

MINNESOTA

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sos.state.mn.us

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

Presidential Primary: Not Applicable
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 Applicable	No Deadline	No Deadline
Ballot Request	Not Applicable	September 8, 2008	November 3, 2008
Ballot Return	Not Applicable	September 9, 2008	November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR CIVILIANS OUTSIDE THE U.S.*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	General Election
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Ballot Request	Not Applicable	September 8, 2008	November 3, 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 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) _____

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 _____ **B** 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**

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

_____ **E**

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: _____ **F** 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.g:** You must provide your passport number, Minnesota driver's license number, state identification number, or the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have access to any of these documents or numbers, you may submit the form after signing the affirmation.
- B Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Minnesota 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 or township 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. This address must be different from the one provided 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 the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct. Only your parent, spouse, sister, brother, or child over 18 years of age may sign on your behalf and that person must state how he or she is related to you.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Minnesota and members of the Uniformed Services, the merchant marine, and their family members.

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 fax

number, mailing address, or email address, depending on your preference selected in Block 4.c. (see Chapter Two).

You are not required to register.

To request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county auditor any time before the election. An absentee ballot application may be submitted by the voter or by the voter's parent, spouse, sister, brother, or child over the age of 18 years.

B. Casting Your Vote

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

Local election officials mail absentee ballots approximately 30 days before the 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

No notary or witness required.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Minnesota allows you to send the signed FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax or email.
- Minnesota allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax or email.
- Minnesota 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. Bars to Registration and Voting

The following may not vote: convicted felons whose felony sentence has not expired (been completed) or who have not been discharged from their sentence; persons under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revoked the right to vote; or persons found by the court to be legally incompetent to vote.

F. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Minnesota shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

G. Write-In Absentee Ballot

Minnesota allows the use of a Write-In Absentee Ballot for eligible voters who will be outside the territorial limits of the United States during the 180 days prior to the state general election. After requesting an official absentee ballot, eligible voters may use the Write-In Absentee Ballot. For federal offices, write in either a candidate name or political party. For state or local offices, write in a candidate name. If both the official ballot and the Write-In Absentee Ballot are returned prior to the close of the polls on Election Day, only the official ballot will be counted.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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

- Minnesota residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Using the address as listed, mail the FPCA to the **County Auditor** in your county of voting residence as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Aitkin	Aitkin County Auditor Aitkin, MN 56431-1292
Anoka	Anoka County Auditor Anoka, MN 55303-2465
Becker	Becker County Auditor Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3403
Beltrami	Beltrami County Auditor Bemidji, MN 56601-3178
Benton	Benton County Auditor Foley, MN 56329-0129
Big Stone	Big Stone County Auditor Ortonville, MN 56278-1544
Blue Earth	Blue Earth Mankato, MN 56002-3524
Brown	Brown County Auditor New Ulm, MN 56073-0115
Carlton	Carlton County Auditor Carlton, MN 55718-0130
Carver	Carver County Auditor Chaska, MN 55318-2184
Cass	Cass County Auditor Walker, MN 56484-3000
Chippewa	Chippewa County Auditor Montevideo, MN 56265-1652
Chisago	Chisago County Auditor Center City, MN 55012-9663
Clay	Clay County Auditor Moorhead, MN 56560-0280
Clearwater	Clearwater County Auditor Bagley, MN 56621-8304
Cook	Cook County Auditor Grand Marais, MN 55604-1150
Cottonwood	Cottonwood County Auditor Windom, MN 56101-1645
Crow Wing	Crow Wing County Auditor Brainerd, MN 56401-3590
Dakota	Dakota County Auditor Hastings, MN 55033-2380
Dodge	Dodge County Auditor Mantorville, MN 55955-2200
Douglas	Douglas County Auditor Alexandria, MN 56308-1793
Faribault	Faribault County Auditor Blue Earth, MN 56013-0130
Fillmore	Fillmore County Auditor Preston, MN 55965-0466
Freeborn	Freeborn County Auditor Albert Lea, MN 56007-1147
Goodhue	Goodhue County Auditor Red Wing, MN 55066-0408
Grant	Grant County Auditor Elbow Lake, MN 56531-4300
Hennepin	Hennepin County Auditor Minneapolis, MN 55487-0060
Houston	Houston County Auditor Caledonia, MN 55921-1330
Hubbard	Hubbard County Auditor Park Rapids, MN 56470-1483

County	Mailing Address
Isanti	Isanti County Auditor Cambridge, MN 55008-9386
Itasca	Itasca County Auditor Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2600
Jackson	Jackson County Auditor Jackson, MN 56143-1529
Kanabec	Kanabec County Auditor Mora, MN 55051-1386
Kandiyohi	Kandiyohi County Auditor Willmar, MN 56201-0936
Kittson	Kittson County Auditor Hallock, MN 56728-4141
Koochiching	Koochiching County Auditor International Falls, MN 56649-2486
Lac Qui Parle	Lac Qui Parle County Auditor Madison, MN 56256-1296
Lake	Lake County Auditor Two Harbors, MN 55616-1565
Lake of the Woods	Lake of the Woods Baudette, MN 56623-0808
Le Sueur	Le Sueur Le Center, MN 56057-1600
Lincoln	Lincoln County Auditor Ivanhoe, MN 56142-0029
Lyon	Lyon County Auditor Marshall, MN 56258-3099
McLeod	McLeod County Auditor Glencoe, MN 55336-2200
Mahnomen	Mahnomen County Auditor Mahnomen, MN 56557-0379
Marshall	Marshall County Auditor Warren, MN 56762-1697
Martin	Martin County Auditor Fairmont, MN 56031-1852
Meeker	Meeker County Auditor Litchfield, MN 55355-2189
Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs Milaca, MN 56353-1396
Morrison	Morrison County Auditor Little Falls, MN 56345-3199
Mower	Mower County Auditor Austin, MN 55912-3475
Murray	Murray County Auditor Slayton, MN 56172-0057
Nicollet	Nicollet County Auditor Saint Peter, MN 56082-0089
Nobles	Nobles County Auditor Worthington, MN 56187-0757
Norman	Norman County Auditor Ada, MN 56510-0266
Olmsted	Olmsted County Auditor Rochester, MN 55904-3709
Otter Tail	Otter Tail County Auditor Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1364
Pennington	Pennington County Auditor Thief River Falls, MN 56701-0616
Pine	Pine County Auditor Pine City, MN 55063-1694
Pipestone	Pipestone County Auditor Pipestone, MN 56164-0455
Polk	Polk County Auditor Crookston, MN 56716-1452
Pope	Pope County Auditor Glenwood, MN 56334-1628
Ramsey	Ramsey County Auditor P.O. Box 64098 Saint Paul, MN 55164-0098
Red Lake	Red Lake County Auditor Red Lake Falls, MN 56750-0367

County	Mailing Address
Redwood	Redwood County Auditor Redwood Falls, MN 56283-0130
Renville	Renville County Auditor Olivia, MN 56277-1396
Rice	Rice County Auditor Fairbault, MN 55021-6141
Rock	Rock County Auditor Luverne, MN 56156-0100
Roseau	Roseau County Auditor Roseau, MN 56751-1477
St. Louis	St. Louis County Auditor Duluth, MN 55802-1293
Scott	Scott County Auditor Shakopee, MN 55379-1379
Sherburne	Sherburne County Auditor Elk River, MN 55330-4601
Sibley	Sibley County Auditor Gaylord, MN 55334-0171
Stearns	Stearns County Auditor Saint Cloud, MN 56303-4781
Steele	Steele County Auditor Owatonna, MN 55060-0890
Stevens	Stevens County Auditor Morris, MN 56267-0530

County	Mailing Address
Swift	Swift County Auditor Benson, MN 56215-0288
Todd	Todd County Auditor Long Prairie, MN 56347-1390
Traverse	Traverse County Auditor Wheaton, MN 56296-0428
Wabasha	Wabasha County Auditor Wabasha, MN 55981-1594
Wadena	Wadena County Auditor Wadena, MN 56482-1595
Waseca	Waseca County Auditor Waseca, MN 56093-2993
Washington	Washington County Auditor Stillwater, MN 55082-0006
Watsonwan	Watsonwan County Auditor Saint James, MN 56081-0518
Wilkin	Wilkin County Auditor Breckenridge, MN 56520-0409
Winona	Winona County Auditor Winona, MN 55987-3102
Wright	Wright County Auditor Buffalo, MN 55313-1195
Yellow Medicine	Yellow Medicine County Auditor Granite Falls, MN 56241-1367

Take part in the political process - VOTE!

by Major Kevin K. Oleen, USAF

