

Americans can vote. Wherever they are.

Did you know active duty military members, their spouses and overseas citizens can exercise their right to vote from anywhere in the world?

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) works to ensure that Americans living away from their voting residence can cast an absentee ballot in federal elections.

HERE'S HOW:

GO TO [FVAP.GOV](https://fvap.gov) AND SELECT THE STATE OF VOTING RESIDENCE TO REGISTER AND REQUEST A BALLOT
OR TALK TO SOMEONE AT FVAP:



1-800-438-VOTE



vote@fvap.gov

STEP
1

FILL OUT AND SEND IN THE *FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)*

It is both a voter registration form and absentee ballot request form.

HOW? Use FVAP's online assistant or fill out the FPCA by hand and then mail to the election office. Some states allow email, too. State-specific requirements and contact info are at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov).

WHEN? Send it to your election office by August 1* (or later depending on your state) for the General Election on November 3, 2020.

STEP
2

FILL OUT YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT WHEN IT ARRIVES

WHEN WILL THAT BE?
For the General Election, the ballot should arrive by early October.

ANYTHING ELSE?
Some states require a signed affidavit or envelope.

SEND IN THE BALLOT BY THE RECOMMENDED DEADLINE:



October 5, 2020
on a ship at sea



October 13, 2020
outside the U.S.



October 27, 2020
stateside



WHAT IF THE BALLOT DOESN'T ARRIVE IN TIME TO FILL OUT AND SEND BACK BY THE DEADLINE?

Use the *Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)* as a backup ballot at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov).



MAKE SURE THE BALLOT WAS RECEIVED

HOW? Select your state at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov) to check its status.



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*Recommended to ensure ballot arrives by election day