



Dear Overseas Voter:

While you are away from the United States, I want to make sure that you are given all the access you need to fully participate in the election process. This brochure explains how you can vote from overseas and stay informed. By utilizing the Ohio Voter Passport, you can ensure that you not only

receive and can cast your ballot, but have access to information on the issues and candidates as well. You can also track the status of your ballot all the way until it is counted by your board of elections.

I hope you continue to stay informed and involved in the voting process even as you are away from home. If I or my office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon Husted

Jon Husted
Ohio Secretary of State



Frequently Asked Questions

What is included in this packet?

Enclosed you will find a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form, the easiest way for U.S. citizens who are living overseas to register to vote and to request absentee ballots. You will also find useful web links.

How do I register to vote? How do I request an absentee ballot?

Registering to vote and applying for absentee ballots are as simple as completing the FPCA form provided in this packet and returning it to your local board of elections. A completed FPCA serves a dual purpose. You may use the FPCA to register to vote if you are not already registered and to apply for absentee ballots.

Who may use the Federal Post Card Application?

The federal government and the State of Ohio permit the use of the FPCA by overseas voters and uniformed services voters. For your purpose, overseas voters are U.S. citizens who are considered by Ohio law to be residents of the state and:

- Currently live outside the U.S. and who, before leaving the U.S., were last eligible to vote in Ohio or would have been eligible to vote in Ohio had they been 18 years of age or older, or
- Were born outside the U.S. and have a parent or guardian who last resided and was last eligible to vote in Ohio before leaving the U.S.

May anyone else request an absentee ballot on my behalf?

Yes. If you are already registered to vote, your spouse, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece may request a ballot for you. Any of those relatives may use the FPCA to request absentee ballots on your behalf, providing a mailing address, fax number or e-mail address at which you are able to receive the absentee ballot. This request may be made by mail or in person at your local board of elections. For more information, go to www.OhioVoterPassport.com.

When may I apply for an absentee ballot?

When you complete the FPCA, one request allows you to receive absentee ballots for all elections (primary, general, or any special elections) during the year. While you may complete and return the FPCA at any time, an FPCA returned to your local board of elections at the beginning of each year on or after January 1st or 90 days before an election, whichever is earlier, will serve as a request for absentee ballots for every election in that year. A completed FPCA returned by mail, fax, or e-mail by noon on the third day before the election will allow you to receive an absentee ballot for that election and all subsequent elections in that year. For upcoming election dates, go to www.OhioVoterPassport.com.

How do I submit my Federal Post Card Application?

You may complete and sign the FPCA included in this packet, detach it, fold it, seal it, and put it in the mail. When mailed from any U.S. post office, U.S. embassy, or consulate, the hard copy included in this packet is postage-paid. You may also fax the completed and signed form to (614) 485-7690 or scan it and attach it to an e-mail to OVP@OhioSecretaryofState.gov. Please remember that in order to be a valid voter registration application and/or absentee ballot application, the FPCA must be wholly completed and signed.

If you need additional copies of the FPCA, you may print it from the website at www.OhioVoterPassport.com and click on Register/Vote Absentee.

Where is my board of elections?

You may look up your county board of elections contact information online at www.OhioVoterPassport.com or contact our Outreach Liason (see contact info on back page.)

How will I receive my absentee ballot?

You must designate the form in which you prefer to receive your absentee ballot when you complete the FPCA. You may receive it by mail, fax or e-mail. Local boards of elections are required to mail overseas or uniformed services absentee ballots not later than the 45th day before the primary or general election, or as early as possible before any special election.

How can I find out what the issues are?

Each board of elections is required to prepare and update an election notice containing a list of all ballot questions and issues and all federal, state, and local offices the board expects to be on the ballot for each precinct holding an election. You may request a copy of this election notice from your local board of elections, or you may view the notice online if the board maintains a website. You may also visit www.OhioVoterPassport.com to receive e-mail reminders or contact our Outreach Liason (see contact information on back page.)

How will I return my voted ballot? What is the deadline for return of the ballot?

Voted absentee ballots cannot be returned electronically. They may be returned only by U.S. Postal Service or another delivery service such as UPS or FedEx, or in person. An absentee ballot must arrive at the board office by the close of polls on Election Day if delivered in person. An absentee ballot returned by mail shall be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 a.m. on the date of the election at the place where the voter completes the ballot. It must arrive at the board of elections office on or before the 10th day after Election Day.

How do I know that my local board of elections received my voted absentee ballot?

You will receive a tracking number from your county board of elections with your absentee ballot. You may use the tracking number to verify that your local board of elections has received your absentee ballot. Go to www.OhioVoterPassport.com and click on Helpful Links.

What happens if I mail a completed FPCA to my local board of elections, but do not receive my absentee ballot?

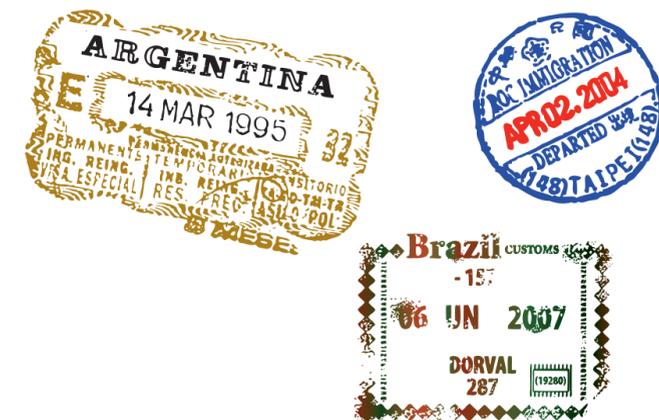
If you have requested an absentee ballot, but have not received a ballot close to Election Day, you may download a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) at www.OhioVoterPassport.com by clicking on the "Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot" link. The completed and signed FWAB must be submitted for mailing not later than 12:01 a.m. on the date of the election at the place where the voter completes the ballot and received at the board office by the 10th day after Election Day. You may request a copy of the election notice prepared by your local board of elections to use as a guide when completing your FWAB so that you know which candidates, questions, or issues are on the ballot.

Why do I have to declare my party affiliation for primary elections?

Ohio law requires all voters who wish to vote in a primary election to declare the party whose ballot they wish to vote in the primary. A voter who does not declare a political party affiliation at a primary election is only permitted to vote on the non-candidate ballot questions and issues for which the voter is otherwise eligible. If you have not designated a political party affiliation or if you have requested an issues-only ballot, but there are no questions or issues on the ballot in a particular election, you will not receive an absentee ballot for that election.

How can I find out the results of an election?

Go to the elections section at www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov and click on "Elections Results."



(After completion, fold to inside and seal before mailing.)

WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

Standard Form 76A (Rev. 10-2005)

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)											
1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (Mark only one):											
<input type="checkbox"/>	(a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT			<input type="checkbox"/>	(b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY			<input type="checkbox"/>	(c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY		
2. MY INFORMATION (Required)		a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)		b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)		c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		d. RACE (MMDDYYYY)		e. DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)	
f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER		h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)		i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)		j. EMAIL ADDRESS			
3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Military, use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)				a. NUMBER AND STREET				b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE			
c. COUNTY				d. STATE				e. ZIP CODE			
4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS											
a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)											
b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete 4b, only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)											
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL											
5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):											
6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)											
7. AFFIRMATION (Required)											
I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:											
1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and											
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and											
3. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and											
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and											
5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and											
6. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.											
I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.											
Signed: _____										Date: (MMDDYYYY)	
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The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law. (Witness/Notary and Address (if required))											

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Complete enclosed registration and absentee ballot request (FPCA).
Fold, seal and return.

For more information:

Ohio Secretary of State's Office
Outreach Liason

OVP@OhioSecretaryofState.gov
(877) SOS-OHIO (767-6446) Ext. 4

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E-mail Reminders

To sign up to receive e-mail reminders from the Ohio Secretary of State's office regarding overseas voting, visit www.OhioVoterPassport.com and click on the "Reminder Sign-Up" link.

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Helpful Links

Ohio Secretary of State's Office – Overseas Voter Information
www.OhioVoterPassport.com

Ohio Secretary of State's Office - General Information
www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov

Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)
www.fvap.gov

Overseas Voting
ohio.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm

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After completing the Registration and Absentee Ballot Request (FPCA)

1. Detach the application at the perforation.
2. Fold application in half, with mailing address facing out.
3. Seal the open edge. (DO NOT STAPLE)
4. Keep the OVP pamphlet for additional information.