

# Alaska

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Upcoming Elections

## No Federal Elections Scheduled

Please mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the recommended mailing dates section in [Chapter 1](#) for details.

## Important information

What is UOCAVA?	The <i>Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act</i> is commonly referred to as <i>UOCAVA</i> . <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens are U.S. citizens who are active members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, their eligible family members and other U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. The law provides the legal basis for absentee voting requirements for federal offices.
What is the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)?	The FPCA (Federal Standard Form 76) allows <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens to register to vote and request an absentee ballot. This form is also used to update your contact information.
What is the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)?	The FWAB (Federal Standard Form 186) serves as an emergency backup ballot for <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens. If you do not receive your absentee ballot from your state in time to return it to your election official to participate in the election, use the FWAB.
What is the DoD Fax Service?	The DoD Fax Service is for those voters who cannot send their election materials directly to their election officials. To fax your election materials, use the "Transmission Cover Sheet" found in Chapter 1 or online at <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> 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 or check <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> for international fax numbers. If you need to send your election materials to your election official by fax, but do not have access to a fax machine, you can email them to <a href="mailto:fax@fvap.gov">fax@fvap.gov</a> and FVAP will fax your election materials for you. <b>This service is fax only.</b> If your state accepts your election materials by email you should email them directly to your election official. FVAP will not transmit email-to-email transactions.
What is the Prepaid Mail Label 11- DoD?	<i>Overseas Uniformed Service members</i> can use this label for general election absentee ballots. It provides free express mail service to your election official for general election absentee ballots. You can request to have a Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD applied to your absentee ballot at Military Postal Office locations (APO/FPO). Keep part of the tracking label to track your absentee ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.
What is a primary election?	A primary election is an election held before the general election to determine the candidates that can be placed on the general election ballot.
I am an American citizen, but I have never lived in the U.S., can I vote in this state?	A U.S. citizen who has never resided in the U.S., and has a parent or legal guardian who was last domiciled in Alaska, is eligible to vote as a "federal voter" and may vote for federal offices only.
I am a National Guardsman activated on state orders; does my state afford me UOCAVA privileges?	No.
How can I check the status of my ballot?	You can check the status of your absentee ballot here: <a href="https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/">https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/</a>

Does my state have any online tools?

You can see if your state has any online tools available here: <https://www.fvap.gov/alaska>

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## Registering and requesting your absentee ballot

Under federal law, the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for a minimum of all federal elections in the current calendar year. Be sure to complete a new FPCA each year and every time your address changes.

### Complete the following sections of the FPCA

Section 1 Select the category that best describes you.

Enter your current name (Last, First). If you are registered under a different name, provide this information in the previous name area.

Your date of birth is required.

You must provide your Alaska-issued ID number, **or** the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have any of these numbers you must enter in Section 6: "I do not have a Social Security Number or Alaska-issued ID number."

Section 2 Enter the complete street address of your voting residence where you are registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot. You cannot use a post office box mailing address. If your address is a rural route, use Section 6 to describe the location of your voting residence.

Section 3 Enter your current mailing address, even if you are requesting your ballot by email or online, or fax. If you want your election materials sent to a different address or have a forwarding address, use the forwarding address space to provide this information.

Section 4 Your contact information is recommended so your election official can contact you if they need additional information from you in order to accept your FPCA. If you want to receive your absentee ballot by online or fax, you must provide your email address or fax number.

Section 5 A. Select your preferred method of receiving your absentee ballot. You can choose to receive your absentee ballot by "mail", "email or online", or "fax."

B. Political party is not required.

Section 6 Provide any information that may assist your election official in accepting this form. You can use this space to designate particular elections or the period you wish to receive ballots.

Section 7 Sign and date the form. No witness signature required.

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### How and where to submit your FPCA

You can submit the FPCA by **mail**, **email**, or **fax**. Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section or online at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

**Mail your FPCA:** Once your FPCA is complete, sign and date the form. Mail your signed FPCA directly to your election official.

**Email your FPCA:** Once your FPCA is complete, sign and date the form. Scan the signed FPCA into your computer. Be sure to also include the "Transmission Cover Sheet." Email this package directly to your election official.

**Fax your FPCA:** Once your FPCA is complete, sign and date the form. Fax your FPCA directly to your election official. Be sure to also include the "Transmission Cover Sheet." You may use the DoD Fax Service to fax your FPCA if you do not have access to a fax machine to fax your election official directly. Instructions for the DoD Fax Service are in the "Important Information" section or online at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

To find out the status of your FPCA, contact your election official or go to Alaska My Voter Information page <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>. Your election official will contact you if your FPCA is not accepted.

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## Voting your ballot

Once you receive your absentee ballot from your state it must be returned according to the deadlines and requirements in the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart. For special federal elections, visit [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) for specific deadlines.

You can submit the state absentee ballot by **mail** or **fax\***.

Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section. If you do not have access to a fax machine to fax your election official directly, you may use the DoD Fax Service to fax your ballot. *Overseas Uniformed Service members* can request to have the Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD applied to the general election ballot. Additional information about this label can be found in the "Important Information" section.

**\*Fax only if you requested your absentee ballot by fax or by online delivery.**

## Haven't received your ballot? Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

**Uniformed Services members, an eligible spouse or dependent, or an U.S. citizen residing outside of the United States and intend to return,** can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to register to vote and vote in all elections for federal and state offices, including ballot measures. If you are using the FWAB to register to vote, it must be received by the registration deadline listed in the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart.

**U.S. citizens residing outside of the United States whose intent to return is uncertain or U.S. citizens who have never resided in the United States** can use the FWAB to register to vote and vote in all elections for federal office. If you are using the FWAB to register to vote, it must be received by the registration deadline listed in the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart.

## Complete the following sections of the FWAB's voter information page

Section 1 Select the category that best describes you.

Enter your current name (Last, First). If you are registered under a different name, provide this information in the previous name area.

Your date of birth is required.

You must provide your Alaska-issued ID number **or** the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have any of these numbers you must enter in Section 6: "I do not have a Social Security Number or Alaska-issued ID number."

Section 2 Enter the complete street address of your voting residence where you are registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot. You cannot use a post office box mailing address. If your address is a rural route, use Section 6 to describe the location of your voting residence.

Section 3 Enter your current mailing address, even if you are requesting your ballot by email or online, or fax. If you want your election materials sent to a different address or have a forwarding address, use the forwarding address space to provide this information.

Section 4 Your contact information is recommended so your election official can contact you if they need additional information from you in order to accept your FWAB. If you want to receive your absentee ballot by online or fax, you must provide your email address or fax number.

Section 5 A. Check "Yes" if you would like to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot, otherwise check "No."

B. Select your preferred method of receiving your absentee ballot. You can choose to receive your absentee ballot by "mail", "email or online", or "fax."

C. Political party is not required.

Section 6 Provide any information that may assist the election official in accepting this form. You can use this space to designate particular elections or the period you wish to receive ballots.

**This form must have a witness signature.**

Section 7 Sign and date the form.

## Vote your FWAB

To vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party for each office. You are not required to make a selection for each and every contest.

Alaska's general election system is Ranked Choice Voting. Please list your candidates in order of preference. Since there may be more than one candidate registered as affiliated with a political party or group in each race, to make sure your ballot can be counted, it is important that you write the candidate

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name and NOT the political party or group. For more information, visit <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/>.

### How and where to submit your FWAB

You can submit the FWAB by **mail** or **fax** (*fax only if you requested your absentee ballot by fax or online delivery*). Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section or online at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).

**Mail your FWAB:** Once your FWAB is complete, sign and date the "Voter Information" page. Fold along the dotted line and seal the completed "Official Backup Ballot", do not write on the "Official Ballot" envelope. Insert the sealed "Official Ballot" envelope and the "Voter Information" page into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to your election official.

*Overseas Uniformed Service members* can request to have the Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD applied to the general election ballot. Additional information about this label can be found in the "Important Information" section or online at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).

**Fax your FWAB:** (*only if you requested your absentee ballot by fax or online delivery*). Once your FWAB is complete, sign and date the "Voter Information" page. Fax the signed "Voter Information" page, the

"Official Backup Ballot" and the "Transmission Cover Sheet", found at the end of Chapter 1 or online at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov), directly to your election official. Be sure to also sign the secrecy waiver on the "Transmission Cover Sheet." You may use the DoD Fax Service to fax your FWAB toll-free if you do not have access to a fax machine to fax your election official directly. Instructions for the DoD Fax Service are in the "Important Information" section or online at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).

See the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart for the deadline for submitting the FWAB. If you receive the state absentee ballot after transmitting your voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the state absentee ballot. If both are received by the deadline, only the state absentee ballot will be counted.

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## Local election offices for all

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