

(After completion, fold to inside and seal before mailing.)

WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

Standard Form 76A (Rev. 10-2005)

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (Mark only one):

- (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT
- (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY
- (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)			SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)	b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)	
c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)	f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -	g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER	
h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)		
j. EMAIL ADDRESS					

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Military, use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)

a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)				
b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	c. COUNTY	d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE -	

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)	b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete 4b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)
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c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: MAIL FAX EMAIL

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)

7. AFFIRMATION (Required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
- I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
- My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ (MMDDYYYY) Signed: _____ Date: _____ (MMDDYYYY)
(Witness/Notary and Address (if required))

I. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FPCA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.** Circled letters correspond to the circled letters on the sample form on the preceding page.

- A Block 2.g:** You must provide your passport number, Minnesota driver's license number, state identification number, or the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have access to any of these documents or numbers, you may submit the form after signing the affirmation.
- B Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Minnesota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Block 4 and must be within the county or township where you claim legal voting residence.
- C Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. This address must be different from the one provided in Block 3.
- D Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- E Block 6:** Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a ballot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice here.
- F Block 7:** You must sign the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct. Only your parent, spouse, sister, brother, or child over 18 years of age may sign on your behalf and that person must state how he or she is related to you.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Minnesota and members of the Uniformed Services, the merchant marine, and their family members.

A. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your fax

number, mailing address, or email address, depending on your preference selected in Block 4.c. (see Chapter Two).

You are not required to register.

To request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county auditor any time before the election. An absentee ballot application may be submitted by the voter or by the voter's parent, spouse, sister, brother, or child over the age of 18 years.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive by the close of polls on election day.

Local election officials mail absentee ballots approximately 30 days before the election.

If you have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in Chapter Two.

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

No notary or witness required.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Minnesota allows you to send the signed FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax or email.
- Minnesota allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax or email.
- Minnesota does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax or email.

Please refer to Appendix B for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. Use the following numbers:

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

(from U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands only)

International toll-free fax numbers

(See inside back cover)

E. Bars to Registration and Voting

The following may not vote: convicted felons whose felony sentence has not expired (been completed) or who have not been discharged from their sentence; persons under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revoked the right to vote; or persons found by the court to be legally incompetent to vote.

F. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Minnesota shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

G. Write-In Absentee Ballot

Minnesota allows the use of a Write-In Absentee Ballot for eligible voters who will be outside the territorial limits of the United States during the 180 days prior to the state general election. After requesting an official absentee ballot, eligible voters may use the Write-In Absentee Ballot. For federal offices, write in either a candidate name or political party. For state or local offices, write in a candidate name. If both the official ballot and the Write-In Absentee Ballot are returned prior to the close of the polls on Election Day, only the official ballot will be counted.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Minnesota and overseas citizens. The term "overseas citizen" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Minnesota.

- Minnesota residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

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