

WISCONSIN

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: <http://elections.state.wi.us/>

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

Presidential Primary Date: February 19, 2008

State Primary Date: September 9, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	General Election
Registration	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Ballot Request	February 15, 2008	September 9, 2008**	November 4, 2008***
Ballot Return	February 19, 2008	September 16, 2008**	November 14, 2008***

DEADLINES FOR CIVILIANS OUTSIDE THE U.S.*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	General Election
Registration	January 30, 2008	August 20, 2008	October 15, 2008
Ballot Request	February 14, 2008	September 4, 2008	October 30, 2008
Ballot Return	February 19, 2008	September 9, 2008	November 4, 2008

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

** The deadline for a Uniformed Services elector, who is not away from their residence due to active duty, to request an absentee ballot is September 5, 2008. The ballot must be returned no later than election day (September 9, 2008).

***The deadline for a Uniformed Services elector, who is not away from their residence due to active duty, to request an absentee ballot is October 31, 2008. The ballot must be returned no later than election day (November 4, 2008).

State information is current as of September 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:

- 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: _____
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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 2f. and 2.g:** Your Wisconsin Department of Transportation-issued Driver's License number is required for voter registration. Only if you have not been issued a Wisconsin Driver's License may you use a Wisconsin Department of Transportation-issued I. D. card number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess any of these documents, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- B Block 3:** Provide the complete street address of your Wisconsin voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. For example: "Box _____, Highway _____." This address must be different from the one provided in Block 4 and must be within the town, city or village 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 provide 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 that the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens and residents of Wisconsin.

Under Wisconsin law, "military voters" are defined as:

- members of the U.S. Armed Forces or merchant marine
- civilians officially attached to the military overseas

- civilian employees of the U.S. Government overseas
- Peace Corps volunteers, members of the commissioned corps of the Federal Public Health Service or the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- spouses and dependents of the above.

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).

Registration is not required.

To request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the municipal clerk so that it arrives not later than 5:00 p.m. on election day for the September primary and the November general elections and the Friday before the election for all other elections. Or, you may request an absentee ballot by sending a written request, making sure to include the information needed on the FPCA (such as your full name, your legal voting address in Wisconsin, where you wish the ballot to be sent, signature, etc.).

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 7th day after the September primary and on the 10th day after the November general election if the ballot is postmarked by **election day**.

Local election officials mail out absentee ballots 30 days before the fall primary election and 30 days before the subsequent general election. Absentee ballots are mailed out 21 days before a spring primary and 21 days before the subsequent spring general 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

FPCA: No notary or witness required.

Returning a Ballot: The certificate on the ballot return envelope must be witnessed by one (1) adult U.S. citizen.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Wisconsin allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax or email. However, you must then mail the FPCA to the municipal clerk, making sure that it is postmarked the same day that it is faxed or emailed.

- Wisconsin allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax or email.
- Wisconsin 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. Special Write-In Absentee Ballot

Wisconsin provides a state special write-in absentee ballot. The ballot is sent automatically to those listed under Section II who have previously requested an absentee ballot for any election.

Vote it by writing in the names of the specific candidates or the name of any recognized political party.

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of treason, bribery, a felony, betting on the outcome of an election, those under a guardianship order, or persons who have been adjudicated to be incapable of understanding the objectives of the electoral process may not register or vote unless their civil rights have been restored.

G. Action on Registration Requests

Persons using the FPCA to register may be notified of registration.

H. Action If Registration Is Denied

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Wisconsin shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. If registration is denied contact the Municipal Clerk. If necessary, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel for advice.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Wisconsin and overseas electors. The term “overseas elector” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Wisconsin.

- Wisconsin residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. not listed in Section II. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)

- overseas electors (for Federal office ballots only).

A. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

Wisconsin residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. may use a single FPCA or written correspondence to request ballots for any local, state and Federal elections in a calendar year (see Chapter Two).

Overseas electors may use a single FPCA or written correspondence to request ballots for both the primary and general election for Federal offices in a calendar year.

To register and request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the municipal clerk so that it arrives not later than the third Wednesday (20 days) before the election.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the municipal clerk so that it arrives not later than the Thursday before the election. Or, you may request an absentee ballot by sending a written request, making sure to include the information needed on the FPCA (such as your full name, your legal voting address in Wisconsin, where you wish the ballot to be sent, signature, etc.).

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive by **close of polls on election day**.

Local election officials mail out absentee ballots 30 days before the primary election and 30 days before the subsequent general 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.

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Vote it by writing in the names of specific candidates or the name of any recognized political party.

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of treason, bribery, a felony, betting on the outcome of an election, those under a guardianship order, or persons who have been adjudicated to be incapable of understanding the objectives of the electoral process may not register or vote unless their civil rights have been restored.

G. Cancellation of Registration

Registration may be canceled for failure to vote within the four previous years.

H. Action on Registration Requests

Persons using the FPCA to register may be notified of registration.

I. Action If Registration Is Denied

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Wisconsin shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. If registration is denied contact the Municipal Clerk. If necessary, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel for advice.

J. 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 register and vote in the municipality where a parent would be eligible to register and vote (for Federal offices only).

IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where to Send it

Mail the FPCA to the **Municipal Clerk** in the city, town or village of voting residence. Milwaukee voters should mail the FPCA to the **City Board of Election Commissioners**. Wisconsin has many municipal jurisdictions. A partial list of major cities and villages follows.

A complete list of Municipal Clerks, along with addresses and telephone numbers, may be found on the Wisconsin website on the World Wide Web. The address for the Elections Division is “<http://elections.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=10506&locid=47>”. Or, you may contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program at **(703) 588-1584, 1-800-438-8683 (VOTE), DSN 425-1584** (military) or by email at vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

City or Village	Mailing Address
City of Appleton	Municipal Clerk 100 North Appleton Street Appleton, WI 54911-4799
City of Beloit	Municipal Clerk 100 State Street Beloit, WI 53511-6234
City of Brookfield	Municipal Clerk 2000 North Calhoun Road Brookfield, WI 53005-5095
City of Cudahy	Municipal Clerk PO Box 100510 Cudahy, WI 53110-6108
City of Eau Claire	Municipal Clerk PO Box 5148 Eau Claire, WI 54702-5148
City of Fond du Lac	Municipal Clerk PO Box 150 Fon du Lac, WI 54936-0150
City of Franklin	Municipal Clerk 9229 West Loomis Road Franklin, WI 53132-9728
City of Green Bay	Municipal Clerk PO Box 1565 Green Bay, WI 54305-1565
Village of Greendale	Municipal Clerk PO Box 257 Greendale, WI 53129-0257
City of Greenfield	Municipal Clerk 7325 West Forest Home Avenue Greenfield, WI 53220-3396
City of Janesville	Municipal Clerk PO Box 5005 Janesville, WI 53545-5005
City of Kaukauna	Municipal Clerk PO Box 890 Kaukauna, WI 54130-0890
City of Kenosha	Municipal Clerk 625 52nd Street, Room 105 Kenosha, WI 53140-3480
City of La Crosse	Municipal Clerk 400 La Crosse Street La Crosse, WI 54601-3396

City or Village	Mailing Address
City of Madison	Municipal Clerk 210 Martin Luther King Jr, Rm103 Madison, WI 53703-3342
City of Manitowoc	Municipal Clerk 900 Quay Street Manitowoc, WI 54220-4543
City of Marshfield	Municipal Clerk PO Box 727 Marshfield, WI 54449-0727
Village of Menomonee Falls	Municipal Clerk W156 N8480 Pilgrim Road Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-3140
City of Milwaukee	City Board of Election Commissioners 200 East Wells Street, Room 501 Milwaukee, WI 53202-3565
City of Neenah	Municipal Clerk PO Box 426 Neenah, WI 54957-0426
City of New Berlin	Municipal Clerk PO Box 510921 New Berlin, WI 53151-0921
City of Oak Creek	Municipal Clerk 8640 South Howell Avenue Oak Creek, WI 53154-2948
City of Oshkosh	Municipal Clerk PO Box 1130 Oshkosh, WI 54903-1130
City of Racine	Municipal Clerk 730 Washington Avenue, #102 Racine, WI 53403-1184
City of Sheboygan	Municipal Clerk 828 Center Avenue Sheboygan, WI 53081-4496

City or Village	Mailing Address
City of South Milwaukee	Municipal Clerk PO Box 367 South Milwaukee, WI 53172-0367
City of Stevens Point	Municipal Clerk 1515 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481-3594
City of Superior	Municipal Clerk 1316 North 14th Street, Suite 200 Superior, WI 54880-1776
City of Watertown	Municipal Clerk PO Box 477 Watertown, WI 53094-0477
City of Waukesha	Municipal Clerk 201 Delafield Street Waukesha, WI 53188-3692
City of Wausau	Municipal Clerk 407 Grant Street Wausau, WI 54403-4783
City of Wauwatosa	Municipal Clerk 7725 West North Avenue Wauwatosa, WI 53213-1720
City of West Allis	Municipal Clerk 7525 West Greenfield Avenue West Allis, WI 53214-4688
City of West Bend	Municipal Clerk 1115 South Main Street West Bend, WI 53095-4658
City of Wisconsin Rapids	Municipal Clerk 444 West Grand Avenue Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-2780

My vote counts! I sent it Home!

by Mary Ann Markley