

FLORIDA

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/>

Link to state election website is also available through FVAP website at www.fvap.gov

Presidential Primary Date: January 29, 2008

State Primary Date: August 26, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

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*Special conditions may apply; check the following pages for details.

State information is current as of June 2008. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

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Circled letters on the form below correspond to the instructions on the following page. You must complete all shaded areas.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

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.) A		b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)		
c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		d. RACE B	e. DATE OF BIRTH M M D D Y Y Y Y		f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER C	
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 (For military, use legal residence. For overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.) (Required)

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

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

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

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

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.)

H

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: _____ **I** Date: _____
 M M D D Y Y Y Y (Witness/Notary and address (if required)) Date: _____
 M M D D Y Y Y Y

SAMPLE FORM

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.a:** If you have a suffix, you must provide it.
- B** **Block 2.d:** You are asked to fill out this box. The Department of Justice requests this information in its enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list. AI=American Indian or Alaskan native; AP=Asian or Pacific Islander not Native Hawaiian; B=Black, not of Hispanic Origin; H=Hispanic; M=Multi-racial; NH=Native Hawaiian; W=White, not of Hispanic Origin; O=Other.
- C** **Block 2.f and 2.g:** If you have a current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card you must provide the number. If you do not have a current Florida driver's license or identification card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued a current driver's license or identification card number or a Social Security number, write "NONE" on the form.
- D** **Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Florida 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 where you claim legal voting residence.
- E** **Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your absentee ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- F** **Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- G** **Block 5:** If you do not designate a party affiliation on Block 5 on the FPCA, you will be registered without party affiliation. Since Florida is a closed primary state this means that for primary elections a voter who registers without party affiliation is unable to vote in that election for party candidates. Only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for their respective party's candidates in a primary election. The exception is if all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, then all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation or without party affiliation may vote in the primary election for that office. However, all qualified voters may vote for candidates in nonpartisan judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts, and for local referendum issues included on a ballot in a primary election.

For a general election, all qualified voters may vote for any candidate or question that appears on their respective ballot.

If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit the

completed FPCA to the Supervisor of Elections for the county of legal residence no later than 29 days before the election.

- H** **Block 6:** If you are using the FPCA to register and you have never voted, write "I have never voted". If you are using the FPCA to register and you have previously voted, provide complete information on where you last registered and voted.

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.

- I** **Block 7:** You must sign and date the FPCA. If you are using the FPCA to register, read the following oath before signing, "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, and that all information provided in this application is true." Any person who willfully swears or affirms falsely to any oath or affirmation commits a felony under s. 104.011, Florida Statutes.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Florida and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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 mailing address (see Chapter Two).

To register and request an absentee ballot, your completed registration must be received by the Supervisor of Elections not later than 29 days before the election.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA or other written correspondence with your date of birth to the Supervisor of Elections so that it arrives not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. Alternatively, you may request ballots for the primary and general elections from the county supervisor by telephone, facsimile, or email.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive by **7 p.m. on election day.** If you are voting from outside the U.S., the Federal portion of your general election or presidential preference primary ballot will be counted if voted by the day of the election and received within **10**

days following the election. There is a presumption that the ballot was mailed on the date stated on the outside of the return envelope, regardless of the absence of a postmark or the existence of a postmark date that is later than election day.

If you reside in the U.S., local election officials will mail you your ballot as soon as the ballots are available.

If you are outside the U.S., local election officials will mail your absentee ballot to you approximately 35 days before the Presidential Preference Primary and the Primary Election, and 45 days before the General Election. Always vote and return each ballot regardless of when you receive it.

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

FPCA: If you are applying for registration in Florida, you must read the oath under Application Instructions, Section I.I before signing. No notary or witness to your signature on the FPCA is required.

Returning a Ballot: No notary or witness required.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Florida allows overseas Uniformed Services members to send the FPCA for ballot request by fax. You may not submit the FPCA for registration by fax.
- Florida allows overseas Uniformed Services members to receive the blank ballot by fax or email.
- Florida allows overseas Uniformed Services members to return the voted ballot to the fax number provided by the local Supervisor of Elections.

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. State Write-In Absentee Ballot

An overseas voter may request a state write-in ballot not earlier than 180 days before a general election from the Supervisor of Elections in the county of registration. The voter will need to state that due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery, the voter

cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period. State write-in absentee ballots shall be available 90 to 180 days prior to a general election.

The FPCA may be used to request this state special write-in ballot. Write in **Block 6 of the FPCA:** “Due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery, I cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal voting period. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.”

F. In-Person Voting

You may vote in-person even after requesting an absentee ballot if you have not returned a voted ballot.

G. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony and whose civil rights have not been restored or persons adjudicated as mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not had their right to vote restored may not register or vote.

H. Cancellation of Registration

Periodically, supervisors of elections will send address confirmation notices to voters where the post office has indicated that these voters have moved outside the supervisor’s county or left no forwarding address. All voters who have been mailed an address confirmation notice and who do not return the form within 30 days will be placed on the inactive voter registration list. Voters on the inactive list can be reinstated by updating their voter registration, appearing to vote, or requesting an absentee ballot. However, after two general elections for Federal office from the date the notice was sent, all inactive voters who show no activity will be removed from the registration records and must reregister to regain their voting privilege.

I. Action on Registration Requests

Registered voters are sent a voter information card.

J. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

If your voter registration application or absentee ballot request is denied, Florida shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. Persons denied registration should consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

K. Late Registration

If an individual or accompanying family member is discharged or separated from the Uniformed Services, merchant marine, or from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States any time after the books are closed for an election, such person may still register in the office of the Supervisor of Elections up until 5 p.m. on the Friday before that election day. Sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for late registration must be shown.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **Supervisor of Elections** at the county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Alachua	Alachua Supervisor of Elections PO Box 1496 Gainesville, FL 32602-1496
Baker	Baker Supervisor of Elections PO Box 505 Macclenny, FL 32063-0505
Bay	Bay Supervisor of Elections 205 Mosley Drive Lynn Haven, FL 32444-5603
Bradford	Bradford Supervisor of Elections PO Box 58 Starke, FL 32091-0058
Brevard	Brevard Supervisor of Elections PO Box 1119 Titusville, FL 32781-1119
Broward	Broward Supervisor of Elections PO Box 029001 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302-9001
Calhoun	Calhoun Supervisor of Elections 20859 Central Avenue E, Room G-10 County Courthouse Blountstown, FL 32424-2264
Charlotte	Charlotte Supervisor of Elections PO Box 511229 Punta Gorda, FL 33951-1229
Citrus	Citrus Supervisor of Elections 120 North Apopka Avenue Inverness, FL 34450-4238

County	Mailing Address
Clay	Clay Supervisor of Elections PO Box 337 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-0037
Collier	Collier Supervisor of Elections 3301 Tamiami Trail East Naples, FL 34112-4902
Columbia	Columbia Supervisor of Elections 971 W. Duval Street, Suite 102 Lake City, FL 32055-3737
Dade	(See Miami-Dade)
De Soto	De Soto Supervisor of Elections PO Box 89 Arcadia, FL 34265-0089
Dixie	Dixie Supervisor of Elections PO Box 2057 Cross City, FL 32628-2057
Duval	Duval Supervisor of Elections 105 East Monroe Street Jacksonville, FL 32202-3213
Escambia	Escambia Supervisor of Elections PO Box 12601 Pensacola, FL 32591-2601
Flagler	Flagler Supervisor of Elections PO Box 901 Bunnell, FL 32110-0901
Franklin	Franklin Supervisor of Elections 47 Avenue F Apalachicola, FL 32320-1723
Gadsden	Gadsden Supervisor of Elections PO Box 186 Quincy, FL 32353-0186
Gilchrist	Gilchrist Supervisor of Elections 112 S. Main Street, Room 128 Trenton, FL 32693-3249
Glades	Glades Supervisor of Elections PO Box 668 Moore Haven, FL 33471-0668
Gulf	Gulf Supervisor of Elections 401 Long Avenue Port St. Joe, FL 32456-1707
Hamilton	Hamilton Supervisor of Elections 1153 US Highway 41 NW, Ste. 1 Jasper, FL 32052-5896
Hardee	Hardee Supervisor of Elections 311 N. 6th Avenue Wauchula, FL 33873-2361
Hendry	Hendry Supervisor of Elections PO Box 174 LaBelle, FL 33975-0174
Hernando	Hernando Supervisor of Elections 20 N. Main Street, Room 165 Brooksville, FL 34601-2850
Highlands	Highlands Supervisor of Elections PO Box 3448 Sebring, FL 33871-3448
Hillsborough	Hillsborough Supervisor of Elections 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 16th Floor Tampa, FL 33602-4932
Holmes	Holmes Supervisor of Elections 201 N. Oklahoma Street Bonifay, FL 32425-2243
Indian River	Indian River Supervisor of Elections 4375 43rd Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32967-1067
Jackson	Jackson Supervisor of Elections PO Box 6046 Marianna, FL 32447-6046
Jefferson	Jefferson Supervisor of Elections 380 West Dogwood Street Monticello, FL 32344-1470
Lafayette	Lafayette Supervisor of Elections PO Box 76 Mayo, FL 32066-0076
Lake	Lake Supervisor of Elections PO Box 457 Tavares, FL 32778-0457

County	Mailing Address
Lee	Lee Supervisor of Elections PO Box 2545 Fort Myers, FL 33902-2545
Leon	Leon Supervisor of Elections PO Box 7357 Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357
Levy	Levy Supervisor of Elections 421 S. Court Street Bronson, FL 32621-6520
Liberty	Liberty Supervisor of Elections PO Box 597 Bristol, FL 32321-0597
Madison	Madison Supervisor of Elections 229 SW Pinckney Street, Room 113 Madison, FL 32340-2466
Manatee	Manatee Supervisor of Elections PO Box 1000 Bradenton, FL 34206-1000
Marion	Marion Supervisor of Elections PO Box 289 Ocala, FL 34478-0289
Martin	Martin Supervisor of Elections PO Box 1257 Stuart, FL 34995-1257
Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections PO Box 521550 Miami, FL 33152-1550
Monroe	Monroe Supervisor of Elections 530 Whitehead Street, #101 Key West, FL 33040-6547
Nassau	Nassau Supervisor of Elections 96135 Nassau Place, Suite # 3 Yulee, FL 32097
Okaloosa	Okaloosa Supervisor of Elections 1804 Lewis Turner Blvd., Suite 404 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547-1285
Okeechobee	Okeechobee Supervisor of Elections 304 Northwest 2nd Street, Room 101 Okeechobee, FL 34972-4146
Orange	Orange Supervisor of Elections PO Box 562001 Orlando, FL 32856-2001
Osceola	Osceola Supervisor of Elections 2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy Kissimmee, FL 34744
Palm Beach	Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections PO Box 22309 West Palm Beach, FL 33416-2309
Pasco	Pasco Supervisor of Elections PO Box 300 Dade City, FL 33526-0300

County	Mailing Address
Pinellas	Pinellas Supervisor of Elections 13001 Starkey Road Largo, FL 33773-1416
Polk	Polk Supervisor of Elections PO Box 1460 Bartow, FL 33831-1460
Putnam	Putnam Supervisor of Elections 107 N. 6th Street Palatka, FL 32177-3603
St. Johns	St. Johns Supervisor of Elections 4455 Avenue A, Suite 101 St. Augustine, FL 32095-5200
St. Lucie	St. Lucie Supervisor of Elections 4132 Okeechobee Road Fort Pierce, FL 34947-5412
Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa Supervisor of Elections 6495 Caroline Street, Suite F Milton, FL 32570-4592
Sarasota	Sarasota Supervisor of Elections PO Box 4194 Sarasota, FL 34230-4194
Seminole	Seminole Supervisor of Elections PO Box 1479 Sanford, FL 32772-1479
Sumter	Sumter Supervisor of Elections 220 East McCollum Avenue Bushnell, FL 33513-6124
Suwannee	Suwannee Supervisor of Elections 220 Pine Avenue, SW Live Oak, FL 32064-2315
Taylor	Taylor Supervisor of Elections PO Box 1060 Perry, FL 32348-1060
Union	Union Supervisor of Elections 55 West Main Street Lake Butler, FL 32054-1654
Volusia	Volusia Supervisor of Elections 125 W. New York Avenue Deland, FL 32720-5415
Wakulla	Wakulla Supervisor of Elections PO Box 305 Crawfordville, FL 32326-0305
Walton	Walton Supervisor of Elections 312 College Ave., Unit E DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435-2852
Washington	Washington Supervisor of Elections 1331 S. Boulevard, Suite 900 Chipley, FL 32428-2233

Don't just protect democracy, participate in it.

by Major Eric C. Larson, USAF

