Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

- If you do not receive your absentee ballot in enough time to meet your State's deadlines, use this ballot as a backup. If you send in this ballot and receive your State's ballot later, you should fill out and return your State ballot as well. Your election office will count only one ballot.
- The following require you to register and request an absentee ballot before filling out this form: AL, AS, AR, CT, FL, GU, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, MI, NH, NJ, NM, NY, PA, PR, RI, TX, VT, WV, and WY. If your State or territory is listed, complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) online at FVAP.gov.
- If you already registered and requested a ballot, send in the *Voter Information* page and the *Official Backup Ballot*.

Use this form if you are:

- ☐ **On active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine**
- ☐ **An eligible spouse or dependent**
- ☐ **On active duty in the National Guard under State orders (some States only)**
- ☐ **A U.S. citizen living outside the United States**

You can vote wherever you are. This is how.

1. Fill out your *Voter Information* page completely and accurately.
   - Your U.S. voting residence address is used to determine where you are eligible to vote absentee. For military voters, it is usually your last address in your State of legal residence. For overseas citizens, it is usually the last place you lived before moving overseas. You do not need to have any current ties with this address.
   - Most States allow you to provide a Driver's License number or the last 4 digits of your SSN. Some States require a full SSN. See your State's guidelines at FVAP.gov.
   - Most States require you to specify a political party to vote in primary elections. This information may be used to register you with a party.
   - Remember to sign the bottom of the *Voter Information* page!
2. Carefully fill out your *Official Backup Ballot.*
   - DO NOT sign your ballot or include any personal information. Keep your ballot anonymous.
   - Remove the adhesive liner from the top and sides of your ballot.
   - Fold and seal tightly.
3. Assemble your documents for mailing.
   - Put your *Voter Information* page and *Official Backup Ballot* into the envelope.
   - You can find the address for your election office at FVAP.gov.
   - All States accept this form by mail, but they vary on email and fax. See your State's rules in the *Voting Assistance Guide* online at FVAP.gov.

Agency Disclosure Statement

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time to review instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Dr., East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100. [OMB Control #0704-0502]. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. DO NOT RETURN YOUR FORM TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The authority to collect your personal information on this form comes from 52 U.S.C. § 20301, "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)."

Principal purpose: This form serves as a write-in absentee ballot for elections for Federal office or other elections provided by State law or special provisions for all persons covered by UOCAVA.

Routine use(s): There is no retention of this information by the Federal government. Completed forms are sent by you to an appropriate State election official.

Disclosure: Your disclosure of personal information is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may result in the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot not being recognized and therefore not counted.

Questions? Email vote@fvap.gov

Voter Information

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Print clearly in blue or black ink.

Have you already registered and requested an absentee ballot? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Some States allow you to use this form to register and request ballots for future elections. Visit FVAP.gov for more details.

1. Who are you? Pick one.

For absent Uniformed Service members, their families, and citizens residing outside the United States.

- ☐ I am on active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine **-OR-** ☐ I am an eligible spouse or dependent.
- ☐ I am an activated National Guard member on State orders.
- ☐ I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I intend to return.
- ☐ I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and my return is uncertain.
- ☐ I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I have never lived in the United States.

Last name		Suffix (Jr., II)	Sex ☐ Female ☐ Male
First name		Previous names (if applicable)	
Middle name		Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY)	/ /
Social Security Number	___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___	Driver's license or State ID #	

2. What is your U.S. voting residence address?

Your voting materials will not be sent to this address. See instructions on other side of form.

Street address		Apt #	
City, town, village		State	
County		ZIP	

3. Where are you now? You must give your CURRENT contact information.

Your mailing address. (Different from above)	Your mail forwarding address. (If applicable)

4. What is your contact information? This is so election officials can reach you about your request.

Provide the country code and area code with your phone and fax number. Do not use a Defense Switched Network (DSN) number.

Email:		Phone:	
Alternate email:		Fax:	

5. What is your voting preference for future elections?

Do you want to register and request a ballot for all elections you are eligible to vote in?	☐ Yes ☐ No	How do you want to receive voting materials from your election office?	☐ Mail ☐ Email or online ☐ Fax	What is your political party for primary elections?

6. What additional information must you provide?

The following need more information: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Puerto Rico, Virginia, and Wisconsin. (Ex. Witness signature, etc.)
You may also use this space to clarify your voter information. See the Voting Assistance Guide online at FVAP.gov.

7. You must read and sign this statement.

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- The information on this form is true, accurate, 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.
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
- I am not disqualified to vote due to having been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense, nor have I been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.
- In voting, I have marked and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except those authorized to assist voters under State and Federal law.

Sign here X

Today's date (MM/DD/YYYY) / /

Official Backup Ballot

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Print clearly in blue or black ink.

Vote by writing the NAME or PARTY of the candidates you choose. To find out about specific candidates and races go to FVAP.gov.

Instructions

- This ballot can be used to vote for federal offices.
- DO NOT write your name or any identifying number (SSN, driver's license) on this ballot.
- Photocopy this page if you require additional room for candidates or ballot initiatives.
- If you are voting in American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, you may vote for Delegate or Resident Commissioner, and in presidential primaries. State laws vary about using the FWAB for other offices like Governor or Mayor. Learn more online at FVAP.gov.

Federal offices

President and Vice President	
U.S. Senator	
U. S. Representative, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner to Congress	

Non-federal offices

Office	Candidate name	Political party

Ballot initiatives

Official Ballot

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Private

Fold your ballot and keep it private. Put it in the envelope.