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Give up your right to vote just because you're not in America? Forget it! Make your voice heard from across the ocean.

Wherever You Are, You're Here

American citizens living or studying overseas are eligible to participate via absentee ballot in presidential and state primary elections, run-off elections and special elections that occur throughout the year, in addition to the November presidential and general elections. It's important to remember to register to vote with your local election officials back home! Tell them you are traveling overseas, and provide them with a good address where they can send your absentee ballot. Some states can email you a ballot that you can print out and mail back. Many others allow faxing

Exercise your civic duty and take the time to request a ballot well in advance of your trip. Already overseas and forgot to register? Not to worry—you can take care of it from abroad too.



Absentee Voting in Four Easy Steps

1. Complete a Federal Post Card Application form ([http:// www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpa.html](http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpa.html)) and send it to local election officials in the state where you were living before going overseas.
2. The local officials will approve your request, or contact you for further information.
3. The local officials will send you an absentee ballot for all the elections during the year.
4. Complete the ballot and send it back in time to meet your state's deadline. **Tip: Sending things through international mail can take time, so mail it early.**

Check out www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html#ch3 to learn more about your state's procedures and deadlines.

Absent Absentee Ballot?

If you have requested an absentee ballot, but you haven't received it within three weeks of your state's ballot receipt deadline, you may be eligible to use a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)—also known as "an emergency ballot." If you are already overseas, contact the Voting Assistance Officer at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for help, or download the ballot here <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/forms.html>, write in the candidates of your choice, and mail it to your local election officials. If your ballot does arrive later, you should fill it out and mail it back too.

Exercise your right to vote, and let your voice be heard!

Voting Absentee: It's Easy!

You can't vote online, but you can find all the forms and information you'll need to register and request an absentee ballot on the Internet. Your voting residence is usually your parents', unless you've moved away from home and registered to vote elsewhere. Every state has its own procedures and deadlines, so look them up. Start the process now to make sure you receive your ballots in time to vote.

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