

OHIO

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sos.state.oh.us

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

Presidential Primary Date: March 4, 2008

State Primary Date: March 4, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	General Election
Registration	February 4, 2008	February 4, 2008	October 6, 2008
Ballot Request	March 1, 2008	March 1, 2008	November 1, 2008
Ballot Return (from within the U.S.)	March 4, 2008	March 4, 2008	November 4, 2008
Ballot Return (from outside the U.S.)	March 24, 2008	March 24, 2008	November 14, 2008

DEADLINES FOR CIVILIANS OUTSIDE THE U.S.*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	General Election
Registration	February 4, 2008	February 4, 2008	October 6, 2008
Ballot Request	March 1, 2008	March 1, 2008	November 1, 2008
Ballot Return	March 24, 2008	March 24, 2008	November 14, 2008

*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.)		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	
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. 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.)			
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: <input checked="" 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):

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:

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: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____
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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 and 2.g:** The last four digits of your Social Security number or your Ohio Driver's License number is 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.
- B** **Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Ohio 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.
- C** **Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- D** **Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- E** **Block 5:** **If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in partisan primary elections.** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a partisan primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or "issues only" if you want to vote questions and issues and not candidates in Block 5 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if requesting absentee ballots for non-partisan primary and general elections. If you voted in a primary election within the last two calendar years and you now want to change your political party choice or 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 political party affiliation to the local election official.
- F** **Block 6:** Fill in the length of time you resided in Ohio immediately before leaving Ohio. ("I was an Ohio resident for _____.")

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.

- G** **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 Ohio and members of the Uniformed Services and their spouses and dependents residing outside Ohio to be with or near such service 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

If you are an absent uniformed services voter, or an overseas voter, submitting an FPCA for both voter registration and absentee ballot application under the *UOCAVA*, you may request that your FPCA be considered an application for an absentee ballot for each subsequent election for Federal office held in Ohio for which you are eligible to vote, through the next two regularly scheduled elections for Federal office.

To register and request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county board of elections so that it arrives not later than 30 days before the election.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county board of elections so that it arrives not later than noon on the third day before the election.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: When returned within the U.S., the voted ballot must arrive at the appropriate county board of election's office not later than the close of polls on election day.

If you are voting from outside the U.S., your ballot will be counted if it arrives at the appropriate county board of elections **not later than 10 days after an election or 20 days after a presidential primary election,** as long as it is signed not later than the close of polls on election day.

Local election officials begin mailing absentee ballots not later than 35 days before an election or 25 days before a presidential primary election.

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

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

Voting registration forms and absentee voting materials are not required to be notarized or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Ohio allows you to send the FPCA for ballot request by fax. After faxing, submit the original FPCA by mail. Ohio does not allow you to send the FPCA for registration by fax.
- Ohio allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- Ohio does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to appendix B for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **You may fax directly to the appropriate county board of elections or 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. Application for Ballot by Proxy

If you are a member of the Armed Forces on active duty, or the spouse or dependent of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty, your father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, son, daughter, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece may request an absentee ballot for you, using either a special form provided by the county board or an FPCA.

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons adjudicated incompetent for voting purposes or currently incarcerated for a felony may not register or vote.

G. Cancellation of Registration

The registration of any elector to whom confirmation notice is sent shall not be cancelled unless the elector: (1) during the period of two federal elections subsequent to the mailing of the confirmation notice: (a) fails to respond to the confirmation notice or otherwise update the registration, and (b) fails to vote in any election; or (2) sends a written request, bearing the elector's original signature, to the appropriate county board of elections requesting election officials to cancel the elector's voter registration in that county.

H. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of acceptance or denial is sent.

I. Action If Registration Is Denied

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, the county board of elections will provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. If registration is denied, submit a request for reconsideration to the director of the board of elections. If a second request is denied, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

J. Late Registration

If a member of the U.S. Armed Forces is discharged after the voter registration deadline, that person and the person's spouse are permitted to vote before election day at the office of the board of elections in the county in which he or she is eligible to register.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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

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

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If you are an overseas voter submitting an FPCA for both voter registration and absentee ballot application under the *UOCAVA*, you may request that your FPCA be considered an application for an absentee ballot for each subsequent election for Federal office held in Ohio for which you are eligible to vote, through the next two regularly scheduled elections for Federal office.

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To request an absentee ballot if you are already registered, send a completed FPCA to the county board of elections so that it arrives not later than noon on the third day before the election.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must be signed, mailed and postmarked not later than the **close of the polls on election day**. It will be counted if it is received at the appropriate county board of elections not later than 10 days after an election or 20 days after a presidential primary election.

Local election officials begin mailing absentee ballots not later than 35 days before an election or 25 days before a presidential primary election.

If you have not received your regular absentee ballot for a Federal general election in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in chapter two.

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

Voting registration forms and absentee voting materials are not required to be notarized or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

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

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **Director, County Board of Elections** of the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Adams	Director, Adams County Board of Elections 215 N. Cross Street, Room 103 West Union, OH 45693-1389
Allen	Director, Allen County Board of Elections 204 N. Main Street Lima, OH 45801-4433
Ashland	Director, Ashland County Board of Elections 110 Cottage Street Ashland, OH 44805-2183
Ashtabula	Director, Ashtabula County Board of Elections 8 W. Walnut Street Jefferson, OH 44047-1097
Athens	Director, Athens County Board of Elections 15 S. Court Street, Room 130 Athens, OH 45701-2836
Auglaize	Director, Auglaize County Board of Elections 209 S. Blackhoof, Room 205 Wapakoneta, OH 45895-1983
Belmont	Director, Belmont County Board of Elections 103 Plaza Drive, Suite B PO Box 663 St. Clairsville, OH 43950
Brown	Director, Brown County Board of Elections 800 Mt. Orab Pike, Suite 111 Georgetown, OH 45121-1283
Butler	Director, Butler County Board of Elections 1820 Princeton Road Hamilton, OH 45011-4742
Carroll	Director, Carroll County Board of Elections Court House 119 S. Lisbon Street, Suite 102 Carrollton, OH 44615-1489
Champaign	Director, Champaign County Board of Elections 1512 S. U.S. Highway 68, Suite L100 Urbana, OH 43078-9288
Clark	Director, Clark County Board of Elections 25 W. Pleasant Street, PO Box 1766 Springfield, OH 45501-1766
Clermont	Director, Clermont County Board of Elections 76 S. Riverside Drive Batavia, OH 45103-2961
Clinton	Director, Clinton County Board of Elections 46 S. South Street, 1st Floor Wilmington, OH 45177-2214
Columbiana	Director, Columbiana County Board of Elections 41 N. Park Avenue Lisbon, OH 44432-1258
Coshocton	Director, Coshocton County Board of Elections 724 S. Seventh Street, Room 100 Coshocton, OH 43812-2397
Crawford	Director, Crawford County Board of Elections 130 N. Walnut Street, Suite A Bucyrus, OH 44820-2383
Cuyahoga	Director, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections 2925 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115-2497
Darke	Director, Darke County Board of Elections 300 Garst Avenue Greenville, OH 45331-1409

County	Mailing Address
Defiance	Director, Defiance County Board of Elections 1300 E. Second St., Ste. 103 Defiance, OH 43512-2255
Delaware	Director, Delaware County Board of Elections 140 N. Sandusky Street Delaware, OH 43015
Erie	Director, Erie County Board of Elections 2900 Columbus Avenue, Room 101 Sandusky, OH 44870-5553
Fairfield	Director, Fairfield County Board of Elections 951 Liberty Drive Lancaster, OH 43130-8045
Fayette	Director, Fayette County Board of Elections 133 S. Main Street, Suite 404 Washington Court House, OH 43160
Franklin	Director, Franklin County Board of Elections 280 E. Broad Street, 1st Floor Columbus, OH 43215-4572
Fulton	Director, Fulton County Board of Elections 525 N. Shoop Avenue Wauseon, OH 43567-1235
Gallia	Director, Gallia County Board of Elections 18 Locust St., Room 1266, 2nd Floor Gallipolis, OH 45631-1292
Geauga	Director, Geauga County Board of Elections 470 Center Street, Bldg. 6-A Chardon, OH 44024-1243
Greene	Director, Greene County Board of Elections 651 Dayton-Xenia Road Xenia, OH 45385-2605
Guernsey	Director, Guernsey County Board of Elections 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 101 Cambridge, OH 43725-2284
Hamilton	Director, Hamilton County Board of Elections 824 Broadway Cincinnati, OH 45202-1345
Hancock	Director, Hancock County Board of Elections 209 West Main Cross Street, Suite 103 Findlay, OH 45840-3301
Hardin	Director, Hardin County Board of Elections 1 Court House Square, Suite 170 Kenton, OH 43326-2387
Harrison	Director, Harrison County Board of Elections Court House 100 W. Market Street Cadiz, OH 43907-1197
Henry	Director, Henry County Board of Elections 1813 Oakwood Avenue Napoleon, OH 43545-9243
Highland	Director, Highland County Board of Elections 1575 N. High St., Suite 200 Hillsboro, OH 45133-1089
Hocking	Director, Hocking County Board of Elections 1 E. Main Street, PO Box 109 Logan, OH 43138-1207
Holmes	Director, Holmes County Board of Elections 75 E. Clinton Street, Suite 108 Millersburg, OH 44654-1269
Huron	Director, Huron County Board of Elections 180 Milan Avenue Norwalk, OH 44857-1168
Jackson	Director, Jackson County Board of Elections 275 Portsmouth St., Suite 2 Jackson, OH 45640-1769
Jefferson	Director, Jefferson County Board of Elections 117 N. 3rd Street Stuebenville, OH 43952-4499
Knox	Director, Knox County Board of Elections 117 E. Hight Street, Suite 210 Mount Vernon, OH 43050-3401

County	Mailing Address
Lake	Director, Lake County Board of Elections 105 Main Street, PO Box 490 Painesville, OH 44077-0490
Lawrence	Director, Lawrence County Board of Elections 111 S. 4th Street, Veterans Square Ironton, OH 45638-1521
Licking	Director, Licking County Board of Elections 20 S. 2nd Street P.O. Box 4261 Newark, OH 43055-5663
Logan	Director, Logan County Board of Elections Court House 101 S. Main Street, Room 1 Bellefontaine, OH 43311-2075
Lorain	Director, Lorain County Board of Elections 1985 N. Ridge Road, East Lorain, OH 44055-3344
Lucas	Director, Lucas County Board of Elections One Government Center, Suite 300 Toledo, OH 43604-2250
Madison	Director, Madison County Board of Elections 117 W. High Street, Suite 102 London, OH 43140-1095
Mahoning	Director, Mahoning County Board of Elections 2801 Market Street Youngstown, OH 44507-1695
Marion	Director, Marion County Board of Elections 222 W. Center Street Marion, OH 43302-3646
Medina	Director, Medina County Board of Elections 4210 N. Jefferson St., PO Box 506 Medina, OH 44258-1974
Meigs	Director, Meigs County Board of Elections 117 E. Memorial Drive, PO BOX 688 Pomeroy, OH 45769-0688
Mercer	Director, Mercer County Board of Elections 101 N. Main St., Room 107 Celina, OH 45822-1790
Miami	Director, Miami County Board of Elections 215 W. Main Street Troy, OH 45373-3263
Monroe	Director, Monroe County Board of Elections 101 N. Main Street, Room 15 Woodsfield, OH 43793-1001
Montgomery	Director, Montgomery County Board of Elections 451 West Third St., PO Box 8705 Dayton, OH 45481-8705
Morgan	Director, Morgan County Board of Elections 155 E. Main Street, Room 157 McConnelsville, OH 43756-1296
Morrow	Director, Morrow County Board of Elections 619 Marion Road Room 146 Mount Gilead, OH 43338-1097
Muskingum	Director, Muskingum County Board of Elections 205 N. Seventh Street Zanesville, OH 43701-3709
Noble	Director, Noble County Board of Elections 190 Court House Caldwell, OH 43724-1243
Ottawa	Director, Ottawa County Board of Elections 8444 W. State Route 163, Suite 101 Oak Harbor, OH 43449-8884
Paulding	Director, Paulding County Board of Elections 105 E. Perry Street Paulding, OH 45879-1412
Perry	Director, Perry County Board of Elections 121 W. Brown Street, PO Box 187 New Lexington, OH 43764-1241
Pickaway	Director, Pickaway County Board of Elections 141 W. Main Street, Suite 800 Circleville, OH 43113-1601

County	Mailing Address
Pike	Director, Pike County Board of Elections 230 Waverly Plaza, Suite 1100 Waverly, OH 45690-1288
Portage	Director, Portage County Board of Elections 449 S. Meridian Street Room 101 Ravenna, OH 44266-2963
Preble	Director, Preble County Board of Elections 101 E. Main Street Eaton, OH 45320-1758
Putnam	Director, Putnam County Board of Elections 336 E. Main Street, Annex Bldg. Ottawa, OH 45875-1957
Richland	Director, Richland County Board of Elections 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101 Mansfield, OH 44906
Ross	Director, Ross County Board of Elections 475 Western Avenue, Suite D PO Box 1663 Chillicothe, OH 45601-3207
Sandusky	Director, Sandusky County Board of Elections 2020 Countryside Drive Fremont, OH 43420-9574
Scioto	Director, Scioto County Board of Elections Court House 602 Seventh Street, Room 105 Portsmouth, OH 45662-3927
Seneca	Director, Seneca County Board of Elections 71 S. Washington Street, Suite 1101 Tiffin, OH 44883-2302
Shelby	Director, Shelby County Board of Elections Annex Building 129 E. Court Street Sidney, OH 45365-3060
Stark	Director, Stark County Board of Elections 201 3rd Street, NE Canton, OH 44702-1296
Summit	Director, Summit County Board of Elections 470 Grant Street Akron, OH 44311-1157

County	Mailing Address
Trumbull	Director, Trumbull County Board of Elections 2947 Youngstown Road, SE, Warren, OH 44484-5294
Tuscarawas	Director, Tuscarawas County Board of Elections Courthouse Square, 101 E. High Ave. PO Box 69 New Philadelphia, OH 44663-2599
Union	Director, Union County Board of Elections 940 London Avenue, Suite 1000 Marysville, OH 43040-8036
Van Wert	Director, County Board of Elections 120 E. Main Street Van Wert, OH 45891-1425
Vinton	Director, Van Wert County Board of Elections 31935 SR 93, Unit 1, Community Bldg., PO Box 314 McArthur, OH 45651
Warren	Director, Warren County Board of Elections 406 Justice Drive, Room 323 Lebanon, OH 45036-2314
Washington	Director, Washington County Board of Elections 205 Putnam Street Marietta, OH 45750-3014
Wayne	Director, Wayne County Board of Elections 200 Vanover Street, Suite 1 Wooster, OH 44691-4849
Williams	Director, Williams County Board of Elections 228 S. Main Street Bryan, OH 43506-1751
Wood	Director, Wood County Board of Elections 1 Courthouse Square Bowling Green, OH 43402-2427
Wyandot	Director, Wyandot County Board of Elections 109 South Sandusky Avenue Room 12 Upper Sandusky, OH 43351-1423

Don't hesitate in 2008 - VOTE!

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