

GUAM

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.guamelection.org

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

Presidential Primary Date: Not Applicable

State Primary Date: September 6, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	General Election
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Ballot Request	Not Applicable	September 3, 2008	October 31, 2008
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Note: Election dates and information are current as of July 2007. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

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

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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)	
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) _____ c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F d. RACE _____ e. DATE OF BIRTH _____ f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ A 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 (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 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) _____ C 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D 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): _____	
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.) _____ E _____ _____	
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: _____ F 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.f:** The last four digits of your social security number are required.
- B Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Guam 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 within Guam and different from the one provided in Block 4.
- C 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.
- D Block 4.c:** This form acts as a request for a mailed absentee ballot only. Guam does not allow you to receive or return the absentee ballot electronically. 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 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 Guam 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). You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year.

If you are an unregistered member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine or a spouse or dependent of one of these, the Election Commission must receive your FPCA ballot request not later than 10 days before the election.

If you are a registered member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine or a spouse or dependent of one of these, the Election Commission must receive your FPCA ballot request not less than 3 days before the election.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the Election Commission **not later than 8 p.m. on election day.**

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 45 days before the election.

Due to its territorial status, Guam does not send representatives to the U.S. Senate or directly participate in the election of the President and Vice President of the U.S. At the Federal level, only a Delegate to the House of Representatives is elected.

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

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

FPCA: No notary or witness required.

Returning a Ballot: Must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or any other officer authorized to administer oaths.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

Guam does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

Guam can only receive absentee ballots by mail.

E. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons imprisoned, confined to a mental institution, or found insane may not register or vote.

F. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is cancelled for failure to vote in two (2) consecutive general elections.

G. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of denial of registration is sent.

H. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the Election Commission. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel. Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Guam shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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

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Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to:

Guam Election Commission
P.O. Box BG
Hagatna, Guam 96932-8958

Show your American Pride - Stateside! Contribute by voting in the next general election.

by Kristen Vibbert, Uganda