

# Minnesota

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary*	State Primary	General Election
	N/A	August 14, 2012	November 6, 2012
Registration	N/A	Not Required	Not Required
Ballot Request	N/A	Not Required	Not Required
Ballot Return	N/A	August 14, 2012	November 6, 2012

**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 January 2012. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

\* Minnesota has a Caucus system for selecting Presidential Nominees.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

Registration is not required. You must still complete the Federal Post Card Application to request an absentee ballot. The form registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled elections only 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 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid Minnesota Driver's License number, State identification number, passport number, OR the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have access to any of these numbers, leave this block blank.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 6:** Minnesota allows you to receive your absentee ballot by mail, email, or fax. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your email address or fax number in Block 5. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Minnesota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block

9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

Minnesota allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email, or fax.

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 must send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org/>.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org/>. 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](http://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](http://www.fvap.gov).

### Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your absentee ballot request, visit <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org/>.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

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## Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots approximately 46 days before elections.

**Voted ballots must be received by the last mail delivery on Election Day.**

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

Voted ballots must be returned by mail, package delivery service, or the diplomatic pouch at a U.S. embassy or consulate.

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service, may use the “Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD”. This label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the general election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

### Tracking Your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at: [https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org](https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org/).

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## Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2012 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2012 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 6, 2012
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 13, 2012
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 29, 2012.

If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2012, 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.

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

Minnesota allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in all elections for Federal, State, and local offices and as a request for absentee ballots any subsequent elections held in that calendar year. The FWAB serves as a voter registration in lieu of the voter's FPCA.

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

**Block 1:** Minnesota does not require voter registration. Do not check the registration block.

**Block 2:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid Minnesota Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, passport number, OR your State identification number. If you do not have access to any of these numbers, leave this block blank.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Minnesota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Enter your current mailing address.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal, State, or local office in a general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you

can vote, go to [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us). For each Federal office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. For State and local offices, write in the candidate's name. (Political party designation is not sufficient for State and local offices).

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:

The deadlines for submitting the FWAB are the same as for State absentee ballots. 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
Aitkin	Aitkin County Auditor Aitkin, MN 56431-1292 Fax: (218) 937-7324 Email: <a href="mailto:sally.huhta@co.aitkin.mn.us">sally.huhta@co.aitkin.mn.us</a>
Anoka	Anoka County Auditor Anoka, MN 55303-2465 Fax: (763) 422-7526 Email: <a href="mailto:teri.mckusick@co.anoka.mn.us">teri.mckusick@co.anoka.mn.us</a>
Becker	Becker County Auditor Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3403 Fax: (218) 846-7256 Email: <a href="mailto:razok@co.becker.mn.us">razok@co.becker.mn.us</a>
Beltrami	Beltrami County Auditor Bemidji, MN 56601-3178 Fax: (218) 333-4246 Email: <a href="mailto:lisa.m.carlson@co.beltrami.mn.us">lisa.m.carlson@co.beltrami.mn.us</a>
Benton	Benton County Auditor Foley, MN 56329-0129 Fax: (320) 968-5337 Email: <a href="mailto:karri.thorsten@co.benton.mn.us">karri.thorsten@co.benton.mn.us</a>
Big Stone	Big Stone County Auditor Ortonville, MN 56278-1544 Fax: (320) 839-6370 Email: <a href="mailto:heather_h@co.big-stone.mn.us">heather_h@co.big-stone.mn.us</a>
Blue Earth	Blue Earth County Auditor Mankato, MN 56002-3524 Fax: (507) 304-4396 Email: <a href="mailto:laurie.berg@co.blue-earth.mn.us">laurie.berg@co.blue-earth.mn.us</a>
Brown	Brown County Auditor New Ulm, MN 56073-0115 Fax: (507) 359-1430 Email: <a href="mailto:marlin.helget@co.brown.mn.us">marlin.helget@co.brown.mn.us</a>
Carlton	Carlton County Auditor Carlton, MN 55718-0130 Fax: (218) 384-9181 Email: <a href="mailto:paul.gassert@co.carlton.mn.us">paul.gassert@co.carlton.mn.us</a>
Carver	Carver County Auditor Chaska, MN 55318-2184 Fax: (952) 361-1919 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@co.carver.mn.us">elections@co.carver.mn.us</a>
Cass	Cass County Auditor Walker, MN 56484-3000 Fax: (218) 547-7278 Email: <a href="mailto:shari.splichal@co.cass.mn.us">shari.splichal@co.cass.mn.us</a>

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Chippewa	Chippewa County Auditor Montevideo, MN 56265-1652 Fax: (320) 269-7412 Email: <a href="mailto:jclauson@co.chippewa.mn.us">jclauson@co.chippewa.mn.us</a>
Chisago	Chisago County Auditor Center City, MN 55012-9663 Fax: (651) 213-8510 Email: <a href="mailto:jlenges@co.chisago.mn.us">jlenges@co.chisago.mn.us</a>
Clay	Clay County Auditor Moorhead, MN 56560-0280 Fax: (218) 299-5195 Email: <a href="mailto:lori.johnson@co.clay.mn.us">lori.johnson@co.clay.mn.us</a>
Clearwater	Clearwater County Auditor Bagley, MN 56621-8304 Fax: (218) 694-6244 Email: <a href="mailto:absentee.ballot@co.clearwater.mn.us">absentee.ballot@co.clearwater.mn.us</a>
Cook	Cook County Auditor Grand Marais, MN 55604-1150 Fax: (218) 387-3043 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@co.cook.mn.us">elections@co.cook.mn.us</a>
Cottonwood	Cottonwood County Auditor Windom, MN 56101-1645 Fax: (507) 831-4553 Email: <a href="mailto:jan.h.johnson@co.cottonwood.mn.us">jan.h.johnson@co.cottonwood.mn.us</a>
Crow Wing	Crow Wing County Auditor Brainerd, MN 56401-3590 Fax: (218) 824-1046 Email: <a href="mailto:debby.erickson@co.crow-wing.mn.us">debby.erickson@co.crow-wing.mn.us</a>
Dakota	Dakota County Auditor Hastings, MN 55033-2380 Fax: (651) 438-4391 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@co.dakota.mn.us">elections@co.dakota.mn.us</a>
Dodge	Dodge County Auditor Mantorville, MN 55955-2200 Fax: (507) 635-6265 Email: <a href="mailto:sara.marquardt@co.dodge.mn.us">sara.marquardt@co.dodge.mn.us</a>
Douglas	Douglas County Auditor Alexandria, MN 56308-1793 Fax: (320) 762-2389 Email: <a href="mailto:vicki.doehling@mail.co.douglas.mn.us">vicki.doehling@mail.co.douglas.mn.us</a>
Faribault	Faribault County Auditor Blue Earth, MN 56013-0130 Fax: (507) 526-6227 Email: <a href="mailto:john.thompson@co.faribault.mn.us">john.thompson@co.faribault.mn.us</a>
Fillmore	Fillmore County Auditor Preston, MN 55965-0466 Fax: (507) 765-2662 Email: <a href="mailto:snewgard@co.fillmore.mn.us">snewgard@co.fillmore.mn.us</a>
Freeborn	Freeborn County Auditor Albert Lea, MN 56007-1147 Fax: (507) 377-5175 Email: <a href="mailto:jaci.beaty@co.freeborn.mn.us">jaci.beaty@co.freeborn.mn.us</a>
Goodhue	Goodhue County Auditor Red Wing, MN 55066-0408 Fax: (651) 385-3196 Email: <a href="mailto:election@co.goodhue.mn.us">election@co.goodhue.mn.us</a>
Grant	Grant County Auditor Elbow Lake, MN 56531-4300 Fax: (218) 685-4521 Email: <a href="mailto:linda.mickelson@co.grant.mn.us">linda.mickelson@co.grant.mn.us</a>
Hennepin	Hennepin County Auditor Minneapolis, MN 55487-0060 Fax: (612) 348-2151 Email: <a href="mailto:TS.VOTE.UOCAVA@co.hennepin.mn.us">TS.VOTE.UOCAVA@co.hennepin.mn.us</a>
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Hubbard	Hubbard County Auditor Park Rapids, MN 56470-1483 Fax: (218) 732-3645 Email: <a href="mailto:kmiller@co.hubbard.mn.us">kmiller@co.hubbard.mn.us</a>
Isanti	Isanti County Auditor Cambridge, MN 55008-9386 Fax: (763) 689-8210 Email: <a href="mailto:terry.treichel@co.isanti.mn.us">terry.treichel@co.isanti.mn.us</a>
Itasca	Itasca County Auditor Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2600 Fax: (218) 327-7426 Email: <a href="mailto:jessica.colter@co.itasca.mn.us">jessica.colter@co.itasca.mn.us</a>

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Kittson	Kittson County Auditor Hallock, MN 56728-4141 Fax: (218) 843-2656 Email: mgustafson@co.kittson.mn.us
Koochiching	Koochiching County Auditor International Falls, MN 56649-2486 Fax: (218) 283-1104 Email: bob.peterson@co.koochiching.mn.us
Lac Qui Parle	Lac Qui Parle County Auditor Madison, MN 56256-1296 Fax: (320) 598-3125 Email: eunice.mork@lqpc.com
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Lincoln	Lincoln County Auditor Ivanhoe, MN 56142-0029 Fax: (507) 694-1198 Email: kschreurs@co.lincoln.mn.us
Lyon	Lyon County Auditor Marshall, MN 56258-3099 Fax: (507) 537-6091 Email: sueparadis@co.lyon.mn.us
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Meeker	Meeker County Auditor Litchfield, MN 55355-2189 Fax: (320) 693-5217 Email: barb.loch@co.meeker.mn.us
Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs County Auditor Milaca, MN 56353-1396 Fax: (320) 983-8336 Email: phil.thompson@co.mille-lacs.mn.us
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Mower	Mower County Auditor Austin, MN 55912-3475 Fax: (507) 437-9471 Email: kathyg@co.mower.mn.us

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Nobles	Nobles County Auditor Worthington, MN 56187-0757 Fax: (507) 372-8390 Email: sbalster@co.nobles.mn.us
Norman	Norman County Auditor Ada, MN 56510-0266 Fax: (218) 784-4531 Email: tammy.kappes@co.norman.mn.us
Olmsted	Olmsted County Auditor Rochester, MN 55904-3709 Fax: (507) 328-7964 Email: fuller.pamela@co.olmsted.mn.us
Otter Tail	Otter Tail County Auditor Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1364 Fax: (218) 998-8042 Email: vmanderu@co.ottertail.mn.us
Pennington	Pennington County Auditor Thief River Falls, MN 56701-0616 Fax: (218) 683-7026 Email: amphillip@co.pennington.mn.us
Pine	Pine County Auditor Pine City, MN 55063-1694 Fax: (320) 591-1671 Email: cathy.clemmer@co.pine.mn.us
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Polk	Polk County Auditor Crookston, MN 56716-1452 Fax: (218) 281-3801 Email: gerald.amiot@co.polk.mn.us
Pope	Pope County Auditor Glenwood, MN 56334-1628 Fax: (320) 634-3087 Email: donna.quandt@co.pope.mn.us
Ramsey	Ramsey County Auditor P.O. Box 64098 Saint Paul, MN 55164-0098 Fax: (651) 266-2177 Email: sherri.nesseth@co.ramsey.mn.us
Red Lake	Red Lake County Auditor Red Lake Falls, MN 56750-0367 Fax: (218) 253-4894 Email: raschmitz@co.red-lake.mn.us
Redwood	Redwood County Auditor Redwood Falls, MN 56283-0130 Fax: (507) 637-4072 Email: jean_p@co.redwood.mn.us
Renville	Renville County Auditor Olivia, MN 56277-1396 Fax: (320) 329-8367 Email: larry_j@co.renville.mn.us
Rice	Rice County Auditor Fairbault, MN 55021-6141 Fax: (507) 332-5999 Email: rcelections@co.rice.mn.us
Rock	Rock County Auditor Luverne, MN 56156-0100 Fax: (507) 283-1343 Email: ashley.kurtz@co.rock.mn.us
Roseau	Roseau County Auditor Roseau, MN 56751-1477 Fax: (218) 463-4283 Email: martie@co.roseau.mn.us
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Stearns	Stearns County Auditor Saint Cloud, MN 56303-4781 Fax: (320) 656-3916 Email: charlene.lahr@co.stearns.mn.us
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Wadena	Wadena County Auditor Wadena, MN 56482-1595 Fax: (218) 631-7652 Email: rosalie.miller@co.wadena.mn.us
Waseca	Waseca County Auditor Waseca, MN 56093-2993 Fax: (507) 835-0633 Email: joyce.oliver@co.waseca.mn.us
Washington	Washington County Auditor Stillwater, MN 55082-0006 Fax: (651) 430-6178 Email: elections@co.washington.mn.us
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Wilkin	Wilkin County Auditor Breckenridge, MN 56520-0409 Fax: (507) 457-6454 Email: bconzemius@co.wilkin.mn.us
Winona	Winona County Auditor-Treasurer 177 Main St Winona, MN 55987 Fax: (507) 457-6454 Email: elections@co.winona.mn.us
Wright	Wright County Auditor Buffalo, MN 55313-1195 Fax: (763) 682-7873 Email: gloria.gooler@co.wright.mn.us
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