

# NORTH DAKOTA

## Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: [www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/](http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/)

Link to state election website is also available through FVAP website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

**Presidential Primary Date: Not Applicable\***

**State Primary Date: June 10, 2008**

**General Election Date: November 4, 2008**

<b>DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES**</b>	<b>Presidential Primary (or preference)*</b>	<b>State Primary</b>	<b>General Election</b>
<b>Registration</b>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<b>Ballot Request</b>	Not Applicable	May 1, 2008	September 25, 2008
<b>Ballot Return***</b>	Not Applicable	June 13, 2008	November 7, 2008

<b>DEADLINES FOR CIVILIANS OUTSIDE THE U.S.**</b>	<b>Presidential Primary (or preference)*</b>	<b>State Primary</b>	<b>General Election</b>
<b>Registration</b>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<b>Ballot Request</b>	Not Applicable	May 1, 2008	September 25, 2008
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Note: Election dates and information are current as of March 2008. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

\*Presidential Caucus will be held February 5, 2008

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

\*\*\*Ballot must be postmarked by the day before the election.

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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)					
<b>1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (mark only one):</b>					
<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					
<b>2. MY INFORMATION (Required)</b>					
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 M M D D Y Y Y Y		f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER	A				
h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)		
j. EMAIL ADDRESS					
<b>3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (For military, use legal residence. For overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.) (Required)</b>					
a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)					
b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE		c. COUNTY		d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE
B					
<b>4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS</b>					
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.)		
C					
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY:					
D		<input type="checkbox"/> MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	<input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL	
<b>5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):</b>					
<b>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.)</b>					
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<b>7. AFFIRMATION (required)</b>					
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 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 and 2.g:** Enter your North Dakota Driver's License or State issued ID number to assist North Dakota's election officials in connecting your absentee ballot application to the correct entry in the state's voter database.
- B Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your North Dakota 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. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- D Block 4.c:** In order to receive ballots and other accompanying voting materials via fax or electronic mail transmission, your application must include your signature and your fax number or email address. See Sections 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.  
Refer to Section II.F or III.F for additional instructions.
- F Block 7:** You must sign 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 North Dakota 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. Requesting an Absentee Ballot

North Dakota has no voter registration.

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter Two).

**Requesting an absentee ballot:** Although the County Auditor will accept a completed FPCA or North Dakota Ballot application at any time before the election, you should submit it to the County Auditor in time for you to receive, vote and return the absentee ballot by mail to the county.

### B. Casting Your Vote

**Ballot Return Deadline:** Voted ballot must arrive at the County Auditor before the county canvassing board meets which is usually **3 days after the election and as many as 6 days after the election.**

Postmark your voted ballot before election day. (Other official date stamps will be accepted as well.)

Local election officials mail or send ballots approximately 40 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 voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

### D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- North Dakota allows you to send the FPCA for ballot request by fax or email. After faxing or emailing, submit the FPCA by mail (see Instructions for FPCA Block 4.c).
- North Dakota allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax or email if you are stationed away from your voting residence. (see Instructions for FPCA Block 4.c).
- North Dakota allows you to return the voted ballot by fax if you are stationed away from your voting residence. North Dakota also allows you to return a scanned copy of the voted ballot and other required voting materials by email if you are stationed away from your voting residence. The local election official will compare the signature on the voter's affidavit accompanying the ballot with the signature on the FPCA. After faxing or emailing, submit the voted ballot by mail.

For county auditors fax numbers and email addresses, check the North Dakota website at:

[www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/voting/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/voting/index.html).

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

North Dakota has expanded the use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), SF 186. A North Dakota qualified voter may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot for general, special, and primary elections for local, state, federal offices, or measures. The voter may use the declaration/affirmation simultaneously as an absentee ballot request along with the voted ballot.

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

North Dakota provides a state special write-in absentee ballot available before an election if you will be unable to vote by regular absentee ballot or in person due to requirements of military service or due to living in extremely remote areas of the world.

The FPCA may be used to request this state special write-in ballot. In **Block 6 of the FPCA** write: "I am unable to vote by regular absentee ballot or in person due to requirements of military service or due to living in extremely remote areas of the world. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

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### G. Bars to Voting

Persons convicted of treason or another felony (unless civil rights are restored) or found mentally incompetent by a court or other authority having jurisdiction (unless order is rescinded) may not vote.

### H. Action Upon Denial of Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your absentee ballot request, North Dakota shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

## I. Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

A U.S. citizen who was born abroad and who is eligible to vote and who has never lived in the U.S. may vote in Federal elections only in the county where a parent would be eligible to vote.

Note: The only electors limited to a Federal only ballot are those children of qualified electors who have never lived within the U.S.

## III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of North Dakota 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 North Dakota.

- residents of North Dakota 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 Auditor**, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Adams	Adams County Auditor PO Box 589 Hettinger, ND 58639-0589
Barnes	Barnes County Auditor 230 4th Street NW, Room 202 Valley City, ND 58072-2947
Benson	Benson County Auditor PO Box 206 Minnewaukan, ND 58351-0206
Billings	Billings County Auditor PO Box 168 Medora, ND 58645-0168
Bottineau	Bottineau County Auditor 314 W. 5th Street, Suite 10 Bottineau, ND 58318-1268
Bowman	Bowman County Auditor PO Box 439 Bowman, ND 58623-4342
Burke	Burke County Auditor PO Box 310 Bowbells, ND 58721-0310

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County	Mailing Address
Burleigh	Burleigh County Auditor PO Box 5518 Bismarck, ND 58506-5518
Cass	Cass County Auditor PO Box 2806 Fargo, ND 58108-2806
Cavalier	Cavalier County Auditor 901 3rd Street, Suite 15 Langdon, ND 58249-2457
Dickey	Dickey County Auditor PO Box 215 Ellendale, ND 58436-0215
Divide	Divide County Auditor PO Box 49 Crosby, ND 58730-0049
Dunn	Dunn County Auditor PO Box 105 Manning, ND 58642-0105
Eddy	Eddy County Auditor 524 Central Avenue, Suite 201 New Rockford, ND 58356-1652
Emmons	Emmons County Auditor PO Box 129 Linton, ND 58552-0129
Foster	Foster County Auditor PO Box 104 Carrington, ND 58421-0104
Golden Valley	Golden Valley County Auditor PO Box 67 Beach, ND 58621-0067
Grand Forks	Grand Forks County Auditor PO Box 5726 Grand Forks, ND 58206-5726
Grant	Grant County Auditor PO Box 227 Carson, ND 58529-0227
Griggs	Griggs County Auditor PO Box 511 Cooperstown, ND 58425-0511
Hettinger	Hettinger County Auditor PO Box 668 Mott, ND 58646-0668
Kidder	Kidder County Auditor PO Box 167 Steele, ND 58482-0167
LaMoure	LaMoure County Auditor PO Box 128 LaMoure, ND 58458-0128
Logan	Logan County Auditor 301 Broadway Napoleon, ND 58561-7010
McHenry	McHenry County Auditor PO Box 147 Towner, ND 58788-4048
McIntosh	McIntosh County Auditor PO Box D Ashley, ND 58413-0019
McKenzie	McKenzie County Auditor PO Box 543 Watford City, ND 58854-0543
McLean	McLean County Auditor PO Box 1108 Washburn, ND 58577-1108
Mercer	Mercer County Auditor PO Box 39 Stanton, ND 58571-0039
Morton	Morton County Auditor 210 2nd Avenue, NW Mandan, ND 58554-3158

County	Mailing Address
Mountrail	Mountrail County Auditor PO Box 69 Stanley, ND 58784-0069
Nelson	Nelson County Auditor 210 B Avenue West, Suite 201 Lakota, ND 58344-7410
Oliver	Oliver County Auditor PO Box 188 Center, ND 58530-0188
Pembina	Pembina County Auditor 301 Dakota Street W, Unit1 Cavalier, ND 58220-4100
Pierce	Pierce County Auditor 240 SE 2nd Street, Suite 5 Rugby, ND 58368-1897
Ramsey	Ramsey County Auditor 524 4th Avenue NE, Unit 6 Devils Lake, ND 58301-2487
Ransom	Ransom County Auditor PO Box 668 Lisbon, ND 58054-0668
Renville	Renville County Auditor PO Box 68 Mohall, ND 58761-0068
Richland	Richland County Auditor 418 2nd Avenue N, Office 21 Wahpeton, ND 58075-4400
Rolette	Rolette County Auditor PO Box 939 Rolla, ND 58367-0939
Sargent	Sargent County Auditor 355 Main Street S, Suite 1 Forman, ND 58032-4149
Sheridan	Sheridan County Auditor PO Box 439 McClusky, ND 58463-0439
Sioux	Sioux County Auditor PO Box L Fort Yates, ND 58538-0529
Slope	Slope County Auditor PO Box NN Amidon, ND 58620-0449
Stark	Stark County Auditor PO Box 130 Dickinson, ND 58602-0130
Steele	Steele County Auditor PO Box 275 Finley, ND 58230-0275
Stutsman	Stutsman County Auditor 511 2nd Avenue SE, Room 102 Jamestown, ND 58401-4298
Towner	Towner County Auditor PO Box 603 Cando, ND 58324-0603
Traill	Traill County Auditor PO Box 429, Hillsboro, ND 58045-0429
Walsh	Walsh County Auditor 600 Cooper Avenue Grafton, ND 58237-1535
Ward	Ward County Auditor PO Box 5005 Minot, ND 58702-5005
Wells	Wells County Auditor PO Box 37 Fessenden, ND 58438-0037
Williams	Williams County Auditor PO Box 2047 Williston, ND 58802-2047

***Don't Miss Out - Absentees Still Count - VOTE!***

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