

NORTH CAROLINA

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sboe.state.nc.us

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

Presidential Primary Date: May 6, 2008
State Primary Date: May 6, 2008
State Runoff Primary Date: June 24, 2008
General Election Date: November 4, 2008

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Note: Election dates and information are current as of July 2007. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

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

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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 A	e. DATE OF BIRTH M M D D Y Y Y Y		f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - - B		g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER C
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 D		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.)	
E			
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F 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):

G

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.)

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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: **I** _____ 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))

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.d:** You are requested to fill out this box. This information is requested from some states by the Department of Justice in its enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list for both ethnicity and race. Choices for ethnicity are Hispanic or Latino-of any race (write HL) or Not Hispanic or Latino (write NH). Choices for race: White (W), Black or African American (B), American Indian or Alaska Native (I), Asian (A), Multi-racial (M), Other (O), or Undesignated (U). For example, a person with Hispanic ethnicity who is white would write “HLW” in the space provided.
- B Block 2.f and 2.g:** The last four digits of your Social Security number OR your North Carolina Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, North Carolina shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- C Block 2.g:** Though optional when applying for an absentee ballot only, providing your Driver's License number in this blank would be helpful in processing your application.
- D Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your North Carolina 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. Please note that the local Board of Elections may make a reasonable investigation concerning your residence. Written verification of residency may be required.
- E 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.
- F Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- G Block 5:** You must register with a party to vote in that party's primary unless that party allows unaffiliated voters to vote in its primary. If you indicate a political party that is not a qualified party, or indicate no party, you will be listed as “Unaffiliated”. You must write

the name of your political party affiliation (Example: Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or other qualified party), “Unaffiliated”, or “None” in Block 5 of the FPCA. Political party choice is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. To change or declare your political party choice, you must complete this section and return the FPCA at least 25 days before the election.

- H 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.
- I 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 North Carolina 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. North Carolina expands the definition of Uniformed Services to include civilians attached to and serving with the U.S. Armed Forces outside the U.S. or disabled war veterans in U.S. Government hospitals and members of the Peace Corps.

A. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA to your County Board of Elections early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter Two).

To register, send a completed FPCA by mail, fax, or email to the County Board of Elections by the day prior to Election day.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA by mail, fax, Email or written request to the County Board of Elections by the day prior to Election day.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive not later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.**

Absentee ballots are available 50 days before an election.

If you have not received your requested 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 two persons 18 years of age or older. Witnesses must provide their signatures and addresses.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- North Carolina allows you to send the FPCA for registration by fax or email. After faxing or Emailing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- North Carolina allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax or email.
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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. Late Registration

Any member of the Uniformed Services who is qualified to vote absentee and returns to North Carolina after the registration records have closed, may still register and vote in person up to and including election day.

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

A person convicted of a felony may not register to vote, unless that person is restored to the rights of citizenship. A person is automatically restored to the rights of citizenship upon unconditional discharge from prison, probation, or parole.

G. Cancellation of Registration

Any person who fails to respond to confirmation mailings and who fails to contact the County Board of Elections office through the next two consecutive general elections for Federal office following the date of the mailing may be removed from the registration rolls.

H. Action on Registration Requests

North Carolina sends a notice of registration. Mental competence is not a requirement to register and vote in North Carolina.

I. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, North Carolina shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. Provide the information requested in the notice of denial. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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

- North Carolina registered voters temporarily outside the U.S. who are unaffiliated with the U.S. government (for local, state and Federal office ballots).
- overseas citizens who have never registered (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 Board of Elections** in the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Alamance	Alamance County Board of Elections 115 South Maple Street Graham, NC 27253-2804
Alexander	Alexander County Board of Elections PO Box 326 Taylorsville, NC 28681-0321
Alleghany	Alleghany County Board of Elections PO Box 65 Sparta, NC 28675-0065
Anson	Anson County Board of Elections PO Box 768 Wadesboro, NC 28170-0768
Ashe	Ashe County Board of Elections 150 Gov. Circle, Suite 2100 Jefferson, NC 28640-9378
Avery	Avery County Board of Elections PO Box 145 Newland, NC 28657-0145
Beaufort	Beaufort County Board of Elections PO Box 1016 Washington, NC 27889-1016
Bertie	Bertie County Board of Elections PO Box 312 Windsor, NC 27983-0312
Bladen	Bladen County Board of Elections PO Box 512 Elizabethtown, NC 28337-0512
Brunswick	Brunswick County Board of Elections PO Box 2 Bolivia, NC 28422-0002
Buncombe	Buncombe County Board of Elections PO Box 7468 Asheville, NC 28802-7468
Burke	Burke County Board of Elections PO Box 798 Morganton, NC 28680-0798
Cabarrus	Cabarrus County Board of Elections PO Box 1315 Concord, NC 28026-1315
Caldwell	Caldwell County Board of Elections PO Box 564 Lenoir, NC 28645-0564
Camden	Camden County Board of Elections PO Box 206 Camden, NC 27921-0206

County	Mailing Address
Carteret	Carteret County Board of Elections 1510 Live Oak Street Beaufort, NC 28516-1898
Caswell	Caswell County Board of Elections PO Box 698, Yanceyville, NC 27379-0698
Catawba	Catawba County Board of Elections PO Box 132 Newton, NC 28658-0389
Chatham	Chatham County Board of Elections PO Box 111 Pittsboro, NC 27312-0111
Cherokee	Cherokee County Board of Elections 17 Peachtree Street, Suite B Murphy, NC 28906-0816
Chowan	Chowan County Board of Elections PO Box 133 Edenton, NC 27932-0133
Clay	Clay County Board of Elections PO Box 687 Hayesville, NC 28904-0687
Cleveland	Cleveland County Board of Elections PO Box 1299 Shelby, NC 28151-1299
Columbus	Columbus County Board of Elections PO Box 37 Whiteville, NC 28472-0037
Craven	Craven County Board of Elections 406 Craven Street New Bern, NC 28560-4911
Cumberland	Cumberland County Board of Elections 301 East Russell Street Fayetteville, NC 28301-5743
Currituck	Currituck County Board of Elections PO Box 177 Currituck, NC 27929-0177
Dare	Dare County Board of Elections PO Box 1000 Manteo, NC 27954-1000
Davidson	Davidson County Board of Elections PO Box 1084 Lexington, NC 27293-1084
Davie	Davie County Board of Elections 161 Poplar Street, Suite 102 Mocksville, NC 27028-2148
Duplin	Duplin County Board of Elections PO Box 975 Kenansville, NC 28349-0975
Durham	Durham County Board of Elections PO Box 868 Durham, NC 27702-0868
Edgecombe	Edgecombe County Board of Elections PO Box 10 Tarboro, NC 27886-0010
Forsyth	Forsyth County Board of Elections 201 N. Chestnut Street Winston Salem, NC 27101-4120
Franklin	Franklin County Board of Elections PO Box 180 Louisburg, NC 27549-0180
Gaston	Gaston County Board of Elections PO Box 1396 Gastonia, NC 28053-1396
Gates	Gates County Board of Elections PO Box 621 Gatesville, NC 27938-0621
Graham	Graham County Board of Elections PO Box 1239 Robbinsville, NC 28771-1239
Granville	Granville County Board of Elections PO Box 83 Oxford, NC 27565-0083
Greene	Greene County Board of Elections PO Box 583 Snow Hill, NC 28580-0583
Guilford	Guilford County Board of Elections PO Box 3427 Greensboro, NC 27402-3927

County	Mailing Address
Halifax	Halifax County Board of Elections PO Box 101 Halifax, NC 27839-0101
Harnett	Harnett County Board of Elections PO Box 356 Lillington, NC 27546-0356
Haywood	Haywood County Board of Elections 1233 N. Main Street, Annex II Waynesville, NC 28786-2599
Henderson	Henderson County Board of Elections PO Box 2090 Hendersonville, NC 28793-2090
Hertford	Hertford County Board of Elections PO Box 416 Winton, NC 27986-0416
Hoke	Hoke County Board of Elections PO Box 1565 Raeford, NC 28376-1565
Hyde	Hyde County Board of Elections PO Box 152 Swanquarter, NC 27885-0152
Iredell	Iredell County Board of Elections 203 Stockton Street, B-1 Statesville, NC 28677-5245
Jackson	Jackson County Board of Elections 401 Grindstaff Cove Road Sylva, NC 28779-2705
Johnston	Johnston County Board of Elections PO Box 1172 Smithfield, NC 27577-1172
Jones	Jones County Board of Elections PO Box 263 Trenton, NC 28585-0263
Lee	Lee County Board of Elections PO Box 1443 Sanford, NC 27331-1443
Lenoir	Lenoir County Board of Elections PO Box 3503 Kinston, NC 28502-3503
Lincoln	Lincoln County Board of Elections 115 W. Main Street, Room 201 Lincolnton, NC 28092-2601
Macon	Macon County Board of Elections 5 West Main Street Franklin, NC 28734-3005
Madison	Madison County Board of Elections PO Box 142 Marshall, NC 28753-0142
Martin	Martin County Board of Elections PO Box 801 Williamston, NC 27892-0801
McDowell	McDowell County Board of Elections PO Box 1509 Marion, NC 28752-1509
Mecklenburg	Mecklenburg County Board of Elections PO Box 31788 Charlotte, NC 28231-1788
Mitchell	Mitchell County Board of Elections PO Box 381 Bakersville, NC 28705-0381
Montgomery	Montgomery County Board of Elections PO Box 607 Troy, NC 27371-0607
Moore	Moore County Board of Elections PO Box 787 Carthage, NC 28327-0787
Nash	Nash County Board of Elections PO Box 305 Nashville, NC 27856-0305
New Hanover	New Hanover County Board of Elections 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 180 Wilmington, NC 28403-1672
Northampton	Northampton County Board of Elections PO Box 603 Jackson, NC 27845-0603
Onslow	Onslow County Board of Elections 521 Mill Avenue Jacksonville, NC 28540-4258

County	Mailing Address
Orange	Orange County Board of Elections PO Box 220 Hillsborough, NC 27278-0220
Pamlico	Pamlico County Board of Elections PO Box 464 Bayboro, NC 28515-0464
Pasquotank	Pasquotank County Board of Elections PO Box 28 Elizabeth City, NC 27907-0028
Pender	Pender County Board of Elections PO Box 1232 Burgaw, NC 28425-1232
Perquimans	Perquimans County Board of Elections PO Box 336 Hertford, NC 27944-0336
Person	Person County Board of Election 331 South Morgan Street Roxboro, NC 27573-5223
Pitt	Pitt County Board of Elections PO Drawer 56 Greenville, NC 27835-0056
Polk	Polk County Board of Elections PO Box 253 Columbus, NC 28722-0253
Randolph	Randolph County Board of Elections Shaw Building 158 Worth Street Asheboro, NC 27203-5518
Richmond	Richmond County Board of Elections PO Box 1843 Rockingham, NC 28380-1843
Robeson	Robeson County Board of Elections PO Box 2159 Lumberton, NC 28359-2159
Rockingham	Rockingham County Board of Elections PO Box 208 Wentworth, NC 27375-0208
Rowan	Rowan County Board of Elections 130 W. Innes Street Salisbury, NC 28144-4365
Rutherford	Rutherford County Board of Elections PO Box 927 Rutherfordton, NC 28139-0927
Sampson	Sampson County Board of Elections PO Box 33 Clinton, NC 28329-0033
Scotland	Scotland County Board of Elections 231 E. Cronly Street, Suite 305 Laurinburg, NC 28352-3820
Stanly	Stanly County Board of Elections 1000 North First Street, Suite 16 Albemarle, NC 28001-5741

County	Mailing Address
Stokes	Stokes County Board of Elections PO Box 34 Danbury, NC 27016-0034
Surry	Surry County Board of Elections PO Box 372 Dobson, NC 27017-0372
Swain	Swain County Board of Elections PO Box 133 Bryson City, NC 28713-0133
Transylvania	Transylvania County Board of Elections PO Box 868 Brevard, NC 28712-0868
Tyrrell	Tyrrell County Board of Elections PO Box 449 Columbia, NC 27925-0449
Union	Union County Board of Elections PO Box 1106 Monroe, NC 28111-1106
Vance	Vance County Board of Elections 300 S. Garnett Street Henderson, NC 27536-4566
Wake	Wake County Board of Elections PO Box 695 Raleigh, NC 27602-0695
Warren	Warren County Board of Elections PO Box 803 Warrenton, NC 27589-0803
Washington	Washington County Board of Elections PO Box 1007 Plymouth, NC 27962-1007
Watauga	Watauga County Board of Elections PO Box 528 Boone, NC 28607-0528
Wayne	Wayne County Board of Elections 209 South William Street Goldsboro, NC 27530
Wilkes	Wilkes County Board of Elections 110 North Street, Room 315 Wilkesboro, NC 28697-2428
Wilson	Wilson County Board of Elections PO Box 2121 Wilson, NC 27894-2121
Yadkin	Yadkin County Board of Elections PO Box 877 Yadkinville, NC 27055-0877
Yancey	Yancey County Board of Elections PO Box 763 Burnsville, NC 28714-0763

It's more than a vote, it's your Freedom!

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