



THANK YOU AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

After a busy election season, we want to take a moment to thank you on behalf of military members, their families, and overseas U.S. citizens. We were grateful throughout the cycle to work with election officials at the state and local levels, demonstrating such commitment during an unprecedented time. As always, we look forward to working with you in the upcoming year as we prepare for 2026.

MATERIALS FOR ELECTION OFFICES

If you are looking for marketing materials specific to UOCAVA voters, look no further than [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov). We provide fact sheets, posters, brochures, infographics, and PSA videos on our website: <https://www.fvap.gov/info/outreach>. Additionally, we provide updated "toolkits" for social media which include shareable graphics and template short-form posts for social media, long-form post content for blog, message board or LinkedIn, and content for your newsletter or website. These tools are available for you to download, print, localize, and share as you see fit.

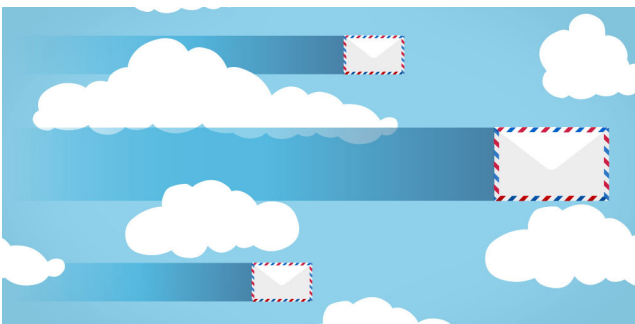


VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE COORDINATION

The Guide is a compilation of absentee voting regulations, laws, deadlines and procedures across all U.S. states, territories, as well as the District of Columbia. As the primary source of state absentee voting information for citizens covered by UOCAVA, the Guide continues to be a critical resource in hardcopy and on [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov) for our Voting Assistance Officers when assisting voters to complete the required forms and find their contact information for their election office. The Guide coordination process will be beginning in March and as in previous years, we will work with the state election offices through three stages of coordination, each step requiring different, crucial, and timely information for voters. Be sure to reach out to us with any legislative or regulatory changes that occur during coordination that will be in effect for 2026 and impact UOCAVA voters. We can adjust the content of the printed guide until its print date in the late summer/early fall and can update the online information at any time. We will work with state election officials to get local election official contact information, but please do not hesitate to send us your individual updates to vote@fvap.gov.

2024 POST-ELECTION VOTING SURVEY (PEVS-SEO)

FVAP had begun fielding its survey, the State Election Officials Post-Election Voting Survey. This survey focuses on how state election official use FVAP products and services, interact with local election officials, and address UOCAVA-specific state ballot and registration policies. We then use the information from this survey to better support you in the future to assist our UOCAVA voters. The survey began fielding on January 8, 2025. Please reach out directly to FVAP directly with any questions at vote@fvap.gov or sara.m.hedlund.civ@mail.mil.





UOCAVA TRAINING FOR ELECTION OFFICE STAFF

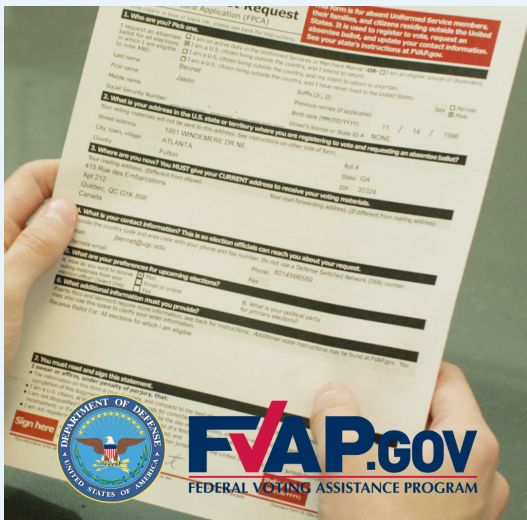
As many election offices are bringing on new full-time and temporary staff this election year, FVAP.gov hosts an online training module for staff who will be assisting UOCAVA voters. This 30-minute training can also serve as a good refresher for more seasoned staff. The training is available by visiting our website here: <https://www.fvap.gov/eo/training>. Additionally, FVAP will begin reaching out to you all to offer FVAP staff in-person training at upcoming meetings and conferences as we prepare for the 2026 election cycle. If you have any questions, feedback, or recommendations for the online training module, please reach out to FVAP so we can assist.

HOW TO REACH FVAP

The FVAP call center remains a resource for all election officials, including questions about any of our resources for election officials. FVAP can help you sort out the nuances surrounding UOCAVA requirements and are always happy to share resources. The Call Center is available Monday to Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm EST and can be reached at 1-800-438-8683 or by emailing vote@fvap.gov



Q&A: Common Question From Election Officials



Q: When processing an FPCA, how do I validate a voter? Is the attestation of the individual when using the FPCA sufficient?

A: State law is ultimately your guide for this question. While UOCAVA does prohibit asking for ID, it is up to the states to administer the election process. If you have any questions, reach out to your state election office for further guidance on what other options are allowed or required as additional resources for validating voters.