

MISSISSIPPI

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sos.state.ms.us/elections/elections.asp

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

Presidential Primary Date: March 11, 2008

State Primary Date: March 11, 2008

State Runoff Primary Date: April 1, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary	General Election
Registration	February 10, 2008	February 10, 2008	February 10, 2008	October 5, 2008
Ballot Request	February 10, 2008	February 10, 2008	February 29, 2008	October 5, 2008
Ballot Return	March 10, 2008	March 10, 2008	March 31, 2008	November 3, 2008

DEADLINES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OUTSIDE THE U.S.*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary	General Election
Registration	February 26, 2008	February 26, 2008	March 18, 2008	October 21, 2008
Ballot Request	February 26, 2008	February 26, 2008	March 18, 2008	October 21, 2008
Ballot Return	March 11, 2008	March 11, 2008	April 1, 2008	November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR CIVILIANS OUTSIDE THE U.S.*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary	General Election
Registration	February 10, 2008	February 10, 2008	February 10, 2008	October 5, 2008
Ballot Request	February 10, 2008	February 10, 2008	February 29, 2008	October 5, 2008
Ballot Return	March 10, 2008	March 10, 2008	March 31, 2008	November 3, 2008

*Special conditions 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		
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 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:

- 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: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Witness/Notary and address (if required))

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.f and 2.g:** Your current and valid Mississippi Driver's License number or the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, 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 Mississippi 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. 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 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 the information provided is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Mississippi 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 to vote and request an absentee ballot, you must complete the FPCA and return it to the County Registrar so that it arrives not later than 30 days before the election. However, anyone on active duty outside the United States has until 14 days before an election to return their FPCA.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the County Registrar any time before the election. However, if you wait until later than 20 days before the election to send your FPCA, you may not receive your ballot in time to vote it and return it on time.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive not later than **5 p.m. the day before the election.** However, anyone on active duty outside the United States has until 7 p.m. on election day to return their voted ballot.

Local election officials mail out absentee ballots approximately 45 days before an election, or as soon as they are printed.

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: No notary or witness required.

Returning a Ballot: The affidavit on the absentee ballot return envelope must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, petty officer or other person authorized to administer oaths.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Mississippi allows you to send the FPCA for voter registration and absentee ballot request by fax (or email by active duty overseas citizens to **UOCAVA@sos.state.ms.us.**) After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Mississippi allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax (or email for active duty overseas citizens)
- Mississippi allows you to return the voted ballot by fax (or email for active duty overseas citizens to **UOCAVA@sos.state.ms.us.**)

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. Application for Ballot by Proxy

Another person may request that the County Registrar send a state registration affidavit and/or an absentee ballot application to you. Your oral authorization (by telephone) or written authorization may be required.

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of certain felonies or declared mentally incompetent by a court may not vote.

G. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of registration or denial is sent.

H. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration should correct the problems noted in the denial. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel. Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Mississippi 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 Mississippi 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 Mississippi.

- members of the American Red Cross
- civilians attached to and serving outside the U.S. with the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine or American Red Cross
- other residents of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the U.S.
- spouses and dependents of the above
- overseas citizens

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Registrar** at the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Adams	Adams County Registrar PO Box 1224 Natchez, MS 39121
Alcorn	Alcorn County Registrar PO Box 430 Corinth, MS 38835
Amite	Amite County Registrar PO Box 312 Liberty, MS 39645
Attala	Attala County Registrar 118 W Washington Kosciusko, MS 39090
Benton	Benton County Registrar PO Box 262 Ashland, MS 38603
Bolivar	Bolivar County Registrar PO Box 670 Cleveland, MS 38732
Calhoun	Calhoun County Registrar PO Box 25 Pittsboro, MS 38951
Carroll	Carroll County Registrar PO Box 6 Vaiden, MS 39176
Chickasaw	Chickasaw County Registrar 1 Pinson Square Road, Room 2 Houston, MS 38851
Choctaw	Choctaw County Registrar PO Box 34 Ackerman, MS 39735
Claiborne	Claiborne County Registrar PO Box 549 Port Gibson, MS 39150
Clarke	Clarke County Registrar PO Box 216 Quitman, MS 39355
Clay	Clay County Registrar PO Box 364 West Point, MS 39773
Coahoma	Coahoma County Registrar PO Box 849 Clarksdale, MS 38614
Copiah	Copiah County Registrar PO Box 467 Hazelhurst, MS 39083
Covington	Covington County Registrar PO Box 667 Collins, MS 39428

County	Mailing Address
DeSoto	DeSoto County Registrar 2535 Hwy. 51 S Hernando, MS 38632
Forrest	Forrest County Registrar PO Drawer 992 Hattiesburg, MS 39403
Franklin	Franklin County Registrar PO Box 267 Meadville, MS 39653
George	George County Registrar 355 Cox Street, #C Lucedale, MS 39452
Greene	Greene County Registrar PO Box 310 Leakesville, MS 39451
Grenada	Grenada County Registrar PO Box 1517 Grenada, MS 38902
Hancock	Hancock County Registrar PO Box 249, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520
Harrison	Harrison County Registrar PO Box 998 Gulfport, MS 39502
Hinds	Hinds County Registrar PO Box 327 Jackson, MS 39205
Holmes	Holmes County Registrar PO Box 718 Lexington, MS 39095
Humphreys	Humphreys County Registrar PO Box 696 Belzoni, MS 39038
Issaquena	Issaquena County Registrar PO Box 27 Mayersville, MS 39113
Itawamba	Itawamba County Registrar 201 W. Main Street Fulton, MS 38843
Jackson	Jackson County Registrar PO Box 998 Pascagoula, MS 39568
Jasper	Jasper County Registrar PO Box 447 Bay Springs, MS 39422
Jefferson	Jefferson County Registrar PO Box 305 Fayette, MS 39069
Jefferson Davis	Jefferson Davis County Registrar PO Box 1082 Prentiss, MS 39474
Jones	Jones County Registrar PO Box 1336 Laurel, MS 39441
Kemper	Kemper County Registrar PO Box 130 De Kalb, MS 39328
Lafayette	Lafayette County Registrar 1 County Courthouse, Suite 201 Oxford, MS 38655
Lamar	Lamar County Registrar PO Box 369 Purvis, MS 39475
Lauderdale	Lauderdale County Registrar PO Box 1005 Meridian, MS 39302
Lawrence	Lawrence County Registrar PO Box 1249 Monticello, MS 39654
Leake	Leake County Registrar PO Box 67 Carthage, MS 39051
Lee	Lee County Registrar PO Box 762 Tupelo, MS 38802
Leflore	Leflore County Registrar PO Box 1953 Greenwood, MS 38935



County	Mailing Address
Lincoln	Lincoln County Registrar PO Box 357 Brookhaven, MS 39602
Lowndes	Lowndes County Registrar PO Box 31 Columbus, MS 39703
Madison	Madison County Registrar PO Drawer 1626 Canton, MS 39046
Marion	Marion County Registrar 250 Broad Street, #1 Columbia, MS 39429
Marshall	Marshall County Registrar PO Box 459 Holly Springs, MS 38635
Monroe	Monroe County Registrar PO Box 843 Aberdeen, MS 39730
Montgomery	Montgomery County Registrar PO Box 765 Winona, MS 38967
Neshoba	Neshoba County Registrar 401 E. Beacon, Suite 110 Philadelphia, MS 39350
Newton	Newton County Registrar PO Box 447 Decatur, MS 39327
Noxubee	Noxubee County Registrar PO Box 431 Macon, MS 39341
Oktibbeha	Oktibbeha County Registrar 101 E Main Street Starkville, MS 39759
Panola	Panola County Registrar PO Box 346 Batesville, MS 38606
Pearl River	Pearl River County Registrar 200 S. Main Poplarville, MS 39470
Perry	Perry County Registrar PO Box 198 New Augusta, MS 39462
Pike	Pike County Registrar PO Drawer 31 Magnolia, MS 39652
Pontotoc	Pontotoc County Registrar PO Box 428 Pontotoc, MS 38863
Prentiss	Prentiss County Registrar PO Box 727 Booneville, MS 38829
Quitman	Quitman County Registrar 230 Chesnut Street Marks, MS 38646
Rankin	Rankin County Registrar PO Box 1599 Brandon, MS 39043
Scott	Scott County Registrar PO Box 371 Forest, MS 39074

County	Mailing Address
Sharkey	Sharkey County Registrar PO Box 218 Rolling Fork, MS 39159
Simpson	Simpson County Registrar PO Box 307 Mendenhall, MS 39114
Smith	Smith County Registrar PO Box 517 Raleigh, MS 39153
Stone	Stone County Registrar 323 Cavers Avenue Wiggins, MS 39577
Sunflower	Sunflower County Registrar PO Box 576 Indianola, MS 38751
Tallahatchie	Tallahatchie County Registrar PO Box 86 Charleston, MS 38921
Tate	Tate County Registrar 201 Ward Street Senatobia, MS 38668
Tippah	Tippah County Registrar Courthouse Ripley, MS 38663
Tishomingo	Tishomingo County Registrar 1008 Battleground Drive Iuka, MS 38852
Tunica	Tunica County Registrar PO Box 184 Tunica, MS 38676
Union	Union County Registrar PO Box 298 New Albany, MS 38652
Walthall	Walthall County Registrar 200 Ball Avenue Tylertown, MS 39667
Warren	Warren County Registrar PO Box 351 Vicksburg, MS 39181
Washington	Washington County Registrar PO Box 1276 Greenville, MS 38702
Wayne	Wayne County Registrar PO Box 428 Waynesboro, MS 39367
Webster	Webster County Registrar PO Box 308 Walthall, MS 39771
Wilkinson	Wilkinson County Registrar PO Box 327 Woodville, MS 39669
Winston	Winston County Registrar PO Box 785 Louisville, MS 39339
Yalobusha	Yalobusha County Registrar PO Box 1431 Water Valley, MS 38965
Yazoo	Yazoo County Registrar PO Box 108 Yazoo City, MS 39194

Stand up for America - VOTE!

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