

COLORADO

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections

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

State Primary Date: August 12, 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 July 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

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| REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) | |
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| 1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (mark only one): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT <input type="checkbox"/> (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY <input type="checkbox"/> (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) A |
| c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F | d. RACE |
| 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 B |
| 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 C | 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 (Complete 4.b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4.a.) |
| D | |
| c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: E <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): F | |
| 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.) | |
| G | |
| 7. AFFIRMATION (required) | |
| I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that: | |
| 1. 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 2. 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 3. 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 4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and 5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and 6. 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: H | Date: M M D D Y Y Y Y Signed: _____ Date: M M D D Y Y Y Y (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.b:** If you have changed your name since the last time you registered or voted, write your previous name in Block 2.b.
- B Block 2.f and 2.g:** The last four digits of your Social Security number or your Colorado Driver's License number are required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the state shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- C Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Colorado 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.
- D Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- E Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- F Block 5: If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections.** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Block 5 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you must submit a completed FPCA which includes your new political party affiliation to the local election official not later than 29 days before the election.
- G Block 6:** Indicate if you are a native-born or naturalized citizen.

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

See special instructions in Sections II.F. and III.F.

- H Block 7:** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Colorado 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).

If you are an unregistered citizen, the County Clerk and Recorder must receive your FPCA not later than 29 days before the election.

If you are a registered citizen, the County Clerk and Recorder must receive your FPCA no later than the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election; if you wish to receive the absentee ballot by mail, the FPCA must be received no later than the close of business on the eleventh day before the election.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the local elections office by **7 p.m. on election day.**

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 30 days before the primary election and not later than 30 days before the general 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 registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Colorado allows you to submit your FPCA for registration and/or ballot request by mail, fax, or as a PDF attachment to an email.
- Colorado allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax. A Uniformed Services member serving outside the U.S. may receive the blank ballot by electronic mail in

circumstances where a mail ballot or fax ballot is not feasible.

- Colorado allows you to return the voted ballot by fax. A Uniformed Services member serving outside the U.S. may return the voted ballot by electronic mail in circumstances where a mail ballot or fax ballot is not feasible.

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. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

Colorado has expanded the use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), SF 186. A Colorado qualified voter may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot for general, special, and primary elections for Federal offices.

If you receive the regular ballot after returning the FWAB, you may also vote and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are properly executed and received before the close of polls on election day, only the regular ballot will be counted.

F. Special Write-In Absentee Ballot

If you reside outside the U.S., Colorado provides a state special write-in absentee ballot if you cannot vote a regular absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period because of military or other contingencies which preclude normal mail delivery.

This ballot is available 57 days before an election and you can use the FPCA to request it. In **Block 6 of the FPCA** write "I cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery (specify reasons). I request a special absentee ballot."

You may vote the ballot by writing in the names of the party or specific candidates you wish to vote for.

G. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted and serving any part of their sentence in detention or confinement in a correctional facility, jail, or other location for a felony conviction or on parole may not register or vote.

H. Cancellation of Registration

All registered voters are mailed a voter information card not more than 29 days before and no more than 30 days after a primary election. These cards are non-forwardable.

Those voters whose cards are returned as undeliverable to the County Clerk and Recorder's office will be placed on the inactive list. A registered voter who fails to vote in a general election will also be placed on the inactive list. No later than 90 days after any general election, voters who are recorded as "Inactive" will be sent a voter continuance card. If the voter does not complete and return the continuance card within 60 days and if the voter has been designated "Inactive" for two general elections, then the voter's registration will be cancelled.

I. Action on Registration Requests

Within ten (10) business days after receipt of the application, the County Clerk and Recorder shall notify each applicant of the disposition of the application by non-forwardable mail.

J. Action If Registration Is Denied

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Colorado shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. If registration is denied, resubmit the application, correcting any deficiencies. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

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- civilian employees of the U.S. Government serving overseas and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- members of religious groups or welfare agencies who are officially attached to and serving with the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- Colorado residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Clerk and Recorder**, county of voting residence, as listed below:

| County | Mailing Address |
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| Adams | Adams County Clerk and Recorder 450 S. 4th Avenue, Suite 200 Brighton, CO 80601-3195 |
| Alamosa | Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder Box 630 Alamosa, CO 81101-0630 |
| Arapahoe | Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder 5334 S. Prince Littleton, CO 80166-0211 |
| Archuleta | Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Box 2589 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-2589 |
| Baca | Baca County Clerk and Recorder 741 Main Springfield, CO 81073-1548 |
| Bent | Bent County Clerk and Recorder Box 350 Las Animas, CO 81054-0350 |
| Boulder | Boulder County Clerk and Recorder 1750 33rd Street, Suite 200 Boulder, CO 80301-2534 |
| Broomfield | Broomfield County Clerk and Recorder 1 DesCombes Drive Broomfield, CO 80020-2495 |
| Chaffee | Chaffee County Clerk and Recorder Box 699 Salida, CO 81202-0699 |
| Cheyenne | Cheyenne County Clerk and Recorder Box 567 Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810-0567 |
| Clear Creek | Clear Creek County Clerk and Recorder Box 2000 Georgetown, CO 80444-2000 |
| Conejos | Conejos County Clerk and Recorder Box 127 Conejos, CO 81129-0127 |
| Costilla | Costilla County Clerk and Recorder Box 308 San Luis, CO 81152-0308 |
| Crowley | Crowley County Clerk and Recorder 631 Main Street, Suite 102 Ordway, CO 81063-1092 |
| Custer | Custer County Clerk and Recorder Box 150 Westcliffe, CO 81252-0150 |
| Delta | Delta County Clerk and Recorder 501 Palmer, Suite 211 Delta, CO 81416-1764 |
| Denver | Denver County Clerk and Recorder, 3888 E. Mexico Avenue Denver, CO 80210-3813 |
| Dolores | Dolores County Clerk and Recorder Box 58 Dove Creek, CO 81324-0058 |
| Douglas | Douglas County Clerk and Recorder PO Box 1360 Castle Rock, CO 80104-1360 |
| Eagle | Eagle County Clerk and Recorder Box 537 Eagle, CO 81631-0537 |
| Elbert | Elbert County Clerk and Recorder Box 37 Kiowa, CO 80117-0037 |
| El Paso | El Paso County Clerk and Recorder Box 2007 Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2007 |

| County | Mailing Address |
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| Fremont | Fremont County Clerk and Recorder 615 Macon Avenue, Room 102 Canon City, CO 81212-3381 |
| Garfield | Garfield County Clerk and Recorder 109 8th Street, Suite 200 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601-3303 |
| Gilpin | Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder Box 429 Central City, CO 80427-0429 |
| Grand | Grand County Clerk and Recorder PO Box 120 Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451-0120 |
| Gunnison | Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder 221 N. Wisconsin Street, Suite C Gunnison, CO 81230-2433 |
| Hinsdale | Hinsdale County Clerk and Recorder Box 9 Lake City, CO 81235-0009 |
| Huerfano | Huerfano County Clerk and Recorder 401 Main Street, Suite 204 Walsenburg, CO 81089-2085 |
| Jackson | Jackson County Clerk and Recorder Box 337 Walden, CO 80480-0337 |
| Jefferson | Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder 100 Jefferson County Pkwy., Suite 2560 Golden, CO 80419-2560 |
| Kiowa | Kiowa County Clerk and Recorder Box 37 Eads, CO 81036-0037 |
| Kit Carson | Kit Carson County Clerk and Recorder Box 249 Burlington, CO 80807-0249 |
| Lake | Lake County Clerk and Recorder Box 917 Leadville, CO 80461-0917 |
| La Plata | La Plata County Clerk and Recorder 1060 East 2nd Avenue, #134 Durango, CO 81301-0519 |
| Larimer | Larimer County Clerk and Recorder Box 1547 Fort Collins, CO 80522-1547 |
| Las Animas | Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder Box 115 Trinidad, CO 81082-0115 |
| Lincoln | Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder Box 67 Hugo, CO 80821-0067 |
| Logan | Logan County Clerk and Recorder 315 Main Street Sterling, CO 80751-4357 |
| Mesa | Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Box 20000 Grand Junction, CO 81502-5009 |
| Mineral | Mineral County Clerk and Recorder Box 70 Creede, CO 81130-0070 |
| Moffat | Moffat County Clerk and Recorder 221 W. Victory Way, Suite 200 Craig, CO 81625-2716 |
| Montezuma | Montezuma County Clerk and Recorder 109 W. Main, Room 108 Cortez, CO 81321-3189 |
| Montrose | Montrose County Clerk and Recorder Box 1289 Montrose, CO 81402-1289 |
| Morgan | Morgan County Clerk and Recorder Box 1399 Fort Morgan, CO 80701-1399 |
| Otero | Otero County Clerk and Recorder Box 511 La Junta, CO 81050-0511 |
| Ouray | Ouray County Clerk and Recorder Box C Ouray, CO 81427-0615 |
| Park | Park County Clerk and Recorder Box 220 Fairplay, CO 80440-0220 |

| County | Mailing Address |
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| Phillips | Phillips County Clerk and Recorder 221 S. Interocean Avenue Holyoke, CO 80734-1521 |
| Pitkin | Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder 530 E. Main Street, Suite 101 Aspen, CO 81611-1948 |
| Prowers | Prowers County Clerk and Recorder 301 S. Main Street, Suite. 210 Lamar, CO 81052-2868 |
| Pueblo | Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder Box 878 Pueblo, CO 81002-0878 |
| Rio Blanco | Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder Box 1067 Meeker, CO 81641-1067 |
| Rio Grande | Rio Grande County Clerk and Recorder Box 160 Del Norte, CO 81132-0160 |
| Routt | Routt County Clerk and Recorder Box 773599 Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-3599 |
| Saguache | Saguache County Clerk and Recorder Box 176 Saguache, CO 81149-0176 |

| County | Mailing Address |
|------------|---|
| San Juan | San Juan County Clerk and Recorder Box 466 Silverton, CO 81433-0466 |
| San Miguel | San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder Box 548 Telluride, CO 81435-0548 |
| Sedgwick | Sedgwick County Clerk and Recorder 315 Cedar Street, Ste 220 Julesburg, CO 80737-1563 |
| Summit | Summit County Clerk and Recorder Box 1538 Breckenridge, CO 80424-1538 |
| Teller | Teller County Clerk and Recorder Box 1010 Cripple Creek, CO 80813-1010 |
| Washington | Washington County Clerk and Recorder Box L Akron, CO 80720-0380 |
| Weld | Weld County Clerk and Recorder Box 459 Greeley, CO 80632-0459 |
| Yuma | Yuma County Clerk and Recorder 310 Ash Street, Suite F Wray, CO 80758-1850 |

Raise your voice and Vote!

by Heather Lynn Aristilde, Stone Mountain, GA

