

Pennsylvania

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DEADLINES	State Primary May 18, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	April 19, 2010	October 4, 2010
Ballot Request	May 18, 2010	November 2, 2010
Ballot Return	Postmarked by: May 17, 2010 Received by: May 25, 2010	Postmarked by: November 1, 2010 Received by: November 9, 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 August 2010. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

If you are a Uniformed Service member, registration is not required. You must still complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or the Pennsylvania absentee ballot application to request an absentee ballot.

An FPCA submitted prior to October 28, 2009 registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all subsequent Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. An application submitted between October 29 - December 31, 2009 registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all Federal elections held through 2010. An application submitted after January 1, 2010 registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all Federal elections held during the calendar year in which it was submitted, so you should submit a new application in each Federal election year.

The Pennsylvania absentee ballot application can be found at: www.votepa.com.

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.d: Requested but not required. Enter the choice that best describes you: AI = American Indian or Alaskan Native; AP = Asian or Pacific Islander not Native Hawaiian; B = Black, not of Hispanic Origin; H = Hispanic; M = Multi-racial; NH = Native Hawaiian; W = White, not of Hispanic Origin; O = Other.

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your valid Pennsylvania Driver's License number. If you do not have a Pennsylvania Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, 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 Pennsylvania 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: Pennsylvania allows you to receive your ballot by mail, fax, or email. Check how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your fax number or email address 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 change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

Block 6: If you are in a remote area, you may receive a ballot 50 days before the primary election and 70 days before the general election. To request a ballot within these time frames, write in Block 6: "I am unable to vote during the regular absentee balloting period by reason of performing military

service in an extremely remote or isolated area of the world. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.” OR “I am unable to vote during the regular absentee ballot period by reason of living in an extremely remote or isolated area of the world. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.”

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:

Pennsylvania allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email, or fax. After faxing or emailing the FPCA, submit the FPCA by mail. The original FPCA must be received by the local election official prior to the election in order for the ballot to count.

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. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at www.dos.state.pa.us.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, you must also submit the form by mail. Your original FPCA must be received by the local election office prior to the election in order for your ballot to count. Fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.dos.state.pa.us. 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)-696-2148, DSN 426-2148, 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 Pennsylvania’s voter registration verification website at: <http://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us>.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your registration is denied.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots approximately 45 days before elections. If official absentee ballots are not available at that time, you will be sent a special write-in absentee ballot.

Voted ballots must be postmarked no later than the day before the election and received by the local election office no later than 7 days after the election.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return your voted ballot by first class mail, express mail or overnight mail. Insert the voted ballot into the inner envelope provided. Then insert the inner envelope or security envelope into the outer envelope. If you use express or overnight mail, insert the outer or return envelope into the overnight mail package and return it to your local election office. If you receive the blank ballot by fax or email, you may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot return envelope and security envelope at www.fvap.gov.

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 label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

If you are a military voter and you are present in your voting district of residence on Election Day and have not already voted, you may apply in person at the local election office for the absentee ballot and vote it in person.

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!

Pennsylvania allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in general elections for Federal office. If you are a registered overseas citizen or a registered/unregistered Uniformed Service members who has requested an absentee ballot, feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before the general election.

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

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

Block 1.b: Pennsylvania does not allow you to use this form for registration. Do not check this block.

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

Block 2.d: Requested but not required. Enter the choice that best describes you: AI = American Indian or Alaskan Native; AP = Asian or Pacific Islander not Native Hawaiian; B = Black, not of Hispanic Origin; H = Hispanic; M = Multi-racial; NH = Native Hawaiian; W = White, not of Hispanic Origin; O = Other.

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your valid Pennsylvania Driver's License 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 Pennsylvania 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 office in a general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.dos.state.pa.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:

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 to your local election office.

Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Adams	Adams County Board of Elections Adams County Courthouse 111-117 Baltimore Street Gettysburg, PA 17325-2312
Allegheny	Allegheny County Board of Elections 542 Forbes Avenue, Suite 609 Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2953
Armstrong	Armstrong County Board of Elections 450 East Market street, Suite 207 Kittanning, PA 16201-1429
Beaver	Beaver County Board of Elections Beaver County Courthouse 810 Third Street Beaver, PA 15009-2139
Bedford	Bedford County Board of Elections 211 South Juliana Street, 3rd Floor Bedford, PA 15522-0166
Berks	Berks County Board of Elections Berks County Courthouse/Services Ctr. 633 Court Street, 1st Floor Reading, PA 19601-4302
Blair	Blair County Board of Elections Blair County Courthouse 423 Allegheny Street, Suite 43 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648-2022
Bradford	Bradford County Board of Elections 301 Main Street Towanda, PA 18848-1878
Bucks	Bucks County Board of Elections 55 E. Court St. Doylestown, PA 18901-4318
Butler	Butler County Board of Elections 124 W. Diamond Street PO Box 1208 Butler, PA 16003-1208
Cambria	Cambria County Board of Elections PO Box 269 200 S. Center Street Ebensburg, PA 15931-1947
Cameron	Cameron County Board of Elections 20 E. Fifth Street Emporium, PA 15834-1469
Carbon	Carbon County Board of Elections 76 Susquehanna Street P.O. Box 170 Jim Thorpe, PA 18229-0170
Centre	Centre County Board of Elections 420 Holmes Street Bellefonte, PA 16823-1488
Chester	Chester County Board of Elections 601 Westtown Road, Suite 150 P.O. Box 2747 West Chester, PA 19380-0990

County	Mailing Address
Clarion	Clarion County Board of Elections 421 Main Street, Suite 19 Clarion, PA 16214-1093
Clearfield	Clearfield County Board of Elections 230 E. Market Street, Suite 108 Clearfield, PA 16830-2448
Clinton	Clinton County Board of Elections 232 E. Main Street Garden Building, 3rd Floor Lock Haven, PA 17745-1385
Columbia	Columbia County Board of Elections 35 W. Main Street PO Box 380 Bloomsburg, PA 17815-0380
Crawford	Crawford County Board of Elections Crawford County Courthouse 903 Diamond Park Meadville, PA 16335-2678
Cumberland	Cumberland County Board of Elections 310 Allen Road Carlisle, PA 17013
Dauphin	Dauphin County Board of Elections PO Box 1295 2 S. 2nd Street Harrisburg, PA 17108-1295
Delaware	Delaware County Board of Elections Government Center Building 201 W. Front Street Media, PA 19063-2708
Elk	Elk County Board of Elections 300 Center Street PO Box 448 Ridgway, PA 15853-4659
Erie	Erie County Board of Elections 140 W. 6th Street, Room 105 Erie, PA 16501-1029
Fayette	Fayette County Board of Elections Fayette County Public Service Building 22 E. Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401-3412
Forest	Forest County Board of Elections PO Box 3 526 Elm Street Tionesta, PA 16353-9724
Franklin	Franklin County Board of Elections 157 Lincoln Way East Chambersburg, PA 17201-1824
Fulton	Fulton County Board of Elections 116 W. Market Street, Suite 203 McConnellsburg, PA 17233-1018
Greene	Greene County Board of Elections County Office Building 93 E. High Street, Room 102 Waynesburg, PA 15370-1839
Huntingdon	Huntingdon County Board of Elections Huntingdon County Courthouse 223 Penn Street Huntingdon, PA 16652-1457
Indiana	Indiana County Board of Elections 825 Philadelphia Street Indiana, PA 15701-3934
Jefferson	Jefferson County Board of Elections 155 Main Street, 2nd Floor Brookville, PA 15825-1269
Juniata	Juniata County Board of Elections Bridge Street PO Box 68 Mifflintown, PA 17059
Lackawanna	Lackawanna County Board of Elections 135 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 100 Scranton, PA 18503-1700
Lancaster	Lancaster County Board of Elections 150 N. Queen Street, Suite 102 Lancaster, PA 17603-3562
Lawrence	Lawrence County Board of Elections Lawrence County Government Center 430 Court Street New Castle, PA 16101-3593

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Lebanon	Lebanon County Board of Elections Municipal Building, Room 209 400 S. 8th Street Lebanon, PA 17042-6794
Lehigh	Lehigh County Board of Elections Lehigh County Government Center 17 S. 7th Street Allentown, PA 18101-2401
Luzerne	Luzerne County Board of Elections 20 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 207 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-3505
Lycoming	Lycoming County Board of Elections 48 W. Third Street Williamsport, PA 17701-0536
McKean	McKean County Board of Elections McKean County Courthouse 500 W. Main Street Smethport, PA 16749-1149
Mercer	Mercer County Board of Elections 5 Courthouse Mercer, PA 16137-1227
Mifflin	Mifflin County Board of Elections Mifflin County Courthouse 20 N. Wayne Street Lewistown, PA 17044-1770
Monroe	Monroe County Board of Elections Monroe County Administration Offices One Quaker Plaza, Room 105 Stroudsburg, PA 18360-2170
Montgomery	Montgomery County Board of Elections Montgomery County Courthouse PO Box 311, Suite 602 Airy and Swede Streets Norristown, PA 19404-0311
Montour	Montour County Board of Elections Montour County Courthouse 29 Mill Street Danville, PA 17821-1999
Northampton	Northampton County Board of Elections 670 Wolf Avenue Easton, PA 18042-4343
Northumberland	Northumberland County Board of Elections 609 Market Street Sunbury, PA 17801-2360
Perry	Perry County Board of Elections 25 West Main Street PO Box 37 New Bloomfield, PA 17068-0037
Philadelphia (Registration ONLY)	Philadelphia Voter Registration Office 520 North Delaware Avenue Riverview Place, 5th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19123
Philadelphia (Ballot Request and Absentee Ballots ONLY)	Philadelphia County Board of Elections 142 City Hall Philadelphia, PA 19107
Pike	Pike County Board of Elections 506 Broad Street Milford, PA 18337-1535
Potter	Potter County Board of Elections 1 North Main Street Coudersport, PA 16915-1630
Schuylkill	Schuylkill County Board of Elections 420 N. Center Street Pottsville, PA 17901
Snyder	Snyder County Board of Elections 9 West Market Street PO Box 217 Middleburg, PA 17842-0217
Somerset	Somerset County Board of Elections 300 N. Center Avenue, Suite 510 Somerset, PA 15501-1472
Sullivan	Sullivan County Board of Elections 245 Muncy Street, Suite 200 PO Box 157 Laporte, PA 18626-0157
Susquehanna	Susquehanna County Board of Elections Susquehanna County Courthouse PO Box 218 Montrose, PA 18801-0218

County	Mailing Address
Tioga	Tioga County Board of Elections PO Box 589 118 Main Street Wellsboro, PA 16901-0589
Union	Union County Board of Elections 155 N. 15th Street Lewisburg, PA 17837-8822
Venango	Venango County Board of Elections Courthouse Annex PO Box 831 1174 Elk Street Franklin, PA 16323-0831
Warren	Warren County Board of Elections Warren County Courthouse 204 Fourth Avenue Warren, PA 16365-2399
Washington	Washington County Board of Elections 100 W. Beau Street, Room 206 Washington, PA 15301-4432
Wayne	Wayne County Board of Elections Wayne County Courthouse Annex 925 Court Street Honesdale, PA 18431-1996
Westmoreland	Westmoreland County Board of Elections 2 N. Main Street, Suite 109 Greensburg, PA 15601-2405
Wyoming	Wyoming County Board of Elections Wyoming County Courthouse 1 Courthouse Square Tunkhannock, PA 18657-1216
York	York County Board of Elections 28 East Market Street York, PA 17401-1579

