

# NEW YORK

## Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: [www.elections.state.ny.us](http://www.elections.state.ny.us)

Link to state election website is also available through FVAP website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

**Presidential Primary Date: February 5, 2008**

**State Primary Date: September 9, 2008**

**General Election Date: November 4, 2008**

<b>DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*</b>	<b>Presidential Primary (or preference)</b>	<b>State Primary</b>	<b>General Election</b>
<b>Registration</b>	January 11, 2008	August 15, 2008	October 10, 2008
<b>Ballot Request</b>	January 29, 2008	August 15, 2008	October 24, 2008
<b>Ballot Return</b>	Postmarked by: February 4, 2008 Received by: February 12, 2008	Postmarked by: September 8, 2008 Received by: September 16, 2008	Postmarked by: November 3, 2008 Received by: November 17, 2008

<b>DEADLINES FOR CIVILIANS OUTSIDE THE U.S.*</b>	<b>Presidential Primary (or preference)</b>	<b>State Primary</b>	<b>General Election</b>
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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](http://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				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
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**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.)			
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c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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):**

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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:** Provide your New York Driver's License number. If you do not have a driver's license number, you may provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number.
- B Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your New York 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.
- 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:** This form acts as a request for a mailed absentee ballot only. New York does not allow you to receive or return the absentee ballot electronically.
- E Block 5:** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Block 5 of the FPCA. If you write "none", some political party rules may permit you to participate in their primary. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation or you have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you must timely submit a completed FPCA, which includes your new political party affiliation, to the local election official. Please note that when changing parties, your new political party affiliation will not become effective until after the general election preceding the primary election of interest to you. For example, if a person voted in the 2002 Republican primary and wants to vote in the 2004 Democratic primary, the voter must return a change of political party choice so that it is received by the voter's respective local board of elections not later than 25 days before the 2003 general election. Following the election, the change will be officially recorded.
- 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 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 New York 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 and request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the local board of elections so that it arrives not later than 25 days before the primary election and not later than 10 days before a general or special election.

**If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot,** send a completed FPCA to the local board of elections so that it arrives not later than 7 days before the election. You are encouraged to send in your request as early as possible, as 7 days is not always enough time to get a ballot to you and returned to your election board office.

### B. Casting Your Vote

**Ballot Return Deadline:** Return your voted ballot to the local board of elections. It must be **postmarked** by the **day before the election and must arrive by the seventh day after any election and not later than thirteen days following the day of a general election.** Ask the mail clerk to hand stamp the ballot envelope to ensure a date appears on the envelope. The mailing envelope may be witnessed, in the space provided, indicating that the ballot was mailed not later than the day before the election. This action may help ensure that ballots arriving at boards of election with no postmarks or other date/time markings or indicia, can be counted.

Local election officials mail out absentee ballots approximately 32 days before an election, with the following exceptions: ballots are sent out 12 days before special elections and 25 days before school board elections in New York City and Buffalo.

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 materials must be notarized or witnessed. Mailing envelopes containing voted ballots may be witnessed, to help ensure that they can be counted, in cases where they lack required postmarks or other date/time markings or indicia.

### D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

New York does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

### E. Application for Ballot by Proxy

If you are outside the U.S., your spouse, parent, adult child, brother, sister or duly authorized agent may apply to the local board of elections for an absentee ballot on your behalf.

### F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Convicted felons serving a term of imprisonment (including parole) and those found mentally incompetent may not register or vote.

### G. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is canceled after a voter has been designated as inactive AND fails to vote in two federal general elections.

### H. Action on Registration Requests

Notification of approval or denial is sent to resident voters. Military voters and special Federal voters receive either a ballot or notification of denial.

### I. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

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

### 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 county where a parent would be eligible to register and vote (for Federal offices only).

## III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of New York and special Federal voters. The term

“special Federal voter” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in New York.

- New York residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- special Federal voters (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 or Borough Board of Elections of your voting residence**, as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Albany	County Board of Elections 32 N. Russell Road Albany, NY 12206-1019
Allegany	County Board of Elections 6 Schuyler Street Belmont, NY 14813-1015
Broome	County Board of Elections 44 Hawley Street, PO Box 1766 Binghamton, NY 13902-3722
Cattaraugus	County Board of Elections 302 N. Street Little Valley, NY 14755-1091
Cayuga	County Board of Elections Gerace Office Building 7 N. Erie Street Mayville, NY 14757-1007
Chautauqua	County Board of Elections Gerace Office Building 3 N. Erie Street Mayville, NY 14757-1007
Chemung	County Board of Elections 378 S. Main Street Elmira, NY 14902-0588
Chenango	County Board of Elections 5 Court Street Norwich, NY 13815-1676
Clinton	County Board of Elections 137 Margaret Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901-2933
Columbia	County Board of Elections 401 State Street Hudson, NY 12534-1996
Cortland	County Board of Elections County Court House 60 Central, Room 102 Cortland, NY 13045-3703
Delaware	County Board of Elections 3 Gallant Avenue Delhi, NY 13753-1095
Dutchess	County Board of Elections 47 Cannon Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-3270
Erie	County Board of Elections 134 W. Eagle Street Buffalo, NY 14202-3896
Essex	County Board of Elections County Court House PO Box 217 Elizabethtown, NY 12932-9801
Franklin	County Board of Elections 355 West Main Street Malone, NY 12953-1821
Fulton	County Board of Elections 2714 STHWY 29, Suite 1 Johnstown, NY 12095-9946
Genesee	County Board of Elections 15 Main Street, PO Box 284 Batavia, NY 14021
Greene	County Board of Elections 411 Main Street, 4th Floor Catskill, NY 12414-1445
Hamilton	County Board of Elections County Complex Route 8, PO Box 175 Lake Pleasant, NY 12108-9801

County	Mailing Address
Herkimer	County Board of Elections 109 Mary Street, Suite 1306 Herkimer, NY 13350-0527
Jefferson	County Board of Elections 175 Arsenal Street Watertown, NY 13601-2543
Lewis	County Board of Elections 7660 North State Street Lowville, NY 13367-9801
Livingston	County Board of Elections 6 Court Street, Room 104 Geneseo, NY 14454-1043
Madison	County Board of Elections N. Court Street, PO Box 666 Wampsville, NY 13163-9998
Monroe	County Board of Elections 39 Main Street West Rochester, NY 14614-1408
Montgomery	County Board of Elections Old Court House, PO Box 1500 Fonda, NY 12068-1500
Nassau	County Board of Elections New Admin Building 400 County Seat Drive Mineola, NY 11501-4800
Niagara	County Board of Elections 111 Main Street, Suite 100 Lockport, NY 14094-3718
Oneida	County Board of Elections Union Station 321 Main Street, 3rd Floor Utica, NY 13501
Onondaga	County Board of Elections Civic Center 421 Montgomery Street Syracuse, NY 13202-2999
Ontario	County Board of Elections 20 Ontario Street Canandaigua, NY 14424-1801
Orange	County Board of Elections 25 Court Lane, PO Box 30 Goshen, NY 10924-1508
Orleans	County Board of Elections County Office Building 14016 Route 31 Albion, NY 14411-9382
Oswego	County Board of Elections 18 E. Seneca Street Oswego, NY 13126-2118
Otsego	County Board of Elections County Office Building Suite 2, 140 County Highway Cooperstown, NY 13326-1193
Putnam	County Board of Elections 1 Geneva Road Brewster, NY 10509-2339
Rensselaer	County Board of Elections 1600 7th Avenue Troy, NY 12180-4098
Rockland	County Board of Elections 11 New Hempstead Road New City, NY 10956-3600
St. Lawrence	County Board of Elections 48 Court Street Canton, NY 13617-9987
Saratoga	County Board of Elections 50 W. High Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020-1979
Schenectady	County Board of Elections 388 Broadway, Suite E Schenectady, NY 12305-2520

County	Mailing Address
Schoharie	County Board of Elections County Office Building 284 Main Street, PO Box 99 Schoharie, NY 12157-9998
Schuyler	County Board of Elections County Office Building 105 9th Street, Unit 13 Watkins Glen, NY 14891-9972
Seneca	County Board of Elections 1 DiPronio Drive Waterloo, NY 13165-1681
Steuben	County Board of Elections 3 E. Pulteney Square Bath, NY 14810-1510
Suffolk	County Board of Elections Yaphank Avenue, PO Box 700 Yaphank, NY 11980-9733
Sullivan	County Board of Elections 100 North St., PO Box 5012 Monticello, NY 12701-5192
Tioga	County Board of Elections County Office Building 56 Main Street Owego, NY 13827-1595
Tompkins	County Board of Elections Court House Annex 128 E. Buffalo Street Ithaca, NY 14850-4207
Ulster	County Board of Elections 284 Wall Street Kingston, NY 12401-3641
Warren	County Board of Elections 1340 St. Route 9 Lake George, NY 12845-9803
Washington	County Board of Elections 383 Broadway Fort Edward, NY 12828-1021
Wayne	County Board of Elections 157 Montezuma Street Ext, PO Box 636 Lyons, NY 14489-0636
Westchester	County Board of Elections 25 Quarropas Street White Plains, NY 10601-4824
Wyoming	County Board of Elections 76 North Main Street Warsaw, NY 14569-1329
Yates	County Board of Elections 417 Liberty Street, Suite 1124 Penn Yan, NY 14527-1100

New York City Borough	(Send to Borough Board of Elections) Mailing Address
NY (Manhattan)	Borough Board of Elections 200 Varick Street New York, NY 10014-4810
Bronx	Borough Board of Elections 1780 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10457-5500
Kings (Brooklyn)	Borough Board of Elections 345 Adams Street Brooklyn, NY 11201-3719
Queens	Borough Board of Elections 126-06 Queens Blvd. Kew Gardens, NY 11415-1500
Richmond (Staten Island)	Borough Board of Elections 1 Edgewater Plaza Staten Island, NY 10305-4900

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