

# Minnesota

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| <b>DEADLINES</b>      | <b>State Primary<br/>September 14, 2010</b> | <b>General Election<br/>November 2, 2010</b> |
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| <b>Registration</b>   | Not Required                                | Not Required                                 |
| <b>Ballot Request</b> | September 13, 2010                          | November 1, 2010                             |
| <b>Ballot Return</b>  | September 14, 2010                          | November 2, 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](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

## 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 requests absentee ballots for all 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:** 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.

**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 Minnesota 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:** Minnesota allows you to receive your absentee 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 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:

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, contact your local election office. Contact information can be found at: <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 30 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.

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## 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.

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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. If you requested your absentee ballot, 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:** Minnesota does not require voter registration. Do not check this block.

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

**Block 2.e:** Date of Birth

**Blocks 2.f and 2.g:** 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.

**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 Minnesota 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 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 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<br>Aitkin, MN 56431-1292        |
| Anoka      | Anoka County Auditor<br>Anoka, MN 55303-2465          |
| Becker     | Becker County Auditor<br>Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3403 |
| Beltrami   | Beltrami County Auditor<br>Bemidji, MN 56601-3178     |
| Benton     | Benton County Auditor<br>Foley, MN 56329-0129         |
| Big Stone  | Big Stone County Auditor<br>Ortonville, MN 56278-1544 |
| Blue Earth | Blue Earth<br>Mankato, MN 56002-3524                  |
| Brown      | Brown County Auditor<br>New Ulm, MN 56073-0115        |
| Carlton    | Carlton County Auditor<br>Carlton, MN 55718-0130      |
| Carver     | Carver County Auditor<br>Chaska, MN 55318-2184        |
| Cass       | Cass County Auditor<br>Walker, MN 56484-3000          |
| Chippewa   | Chippewa County Auditor<br>Montevideo, MN 56265-1652  |
| Chisago    | Chisago County Auditor<br>Center City, MN 55012-9663  |
| Clay       | Clay County Auditor<br>Moorhead, MN 56560-0280        |
| Clearwater | Clearwater County Auditor<br>Bagley, MN 56621-8304    |
| Cook       | Cook County Auditor<br>Grand Marais, MN 55604-1150    |
| Cottonwood | Cottonwood County Auditor<br>Windom, MN 56101-1645    |
| Crow Wing  | Crow Wing County Auditor<br>Brainerd, MN 56401-3590   |
| Dakota     | Dakota County Auditor<br>Hastings, MN 55033-2380      |
| Dodge      | Dodge County Auditor<br>Mantorville, MN 55955-2200    |
| Douglas    | Douglas County Auditor<br>Alexandria, MN 56308-1793   |
| Faribault  | Faribault County Auditor<br>Blue Earth, MN 56013-0130 |
| Fillmore   | Fillmore County Auditor<br>Preston, MN 55965-0466     |
| Freeborn   | Freeborn County Auditor<br>Albert Lea, MN 56007-1147  |
| Goodhue    | Goodhue County Auditor<br>Red Wing, MN 55066-0408     |
| Grant      | Grant County Auditor<br>Elbow Lake, MN 56531-4300     |

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| Hennepin          | Hennepin County Auditor<br>Minneapolis, MN 55487-0060                |
| Houston           | Houston County Auditor<br>Caledonia, MN 55921-1330                   |
| Hubbard           | Hubbard County Auditor<br>Park Rapids, MN 56470-1483                 |
| Isanti            | Isanti County Auditor<br>Cambridge, MN 55008-9386                    |
| Itasca            | Itasca County Auditor<br>Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2600                 |
| Jackson           | Jackson County Auditor<br>Jackson, MN 56143-1529                     |
| Kanabec           | Kanabec County Auditor<br>Mora, MN 55051-1386                        |
| Kandiyohi         | Kandiyohi County Auditor<br>Willmar, MN 56201-0936                   |
| Kittson           | Kittson County Auditor<br>Hallock, MN 56728-4141                     |
| Koochiching       | Koochiching County Auditor<br>International Falls, MN 56649-2486     |
| Lac Qui Parle     | Lac Qui Parle County Auditor<br>Madison, MN 56256-1296               |
| Lake              | Lake County Auditor<br>Two Harbors, MN 55616-1565                    |
| Lake of the Woods | Lake of the Woods<br>Baudette, MN 56623-0808                         |
| Le Sueur          | Le Sueur<br>Le Center, MN 56057-1600                                 |
| Lincoln           | Lincoln County Auditor<br>Ivanhoe, MN 56142-0029                     |
| Lyon              | Lyon County Auditor<br>Marshall, MN 56258-3099                       |
| McLeod            | McLeod County Auditor<br>Glencoe, MN 55336-2200                      |
| Mahnomen          | Mahnomen County Auditor<br>Mahnomen, MN 56557-0379                   |
| Marshall          | Marshall County Auditor<br>Warren, MN 56762-1697                     |
| Martin            | Martin County Auditor<br>Fairmont, MN 56031-1852                     |
| Meeker            | Meeker County Auditor<br>Litchfield, MN 55355-2189                   |
| Mille Lacs        | Mille Lacs<br>Milaca, MN 56353-1396                                  |
| Morrison          | Morrison County Auditor<br>Little Falls, MN 56345-3199               |
| Mower             | Mower County Auditor<br>Austin, MN 55912-3475                        |
| Murray            | Murray County Auditor<br>Slayton, MN 56172-0057                      |
| Nicollet          | Nicollet County Auditor<br>Saint Peter, MN 56082-0089                |
| Nobles            | Nobles County Auditor<br>Worthington, MN 56187-0757                  |
| Norman            | Norman County Auditor<br>Ada, MN 56510-0266                          |
| Olmsted           | Olmsted County Auditor<br>Rochester, MN 55904-3709                   |
| Otter Tail        | Otter Tail County Auditor<br>Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1364             |
| Pennington        | Pennington County Auditor<br>Thief River Falls, MN 56701-0616        |
| Pine              | Pine County Auditor<br>Pine City, MN 55063-1694                      |
| Pipestone         | Pipestone County Auditor<br>Pipestone, MN 56164-0455                 |
| Polk              | Polk County Auditor<br>Crookston, MN 56716-1452                      |
| Pope              | Pope County Auditor<br>Glenwood, MN 56334-1628                       |
| Ramsey            | Ramsey County Auditor<br>P.O. Box 64098<br>Saint Paul, MN 55164-0098 |
| Red Lake          | Red Lake County Auditor<br>Red Lake Falls, MN 56750-0367             |
| Redwood           | Redwood County Auditor<br>Redwood Falls, MN 56283-0130               |
| Renville          | Renville County Auditor<br>Olivia, MN 56277-1396                     |

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| Rice          | Rice County Auditor<br>Fairbault, MN 55021-6141      |
| Rock          | Rock County Auditor<br>Luverne, MN 56156-0100        |
| Roseau        | Roseau County Auditor<br>Roseau, MN 56751-1477       |
| St. Louis     | St. Louis County Auditor<br>Duluth, MN 55802-1293    |
| Scott         | Scott County Auditor<br>Shakopee, MN 55379-1379      |
| Sherburne     | Sherburne County Auditor<br>Elk River, MN 55330-4601 |
| Sibley        | Sibley County Auditor<br>Gaylord, MN 55334-0171      |
| Stearns       | Stearns County Auditor<br>Saint Cloud, MN 56303-4781 |
| Steele        | Steele County Auditor<br>Owatonna, MN 55060-0890     |
| Stevens       | Stevens County Auditor<br>Morris, MN 56267-0530      |
| Swift         | Swift County Auditor<br>Benson, MN 56215-0288        |

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| Todd            | Todd County Auditor<br>Long Prairie, MN 56347-1390             |
| Traverse        | Traverse County Auditor<br>Wheaton, MN 56296-0428              |
| Wabasha         | Wabasha County Auditor<br>Wabasha, MN 55981-1594               |
| Wadena          | Wadena County Auditor<br>Wadena, MN 56482-1595                 |
| Waseca          | Waseca County Auditor<br>Waseca, MN 56093-2993                 |
| Washington      | Washington County Auditor<br>Stillwater, MN 55082-0006         |
| Watsonwan       | Watsonwan County Auditor<br>Saint James, MN 56081-0518         |
| Wilkin          | Wilkin County Auditor<br>Breckenridge, MN 56520-0409           |
| Winona          | Winona County Auditor<br>Winona, MN 55987-3102                 |
| Wright          | Wright County Auditor<br>Buffalo, MN 55313-1195                |
| Yellow Medicine | Yellow Medicine County Auditor<br>Granite Falls, MN 56241-1367 |