

Maryland

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DEADLINES	State Primary September 14, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	Received OR Postmarked by: August 24, 2010	Received OR Postmarked by: October 12, 2010
Ballot Request	September 7, 2010	October 26, 2010
Ballot Return	Postmarked by: September 14, 2010 Received by: 10 am, September 22, 2010	Postmarked by: November 2, 2010 Received by: 10 am, November 12, 2010

These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.

Information is current as of November 2009. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled Federal elections for the calendar year in which it is submitted.

Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

Block 1: Select the category that describes you.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Your valid Maryland Driver's License, MVA identification card number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess any of these identification numbers, please indicate this in Block 6. The State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your Maryland voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its

location in Block 6. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

Block 4.c: Maryland allows you to receive the ballot by mail, email, or fax. Check how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your email address or fax number in Block 2. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

Block 5: To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you want to vote for partisan contests in primary elections, you must affiliate with the Democratic or Republican party. If you affiliate with another political party or are unaffiliated, you are only entitled to vote in school board contests in primary elections. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party affiliation to the local election official no later than 84 days before the primary election. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

Block 6: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

Maryland allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email or fax if you are already registered. If you are not already registered, you must submit your FPCA by mail.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to email your FPCA, you should send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. You must also submit the FPCA by mail. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at www.elections.state.md.us by clicking Local Boards of Elections under the About Us section.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, you must also submit the FPCA by mail. It is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.elections.state.md.us by clicking Local Boards of Elections under the About Us section. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at www.fvap.gov, and fax to: (703)-693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at www.fvap.gov.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to Maryland's voter registration verification website at: http://www.mdelections.umd.edu/voter_registration.

Your jurisdiction will contact you regarding the status of your application.

Ballot Request by Proxy

A registered voter or the voter's authorized agent may apply in person for an absentee ballot at the local election office by the close of polls on election day.

The voter's authorized agent may pick up and deliver the absentee ballot and must (under penalty of perjury):

- be at least 18 years old
- not be a candidate on the voter's ballot
- be designated in writing and signed with the voter's original signature
- sign an affidavit

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots approximately 30 to 40 days before elections.

Voted ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the local election office by 10 am on the second Friday after Election Day (or by 10 am on the second Wednesday after Election Day if voting in gubernatorial primary elections or in Baltimore City primary elections).

You must sign an oath stating your eligibility to vote by absentee ballot when you return a voted absentee ballot. No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

Voted ballots must be returned by mail.

Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2010 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2010 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 2, 2010
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 9, 2010
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 25, 2010.

If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2010, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

Maryland allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in any election for local, State, and Federal offices. Feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/Affirmation:

Block 1.a: Select the category that describes you.

Block 1.b: Maryland allows you to use this form for registration.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your valid Maryland Driver's License, MVA identification card number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, OR your State voter registration number.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your Maryland voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Enter your current mailing address.

Block 5: Enter your political party affiliation or write unaffiliated or non-partisan. If you want to vote for partisan contests in primary elections, you must affiliate with the Democratic or Republican party. If you affiliated with another political party or are unaffiliated, you are only entitled to vote in school board contests in primary elections.

Block 6: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal, State, or local office in any election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.elections.state.md.us. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office by the registration deadline.

If using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline. If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

Insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to your local election official.

Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Allegany	Allegany Board of Elections 701 Kelly Road, Suite 213 Cumberland, MD 21502-3401
Anne Arundel	Anne Arundel Board of Elections PO Box 490 Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Anne Arundel Board of Elections 7320 Ritchie Highway, Second Floor Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490
Baltimore City	Baltimore City Board of Elections Benton Office Bldg., Room 129 417 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, MD 21202-3432
Baltimore County	Baltimore County Board of Elections 106 Bloomsbury Avenue Baltimore, MD 21228-5220
Calvert	Calvert Board of Elections PO Box 798 Prince Frederick, MD 20678-0798 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Calvert Board of Elections 30 Duke Street, Lower Level Prince Frederick, MD 20678
Caroline	Caroline Board of Elections Health & Public Services Building 403 S. 7th Street, Suite 247 Denton, MD 21629-1335
Carroll	Carroll Board of Elections 300 S.Center Street, Room 212 Westminster, MD 21157-5248
Cecil	Cecil Board of Elections 200 Chesapeake Boulevard Suite 1900 Elkton, MD 21921-6395
Charles	Charles Board of Elections PO Box 908 La Plata, MD 20646-0908 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Charles Board of Elections 201 East Charles Street La Plata, MD 20646
Dorchester	Dorchester Board of Elections PO Box 414 Cambridge, MD 21613-0414 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Dorchester Board of Elections 501 Court Lane, Room 105 Cambridge, MD 21613

County	Mailing Address
Frederick	Frederick Board of Elections Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street Frederick, MD 21701-5447
Garrett	Garrett Board of Elections 2008 Maryland Highway, Suite 1 Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550-6349
Harford	Harford Board of Elections 133 Industry Lane Forest Hill, MD 21050-1621
Howard	Howard Board of Elections 8900 Columbia 100 Parkway Columbia, MD 21045-2339
Kent	Kent Board of Elections 135 Dixon Drive Chestertown, MD 21620-1141
Montgomery	Montgomery Board of Elections PO Box 10369 Rockville, MD 20849-0369 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Montgomery Board of Elections 751 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville, MD 20851-1428
Prince George's	Prince George's Board of Elections 16201 Trade Zone Avenue Suite 108 Upper Marlboro, MD 20774-8758
Queen Anne's	Queen Anne's Board of Elections PO Box 274 Centreville, MD 21617-0274 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Queen Anne's Board of Election 208 North Commerce Street Centreville, MD 21617
St Mary's	St Mary's Board of Elections PO Box 197 Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> St Mary's Board of Elections 41650 Tudor Hall Road Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197

County	Mailing Address
Somerset	Somerset Board of Elections PO Box 96 Princess Anne, MD 21853-0096 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Somerset Board of Elections County Office Building 11916 Somerset Avenue Princess Anne, MD 21853
Talbot	Talbot Board of Elections PO Box 353 Easton, MD 21601-0353 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Talbot Board of Elections 142 N. Harrison Street Easton, MD 21601
Washington	Washington Board of Elections 35 W. Washington Street, Room 101 Hagerstown, MD 21740-4834
Wicomico	Wicomico Board of Elections PO Box 4091 Salisbury, MD 21803-4091 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Wicomico Board of Elections 123 Bateman Street Salisbury, MD 21804
Worcester	Worcester Board of Elections 100 Belt Street Snow Hill, MD 21804