

## 2011 FWAB Quick Reference Guide for Election Officials

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) was designed as a back-up ballot for citizens covered under the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act* who are concerned that they will not receive their State absentee ballot in time to vote and return the ballot before the deadline. Contact your State election office or the Federal Voting Assistance Program with any questions about your State's requirements for accepting a FWAB.

The FWAB was redesigned in 2011; the 2005 version of the form remains valid and should be accepted and processed.

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- If the applicant is not already registered to vote in your jurisdiction, check to see if your State allows the FWAB to be used as a voter registration application

### Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) Voter's Declaration/Affirmation

A quicker, easier to complete, electronic version of this form is also available on [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). For any questions about this form, consult your Voting Assistance Officer or the Voting Assistance Guide available in hard copy or on [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). Please print in black ink.

<b>Qualifications &amp; Voter Registration</b> Many States require that you be registered and request an absentee ballot before using this form.	1	Have you already registered and requested an absentee ballot? If you answer No, you can do this via the Federal Post Card Application on <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> , or in a few States, by marking the box below. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> to see if your State allows registration via this form. <input type="checkbox"/> I also want to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty OR <input type="checkbox"/> I am their spouse or dependent.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Classification</b> Make only 1 selection.	2	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and I intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and I do not intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen otherwise granted military/overseas voting rights under State law (check the Voting Assistance Guide).	
<b>Your legal name</b>	3	Last name <u>Jones</u> Suffix <u>Sr</u> First name <u>James</u> Middle name <u>Larry</u> Previous name (if applicable)	
<b>Identification</b> Some States require your full SSN. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a>	4	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Race See Instructions Birth date <u>05/17/1987</u> State Driver's License or I.D. <u>XY-145257162</u> OR Social Security Number	
<b>Contact information</b> Include international prefixes. No DSN number.	5	Telephone <u>23-145-14-6789145</u> Fax <u>23-145-14-678327</u> Email <u>jj.pdfs2@hawkstooth.com</u> Alternate Email	
<b>Political party</b>	6	To vote in primary elections, your State may require you to specify a political party. <u>Abcdef Party</u>	
<b>U.S. address for voting purposes</b> Usually your last U.S. residence or your legal U.S. residence. See instructions.	7	Street Address (not P.O. Box) <u>123 Maple Terrace</u> Apt. # City/Town/Village <u>Maywood</u> County <u>Somewhere</u> State <u>CA</u> Zip code <u>90270-1037</u>	
<b>Address where you live now</b> This is different from above. Your voting materials will be sent here, unless you specify a forwarding address in Box 9.	8	<u>James Larry Jones</u> <u>USS FVAP</u> <u>FPO AE 54321</u>	
<b>Additional requirements from your State</b> Such as: mail forwarding address, additional phone, or other State required information. See your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a>	9	<u>Last date lived in Maywood Feb. 2009.</u>	

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- Use this information to verify the applicant's voter registration record
- Use the contact information to follow up with the applicant with any questions

### BLOCK 7

- Confirm that the voting residence address is in your voting jurisdiction

### BLOCK 8

- Use this address for any postal mail communications with the applicant

### BLOCK 9

- Ensure that the applicant provided any additional information required by your State

### AFFIRMATION

- Check here to ensure that the applicant signed and dated the application
- Check that the application has a witness signature (only if required by your State)

**Affirmation (REQUIRED):** I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

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  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  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  I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and  My application for a regular absentee ballot was mailed in time to be received by the local election official 30 days prior to this election, or the State deadline, whichever is later; and  I have not received the requested ballot; and  I understand that if my regular absentee ballot is received by the local election official in time to be counted, that ballot will be counted and this write-in ballot will be voided; and  I have voted and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under State or Federal law and I have not been influenced; and  I am a Uniformed Services member, or dependent, who is absent from my voting jurisdiction, or I am an overseas citizen and have submitted this ballot from outside the U.S., or my State has made special provisions to allow me to mail this ballot inside the U.S., and  My signature and date herein indicate when I completed this document; and  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.

Signature James L. Jones and in.  
Today's Date 12/18/2011

Witness signature / date if required by your State.  
See Voting Assistance Guide on [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

This information is for official use only. Any unauthorized release may be punishable by law.

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