

OREGON

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sos.state.or.us/elections

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

Presidential Primary Date: May 20, 2008

State Primary Date: May 20, 2008

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*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	d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH	f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		M M D D Y Y Y Y	- -		A
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	
B				

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	
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

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):

E

F

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: _____

(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 Oregon Driver's License number OR if you do not have an Oregon driver's license, the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. 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 Oregon 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 is 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 is different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- D** **Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- E** **Block 5:** Print the name of a political party or write, "not affiliated with a party." If you do not complete Block 5, you will be registered "non-affiliated." **If you print the name of a party that selects its candidates at the primary election, you will be eligible to vote in that party's primary.** Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are not affiliated with a political party and you wish to vote the primary ballot of a party that has authorized participation of non-affiliated electors, write in Block 6: "I want to vote in the (fill in the name of the political party) primary. Please send me its primary election absentee ballot." In this case submit your FPCA at least 45 days prior to the primary election. Candidates nominated at a primary election run in the general election.
- F** **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.E. or III.E. for additional instructions.

- G** **Block 7:** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct. A witness or a notary is not required.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Oregon 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, except if you are requesting a special write-in ballot (See Section II.E. and also Chapter Two).

To register to vote and request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county clerk by the 21st day before the election at which you intend to vote. A postmark of the 21st day before the election is accepted.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county clerk so that it arrives not later than the Thursday before the election, as long as there is adequate time to receive and return a ballot by mail no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive by **8 p.m. on election day.**

Local election officials mail absentee ballots 45 days before the primary and general elections.

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

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Oregon allows you to send the FPCA **for registration** by fax or email. After faxing or emailing, you must submit the original FPCA by mail. However, the signed original must be received or postmarked by the 21st day before the election.
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- Oregon allows you to receive the blank absentee ballot by fax or email.
- Oregon does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax or email.

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

Oregon expanded use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), SF 186. An Oregon qualified voter may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot for general, special, and primary elections for Federal offices. The voter may use the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation simultaneously as registration and ballot request, as long as the voter is otherwise qualified to register in Oregon and has signed and completed the information of the FWAB required to register in Oregon.

If you receive your regular absentee ballot after you have returned the FWAB, you may vote your regular absentee ballot and return it. If your regular absentee ballot is received before the FWAB is processed, your regular absentee ballot will be counted. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary of State's Office.

F. Special Write-In Absentee Ballot

Oregon provides a state special write-in absentee ballot if you are residing, stationed, or working outside the U.S. and will be unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the period provided for regular absentee ballots.

Use the FPCA to request this state special write-in ballot. In **Block 6 of the FPCA** write: "I am outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery in the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

You may request the state special write-in ballot any time before the election, but any request received by the county clerk less than 40 days before the election is treated as a request for a regular absentee ballot.

The FPCA you use to request a write-in ballot is valid only for the election specified in the application.

G. Late Registration

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or merchant marine who have been discharged within 30 days of an election may follow the procedures outlined in Section II to register and vote.

H. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons found mentally incompetent by a court may not register or vote. Persons imprisoned by the Oregon Department of Corrections for a felony may register but may not vote from the date of sentencing until released, paroled or the conviction is set aside.

I. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is valid until the registrant notifies the county clerk of cancellation or changes to his or her voting status. An election official also automatically updates registrations for which he or she receives information from the U. S. Postal Service of a mailing or residence address change. Additionally, an elections official may inactivate or cancel a registration if a person has moved, has not responded to a notice from the election official and has not voted nor updated the registration for a period of not less than five years.

J. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of acceptance or denial is sent.

K. Action If Registration Is Denied

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

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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- overseas citizens from Oregon (for Federal office ballots only)

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Clerk--Elections Office**, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Baker	Baker County Clerk, Elections Office 1995 3rd Street, Suite 150 Baker City, OR 97814-3398
Benton	Benton County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 888 Corvallis, OR 97339-0888
Clackamas	Clackamas County Clerk, Elections Office 1710 Red Soils Ct., Ste 100 Oregon City, OR 97045
Clatsop	Clatsop County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 178 Astoria, OR 97103-0178
Columbia	Columbia County Clerk, Elections Office Columbia County Courthouse 230 Strand Street Saint Helens, OR 97051-2089
Coos	Coos County Clerk, Elections Office Coos County Courthouse 250 N. Baxter Coquille, OR 97423-1899
Crook	Crook County Clerk, Elections Office 300 NE 3rd, Room 23 Prineville, OR 97754-1919
Curry	Curry County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 746 Gold Beach, OR 97444-0746
Deschutes	Deschutes County Clerk, Elections Office 1300 NW Wall Street, Suite 200 Bend, OR 97701-1960
Douglas	Douglas County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 10 Roseburg, OR 97470-0004
Gilliam	Gilliam County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 427 Condon, OR 97823-0427
Grant	Grant County Clerk, Elections Office 201 Humbolt, Suite 290 Canyon City, OR 97820-6186
Harney	Harney County Clerk, Elections Office Courthouse, 450 N. Buena Vista Burns, OR 97720-1533

County	Mailing Address
Hood River	Hood River County Clerk, Elections Office 601 State Street Hood River, OR 97031-2093
Jackson	Jackson County Clerk, Elections Office 1101 W. Main Street, Suite 201 Medford, OR 97501-2369
Jefferson	Jefferson County Clerk, Elections Office 66 SE "D" Street, Suite C Madras, OR 97741-1739
Josephine	Josephine County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 69 Grants Pass, OR 97528-0203
Klamath	Klamath County Clerk, Elections Office 305 Main Street Klamath Falls, OR 97601-6332
Lake	Lake County Clerk, Elections Office 513 Center Street Lakeview, OR 97630-1539
Lane	Lane County Clerk, Elections Office 275 W. 10th Avenue Eugene, OR 97401-3008
Lincoln	Lincoln County Clerk, Elections Office 225 W. Olive Street, Room 201 Newport, OR 97365-3869
Linn	Linn County Clerk, Elections Office 300 4th Avenue SW Albany, OR 97321-2393
Malheur	Malheur County Clerk, Elections Office 251 B Street W, Suite 4 Vale, OR 97918-1375
Marion	Marion County Clerk, Elections Office 4263 Commercial Street SE, #300 Salem, OR 97302-3987
Morrow	Morrow County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 338 Heppner, OR 97836-0338
Multnomah	Multnomah County Clerk, Elections Office 1040 SE Morrison Portland, OR 97214-2495
Polk	Polk County Clerk, Elections Office 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338-3128
Sherman	Sherman County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 365 Moro, OR 97039-0365
Tillamook	Tillamook County Clerk, Elections Office 201 Laurel Avenue Tillamook, OR 97141-2311
Umatilla	Umatilla County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 1227 Pendleton, OR 97801-0719
Union	Union County Clerk, Elections Office 1001 4th Street, Suite D La Grande, OR 97850-2100
Wallowa	Wallowa County Clerk, Elections Office 101 S. River Street, Room 100 Enterprise, OR 97828-1363
Wasco	Wasco County Clerk, Elections Office 511 Washington Street, Room 201 The Dalles, OR 97058-2266
Washington	Washington County Clerk, Elections Office 3700 SW Murray Blvd., Suite 101 Beaverton, OR 97005-2365
Wheeler	Wheeler County Clerk, Elections Office PO Box 327 Fossil, OR 97830-0327
Yamhill	Yamhill County Clerk, Elections Office 414 NE Evans Street McMinnville, OR 97128-4607

Freedom of voice yields freedom of choice. VOTE!

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