



# SEMESTER AT SEA

## Steps for successfully voting while living on a ship

STEP  
1

Fill out your **Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)** on FVAP.gov as soon as you leave the United States. Your current mailing address must be located outside of the United States. If you will be at sea at the time of the election **you can use the foreign port address. You are required to include a foreign address** even if you are requesting that your ballot be sent to you electronically.

STEP  
2

**Send your ballot back as soon as you receive it.** Check FVAP.gov to see if your state allows for electronic ballot return; if your state only allows for mail return, mail your ballot to your election office as soon as you reach the next foreign port.

**If your ballot doesn't arrive by early October, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) on FVAP.gov. It works like a backup ballot.**



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