

MICHIGAN

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.michigan.gov/sos

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

Presidential Primary Date: January 15, 2008
State Primary Date: August 5, 2008
General Election Date: November 4, 2008

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

State information is current as of October 28 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 M F d. RACE _____ e. DATE OF BIRTH _____ 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) _____ **B**

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 _____ **C**

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.) _____

_____ **D**

c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: MAIL FAX EMAIL **E**

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

_____ **F**

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: _____ **G** 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))

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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 Michigan Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, Michigan shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- B Block 2.h through 2.j:** Provide an email address that you can access and/or a phone number (including all country and local prefixes) at which you can be reached for use in contacting you in a timely manner in the event that there is a question regarding your application.
- C Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Michigan voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route number, 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 city or township where you claim legal voting residence.
- D 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.
- E Block 4.c:** This form acts as a request for a mailed absentee ballot only. Michigan does not allow you to receive or return the absentee ballot electronically. See Section II.D. or III.D.
- 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.
- G Block 7:** You must sign the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Michigan 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 request an absentee ballot if already registered, send a completed FPCA or handwritten letter to the City or Township Clerk so that it arrives not later than the Saturday before the election.

To request an absentee ballot and you are not registered, send a completed FPCA or handwritten letter to the City or Township Clerk so that it arrives not later than the Saturday before the election. However, a completed FPCA or state registration form must be received by the City or Township Clerk by election day in order for the ballot to be counted.

You will receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. Uniformed Service members overseas, in addition, will receive a ballot for every election in their jurisdiction through the balance of the calendar year the request was received unless otherwise noted on the application. Be sure to provide your election official with your up-to-date mailing address.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the City or Township Clerk **before the close of polls 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.

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

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

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. Bars to Registration and Voting

A person may not register or vote while serving a prison sentence.

F. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is permanent unless you move to a different city or township in Michigan. After moving to a different city or township, a new registration must be submitted.

G. Action on Registration Requests

A voter identification card is sent.

H. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Michigan shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. Denial of registration may be appealed. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

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

Michigan allows a U.S. overseas citizen who is 18 years old, not registered to vote anywhere else in the U.S. and who is a spouse or dependent of a Michigan resident to register and vote in Michigan elections even though they have never established Michigan residency.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to U.S. citizens who are residing outside of the territorial limits of the U.S. and who but for such residence would be qualified to vote in Michigan.

- civilian employees of the U.S. Armed Forces or merchant marine and their spouses and dependents
- Michigan residents residing outside the U.S., and their spouses and dependents

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Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **City or Township Clerk** in the city or township of your voting residence. Addresses not listed below can be found in Michigan's Voter Information Center

at www.michigan.gov/sos, "Elections in Michigan." A partial list of major cities follows:

City	Mailing Address
Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor City Clerk PO Box 8647 Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647
Battle Creek	Battle Creek City Clerk 10 N. Division Battle Creek, MI 49014-4004
Bay City	Bay City Clerk 301 Washington Avenue Bay City, MI 48708-5866
Dearborn Heights	Dearborn Heights City Clerk 6045 Fenton Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-3294
Dearborn	Dearborn City Clerk 13615 Michigan Avenue Dearborn, MI 48126-3586
Detroit	Detroit City Clerk 2978 W. Grand Boulevard Detroit, MI 48202-3069
East Lansing	East Lansing City Clerk 410 Abbott Road East Lansing, MI 48823-3388
Farmington Hills	Farmington Hills City Clerk 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1165
Flint	Flint City Clerk 1101 S. Saginaw Street Flint, MI 48502-1416
Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids City Clerk 300 Monroe Avenue NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2281
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo City Clerk 241 W. South Street Kalamazoo, MI 49007-4796
Lansing	Lansing City Clerk 124 W. Michigan Lansing, MI 48933-1694
Lincoln Park	Lincoln Park City Clerk 1355 Southfield Road Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2380
Livonia	Livonia City Clerk 33000 Civic Center Drive Livonia, MI 48154-3097
Pontiac	Pontiac City Clerk 47450 Woodward Pontiac, MI 48342-5021
Roseville	Roseville City Clerk 29777 Gratiot Roseville, MI 48066-0290
Royal Oak	Royal Oak City Clerk PO Box 64 Royal Oak, MI 48068-0064
Saginaw	Saginaw City Clerk 1315 S. Washington Avenue Saginaw, MI 48601-2599
St. Clair Shores	St. Clair Shores City Clerk 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2093
Southfield	Southfield City Clerk PO Box 2055 Southfield, MI 48037-2055
Sterling Heights	Sterling Heights City Clerk PO Box 8009 Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009
Taylor	Taylor City Clerk 23555 Goddard Taylor, MI 48180-4117
Troy	Troy City Clerk 500 W. Big Beaver Road Troy, MI 48084-5285

City	Mailing Address
Warren	Warren City Clerk Suite 205 One City Square Warren, MI 48093-2393
Westland	Westland City Clerk 36601 Ford Road Westland, MI 48185-2298
Wyoming	Wyoming City Clerk PO Box 905 Wyoming, MI 49509-0905

If you are unable to determine the address of your City or Township Clerk, you can send the FPCA to the **County Clerk** (see listing below). NOTE: If you send the FPCA to the County Clerk, it will take longer for you to receive your absentee ballot.

County	Mailing Address
Alcona	Alcona County Clerk PO Box 308 Harrisville, MI 48740-0308
Alger	Alger County Clerk 101 Court Street Munising, MI 49862-1196
Allegan	Allegan County Clerk 113 Chestnut Allegan, MI 49010-1350
Alpena	Alpena County Clerk 720 Chisholm Alpena, MI 49707-2488
Antrim	Antrim County Clerk 205 E. Cayuga Bellaire, MI 49615-0520
Arenac	Arenac County Clerk PO Box 747 Standish, MI 48658-0747
Baraga	Baraga County Clerk 16 N. 3rd Street L'Anse, MI 49946-1085
Barry	Barry County Clerk 220 W. State Street Hastings, MI 49058-0220
Bay	Bay County Clerk 515 Center Street Bay City, MI 48708-5994
Benzie	Benzie County Clerk PO Box 377 Beulah, MI 49617-0377
Berrien	Berrien County Clerk 811 Port Street St. Joseph, MI 49085-1198
Branch	Branch County Clerk 31 Division Coldwater, MI 49036-1990
Calhoun	Calhoun County Clerk 315 W. Green Marshall, MI 49068-1585
Cass	Cass County Clerk PO Box 355 Cassopolis, MI 49031-0355
Charlevoix	Charlevoix County Clerk 203 Antrim Street Charlevoix, MI 49720-1397
Cheboygan	Cheboygan County Clerk PO Box 70 Cheboygan, MI 49721-0070
Chippewa	Chippewa County Clerk 319 Court Street Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783-2194
Clare	Clare County Clerk PO Box 438 Harrison, MI 48625-0438
Clinton	Clinton County Clerk 100 E. State Street, Suite 2600 St. Johns, MI 48879-1580

County	Mailing Address
Crawford	Crawford County Clerk 200 W. Michigan Grayling, MI 49738-1798
Delta	Delta County Clerk 310 Ludington Street Escanaba, MI 49829-4057
Dickinson	Dickinson County Clerk PO Box 609 Iron Mountain, MI 49801-0609
Eaton	Eaton County Clerk 1045 Independence Blvd Charlotte, MI 48813-1095
Emmet	Emmet County Clerk 200 Division Petoskey, MI 49770-2444
Genesee	Genesee County Clerk 900 S. Saginaw Flint, MI 48502-1571
Gladwin	Gladwin County Clerk 401 W. Cedar Gladwin, MI 49624-2088
Gogebic	Gogebic County Clerk 200 N. Moore Bessemer, MI 49911-1052
Grand Traverse	Grand Traverse County Clerk 400 Boardman Avenue Traverse City, MI 49684-2577
Gratiot	Gratiot County Clerk PO Drawer 437 Ithaca, MI 48847-0437
Hillsdale	Hillsdale County Clerk 29 N. Howell Hillsdale, MI 49242-1698
Houghton	Houghton County Clerk 401 E. Houghton Avenue Houghton, MI 49931-2099
Huron	Huron County Clerk 250 E. Huron Bad Axe, MI 48413-1386
Ingham	Ingham County Clerk PO Box 179 Mason, MI 48854-0179
Ionia	Ionia County Clerk 100 Main Street Ionia, MI 48846-1697
Iosco	Iosco County Clerk PO Box 838 Tawas City, MI 48764-0838
Iron	Iron County Clerk 2 S. 6th Street Crystal Falls, MI 49920-1495
Isabella	Isabella County Clerk 200 N. Main Street Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858-2393
Jackson	Jackson County Clerk 312 S. Jackson Street Jackson, MI 49201-1315
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo County Clerk 201 W. Kalamazoo Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3777
Kalkaska	Kalkaska County Clerk PO Box 10 Kalkaska, MI 49646-0010
Kent	Kent County Clerk 300 Monroe NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2288
Keweenaw	Keweenaw County Clerk 5095 4th Street Eagle River, MI 49950-9624
Lake	Lake County Clerk 800 Tenth Street, Suite 200 Baldwin, MI 49304-7971
Lapeer	Lapeer County Clerk 255 Clay Street Lapeer, MI 48446-2298
Leelanau	Leelanau County Clerk 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suite 103 Suttons bay, MI 49682

County	Mailing Address
Lenawee	Lenawee County Clerk 425 N. Main Adrian, MI 49221-2198
Livingston	Livingston County Clerk 200 E. Grand River Howell, MI 48843-2399
Luce	Luce County Clerk 407 W. Harrie Street Newberry, MI 49868-1299
Mackinac	Mackinac County Clerk 100 N. Marley Street St. Ignace, MI 49781-1491
Macomb	Macomb County Clerk 40 N. Main Mt. Clemens, MI 48043-5661
Manistee	Manistee County Clerk 415 3rd Street Manistee, MI 49660-1606
Marquette	Marquette County Clerk 234 W. Baraga Avenue Marquette, MI 49855-4710
Mason	Mason County Clerk 304 E. Ludington Avenue Ludington, MI 49431-2121
Mecosta	Mecosta County Clerk 400 Elm Big Rapids, MI 49307-1849
Menominee	Menominee County Clerk 839 10th Avenue Menominee, MI 49858-3000
Midland	Midland County Clerk 220 W. Ellsworth Street Midland, MI 48640-5194
Missaukee	Missaukee County Clerk PO Box 800 Lake City, MI 49651-0800
Monroe	Monroe County Clerk 106 E. 1st Street Monroe, MI 48161-2185
Montcalm	Montcalm County Clerk PO Box 368 Stanton, MI 48888-0368
Montmorency	Montmorency County Clerk PO Box 789 Atlanta, MI 49709-0789
Muskegon	Muskegon County Clerk 990 Terrace Muskegon, MI 49442-3378
Newaygo	Newaygo County Clerk PO Box 885 White Cloud, MI 49349-0885
Oakland	Oakland County Clerk 1200 N. Telegraph Pontiac, MI 48341-0413
Oceana	Oceana County Clerk 100 State Street, Suite 1 Hart, MI 49420-1188

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Ogemaw	Ogemaw County Clerk 806 W. Houghton Avenue West Branch, MI 48661-1215
Ontonagon	Ontonagon County Clerk 725 Greenland Road Ontonagon, MI 49953-1492
Osceola	Osceola County Clerk 301 W. Upton Reed City, MI 49677-1149
Oscoda	Oscoda County Clerk PO Box 399 Mio, MI 48647-0399
Otsego	Otsego County Clerk 225 W. Main Street Gaylord, MI 49735-1393
Ottawa	Ottawa County Clerk 414 Washington Grand Haven, MI 49417-1494
Presque Isle	Presque Isle County Clerk PO Box 110 Rogers City, MI 49779-0110
Roscommon	Roscommon County Clerk PO Box 98 Roscommon, MI 48653-0098
Saginaw	Saginaw County Clerk 111 S. Michigan Saginaw, MI 48602-2086
Sanilac	Sanilac County Clerk 60 W. Sanilac Sandusky, MI 48471-1094
Schoolcraft	Schoolcraft County Clerk 300 Walnut Manistiquette, MI 49854-1487
Shiawassee	Shiawassee County Clerk 208 N. Shiawassee Corunna, MI 48817-1491
St. Clair	St. Clair County Clerk 201 McMorrin Blvd. Port Huron, MI 48060-4082
St. Joseph	St. Joseph County Clerk PO Box 189 Centreville, MI 49032-0189
Tuscola	Tuscola County Clerk 440 N. State Street Caro, MI 48723-1592
Van Buren	Van Buren County Clerk 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 101 Paw Paw, MI 49079-1496
Washtenaw	Washtenaw County Clerk PO Box 8645 Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645
Wayne	Wayne County Clerk 2 Woodward Avenue, Room 502 Detroit, MI 48226-3463
Wexford	Wexford County Clerk 437 E. Division Cadillac, MI 49601-1905

***Be it on US soil or foreign soil, your vote always counts!
America Needs You!***

by Linda Davis Alley, Belleville, MI

