



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.

Citizens Born Outside the United States

A growing number of states now allow U.S. citizens who were born abroad but never resided in the United States to vote using the address where a parent or other relative is eligible to vote. Visit FVAP.gov to see a current list of states that allow these U.S. citizens to vote.

If neither of your parents is from one of these states, it is possible that you do not currently have voting rights. However, additional states are working on passing legislation to allow citizens born overseas who have never established residency in the United States to vote in the state in which their parents are eligible. Visit FVAP.gov for state information.

What is a voting residence and why is it important?

You need a voting residence to vote via absentee ballot—even if you are only voting for federal offices. **Your election office needs your exact voting residence address to send you the correct ballot for your voting precinct.**

Your residence is in the state or territory where you last resided, immediately before leaving the United States. It is the address that you considered your permanent home and where you had a physical presence. It's important to note that the voting residence address you use must be an address in the United States. Forms that list a P.O. box may be automatically disqualified.

This residence may remain valid even if:

- You no longer own property or have other ties to that state.
- Your intent to return to that state is uncertain.
- Your previous address is no longer a recognized residential address.





Students Studying Abroad

If you are living overseas for an extended period during an election season and will need to vote absentee, complete an FPCA at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov) to request your absentee ballot. Your voting residency will continue to be your last legal residence prior to leaving the United States to study abroad.

Voting in an election for federal office often may not be used as the sole basis of determining residency for the purpose of imposing state and local taxes. When claiming a new legal residence or domicile, legal counsel should be consulted because there may be other factors to consider, such as tax implications.

If you cannot remember the address where you last physically resided, then FVAP recommends checking old tax records, passports, or family correspondence. Sometimes local election officials can help identify your address if you were previously registered. To claim a new legal residence or domicile, consult legal counsel as there may be other factors to consider, such as tax implications.

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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Upcoming elections for federal office:

The following states have elections for federal office in the next 90 days:

May 2022:

May 3: Primary Elections - Ohio and Indiana

May 10: Primary Elections - West Virginia and Nebraska

May 17: Primary Elections - Idaho, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oregon, and Pennsylvania

May 24: Primary Elections - Alabama, Arkansas, and Georgia

May 24: Special Primary Election - Minnesota CD 1

May 24: Runoff Primary Election (if necessary) - Texas

June 2022 – 30 Day Notice:

June 7: Primary Elections- California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota

June 7: Special Primary Election- California US Senate

June 7: Special General Election- California CD 22

June 11: Alaska Special Primary Election- Congress At-Large

June 14: Primary Elections- Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, and South Dakota

June 14: Special General Election – Texas CD 34

June 21: Runoff Primary Elections: Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia

June 21: Primary Elections- District of Columbia and Virginia

June 28: Primary Elections- Colorado, Illinois, New York, Oklahoma and Utah

June 28: Runoff Primary Elections- Mississippi and South Carolina (if necessary)

July 2022 – 60 Day Notice:

July 19: Primary Election- Maryland*

July 26: Runoff Primary Election- North Carolina

** The Maryland Primary Election was rescheduled from June 28 to July 19.*

August 2022 – 90 Day Notice:

August 2: Primary Elections- Arizona, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri and Washington

August 4: Primary Election- Tennessee

August 6: Territory Primary- Virgin Islands

August 9: Primary Elections- Connecticut, Minnesota, Vermont, and Wisconsin

August 9: Special General- Minnesota CD 1

August 13: Primary Election- Hawaii

August 16: Primary Elections- Alaska and Wyoming

August 16: Special General- Alaska U.S. House

August 23: Primary Elections- Florida and Oklahoma

August 27: Territory Primary- Guam

Register and request your ballot by your state's deadline. You can use FVAP's easy online assistant at www.fvap.gov/FPCA to walk you through each section of the form. After you finish filling out the FPCA,

print it, sign it, and send it to your election office. Most states accept the FPCA by email or fax while some require it by mail. Check your state-specific guidelines at FVAP.gov.

Once you receive your requested absentee ballot, vote and return it as soon as you get it. Remember to carefully follow the instructions, especially if a "security envelope" is required, and sign the package as indicated when returning it.

To save time, send voted ballots electronically if allowed by state law. Voters can check if their state accepts completed absentee ballots by email, fax, or via an online portal at FVAP.gov/guide.

If a requested ballot has not arrived, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) immediately at www.fvap.gov/FWAB. It works like a backup ballot. If your official absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, complete and send in the official ballot, too. Only one will be counted.

Make sure the voted ballot is received by your state. Go to FVAP.gov, click on your state and then the "check the status of your voted ballot" button.

To find your state's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information, and links to your local election offices, visit our [contact page](#). You can also reach out directly to your election office for status updates on your registration and absentee ballot.

COVID-19 ELECTION UPDATE - FVAP is working closely with state election offices, the Military Postal Service Agency and other federal agencies to bring you up-to-date information on possible mailing delays. Please visit FVAP.gov/COVID-19 for the latest information on any international postal disruptions or contact your installation military post office.

Additional Information for non-UOCAVA voters: Uniformed service members, their families, and Department of Defense civilians who are currently stationed in the same location as their voting address may visit vote.gov to register to vote and request information from their local election office to vote locally.

The Department of Defense is required to send this email notification starting 90 days before each election for federal office. This information is current as of April 29, 2022. As updates may occur, please check the election calendars and state guidelines at FVAP.gov for real time information.

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If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, or need help with the absentee voting process, please go to FVAP.gov, call 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584), or email (vote@fvap.gov).