whether you are eligible to vote absentee, which offices and candidates you are eligible to vote for, and to send the correct ballot for your voting precinct. For overseas citizens, it is usually the last place you lived before moving overseas. This address is valid even if: you no longer have property or other ties to this state; your intent to return to that state is uncertain; or your previous address is no longer a recognized address.

If you cannot remember the address where you last resided, FVAP recommends checking old family correspondence, passports, or tax records. Election offices may also help identify your address.

Section 3



Include your current mailing address, even if you are requesting your ballot be sent to you by email or online. Use the forwarding address space only if you want your election materials sent to a different address or have a mail forwarding address. If you are an overseas citizen, your current address must be located outside the United States.

Section 4



Include your contact information so your election office can contact you if they need additional information in order to process your FPCA. If you want to receive your absentee ballot by email/online, you must provide an email address.

Section 5



(A) All states allow you to receive your absentee ballot by mail or email/online. Select your preferred method of receiving your absentee ballot. (B) In many states, you must enter the name of the party whose ballot you want to receive to vote in primary elections.

Section 6



Provide any clarifying information that may assist your election office in approving your request. No witness or notary signature is required on this form for any state.

Section 7



Sign and date.

Sending your FPCA:

Every state can accept and send election materials by mail. Many states allow you to submit your FPCA electronically. Please visit [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov) to see your state's submission guidelines. You can find the address and other contact information for your election office at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov).

Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET | Go to [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov) and click on "contact" to find where to send your election materials. Media inquiries: media@fvap.gov



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