

Maryland

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary April 3, 2012	State Primary April 3, 2012	General Election November 6, 2012
Registration	Received OR Postmarked by: March 13, 2012	Received OR Postmarked by: March 13, 2012	Received OR Postmarked by: October 16, 2012
Ballot Request	By Mail: 8pm, March 27, 2012 By Fax/email: 11:59 pm, March 27, 2012	By Mail: 8pm, March 27, 2012 By Fax/email: 11:59 pm, March 27, 2012	By Mail: 8 pm, October 30, 2012 By Email/Fax: 11:59 pm, October 30, 2012
Ballot Return	Postmarked by: April 3, 2012 Received by: 10 am, April 13, 2012	Postmarked by: April 3, 2012 Received by: 10 am, April 13, 2012	Postmarked by: November 6, 2012 Received by: 10 am, November 16, 2012

These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.

Information is current as of January 2012. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

If you are a Military (or eligible family member), or are an overseas civilian who is temporarily overseas, the Federal Post card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all elections for federal, state and local offices for the calendar year in which it is submitted.

If you are an overseas civilian who is permanently residing overseas the Federal Post card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all federal elections for the calendar year in which it is submitted.

Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

Block 1: Select the category that describes you.

Block 2: To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you want to vote for partisan contests in primary elections, you must affiliate with the Democratic or Republican party. If you affiliate with another political party or are unaffiliated, you are only entitled to vote in school board contests in primary

elections. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party affiliation to the local election official no later than the registration deadline. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

Block 3: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 4: Date of Birth

Your valid Maryland Driver's License number, MVA identification card number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess any of these identification numbers, please indicate this in Block 9. The State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Block 5: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Block 6: Maryland allows you to receive the ballot by mail, email, or fax. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your

email address or fax number in Block 5. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you. If you ask to receive your absentee ballot by email, your ballot will be posted to a website Maryland has developed for delivering absentee ballots. When your ballot is ready, you will receive an email with the link to the website and instructions on how to access your ballot.

Block 7: Complete street address of your Maryland voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 8: Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

Block 9: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

Affirmation: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

If you are not already registered, you must submit your FPCA by mail. If you are already registered, Maryland allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email or fax.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you are already registered to vote, you may email your request for an absentee ballot. You should send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at http://www.elections.state.md.us/about/county_boards.html.

If you are already registered to vote, you may fax your request for an absentee ballot. It is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at http://www.elections.state.md.us/about/county_boards.html. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at www.fvap.gov, and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at www.fvap.gov.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to

Maryland's voter registration verification website at: <http://www.elections.state.md.us>.

Your jurisdiction will contact you regarding the status of your application.

Ballot Request by Proxy

A registered voter or the voter's authorized agent may apply in person for an absentee ballot at the local election office by the close of polls on Election Day.

The voter's authorized agent may pick up and deliver the absentee ballot and must:

- be at least 18 years old
- not be a candidate on the voter's ballot
- be designated in writing and signed with the voter's original signature
- sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury.

Voting Your Ballot

State election officials send absentee ballots no later than 45 days before elections.

Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the local election office by 10 am on November 16 (Effective for the November 6 general election only).

You must sign an oath stating your eligibility to vote by absentee ballot when you return a voted absentee ballot. No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

Voted ballots must be returned by mail.

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service, may use the "Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD". This label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the general election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

Tracking Your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at: <http://www.elections.state.md.us>.

Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2012 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2012 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 6, 2012
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 13, 2012
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 29, 2012.

If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2012, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

If you are a Military (or eligible family member), or are an overseas civilian who is temporarily overseas, Maryland allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in primary, special, and general elections for Federal, State, and local offices and non-candidate ballot issues. Feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

If you are an overseas civilian who is permanently residing overseas, Maryland allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in primary, special, and general elections for Federal offices. Feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/Affirmation:

Block 1: Maryland allows you to use this form for registration.

Block 2: Select the category that describes you.

Block 3: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 4: Date of Birth

Enter your valid Maryland Driver's License number, MVA identification card number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, OR your State voter registration number.

Block 5: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Block 6: If you are using this form to register and wish to vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you want to change your political party affiliation, indicate your new party affiliation and submit the FWAB no later than the registration deadline. Political party affiliation is not required for voting in general elections.

Block 7: Complete street address of your Maryland voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 8: Enter your current mailing address.

Block 9: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

Affirmation: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal, State, or local office in any election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.elections.state.md.us. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office by the registration deadline.

If using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline. If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

Insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to your local election official.

Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Allegany	Allegany Board of Elections 701 Kelly Road, Suite 213 Cumberland, MD 21502-3401 Fax: (301) 777-2430 Email: elections@aliconet.org
Anne Arundel	Anne Arundel Board of Elections PO Box 490 Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Anne Arundel Board of Elections 7320 Ritchie Highway, Second Floor Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490 Fax: (410) 222-6824 Email: elections@aacounty.org
Baltimore City	Baltimore City Board of Elections Charles L. Benton Office Bldg., Room 129 417 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, MD 21202-3432 Fax: (410) 962-8747 Email: mildred.easterling@baltimorecity.gov
Baltimore County	Baltimore County Board of Elections 106 Bloomsbury Avenue Catonsville, MD 21228-5220 Fax: (410) 887-0894 Email: elections@baltimorecountymd.gov
Calvert	Calvert Board of Elections PO Box 798 Prince Frederick, MD 20678-0798 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Calvert Board of Elections 30 Duke Street, Lower Level Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Fax: (410) 535-5009 Email: elections@co.cal.md.us
Caroline	Caroline Board of Elections Health & Public Services Building 403 S. 7th Street, Suite 247 Denton, MD 21629-1378 Fax: (410) 479-5736 Email: election@carolinemd.org
Carroll	Carroll Board of Elections 300 S.Center Street, Room 212 Westminster, MD 21157-5248 Fax: (410) 876-3925 Email: Dldell@ccg.carr.org
Cecil	Cecil Board of Elections 200 Chesapeake Boulevard Suite 1900 Elkton, MD 21921-6395 Fax: (410) 996-5066 Email: epotter@ccgov.org
Charles	Charles Board of Elections PO Box 908 La Plata, MD 20646-0908 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Charles Board of Elections 201 E. Charles Street La Plata, MD 20646 Fax: (301) 934-6487 Email: Duffielb@charlescounty.org
Dorchester	Dorchester Board of Elections PO Box 414 Cambridge, MD 21613-0414 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Dorchester Board of Elections 501 Court Lane, Room 105 Cambridge, MD 21613 Fax: (410) 228-9635 Email: bhall@docogonet.com
Frederick	Frederick Board of Elections Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street Frederick, MD 21701-5447 Fax: (301) 600-2344 Email: electionboard@fredrickcountymd.gov

County	Mailing Address
Garrett	Garrett Board of Elections 2008 Maryland Highway, Suite 1 Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550-6349 Fax: (301) 334-6988 Email: sfratz@garrettcountry.org
Harford	Harford Board of Elections 133 Industry Lane Forest Hill, MD 21050-1621 Fax: (410) 638-3310 Email: elections@harfordcountymd.gov
Howard	Howard Board of Elections PO Box 6800 Columbia, MD 21045-6800 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Howard Board of Elections 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 200 Columbia, MD 21046 Fax: (410) 313-5833 Email: cbdavis@howardcountymd.gov
Kent	Kent Board of Elections 135 Dixon Drive Chestertown, MD 21620-1141 Fax: (410) 778-0265 Email: lprice@kentgov.org
Montgomery	Montgomery Board of Elections PO Box 10369 Rockville, MD 20849-0369 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Montgomery Board of Elections 18753-210 N. Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20879 Fax: (240) 777-8560 Email: uocava.voters@montgomerycountymd.gov
Prince George's	Prince George's Board of Elections 16201 Trade Zone Avenue Suite 108 Upper Marlboro, MD 20774-8758 Fax: (301) 430-8080 Email: election@co.pg.md.us
Queen Anne's	Queen Anne's Board of Elections PO Box 274 Centreville, MD 21617-0274 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Queen Anne's Board of Election 132 N. Commerce Street Centreville, MD 21617 Fax: (410) 758-1119 Email: qacelections_director@verizon.net
St Mary's	St Mary's Board of Elections PO Box 197 Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> St Mary's Board of Elections 41650 Tudor Hall Road Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197 Fax: (301) 475-4077 Email: susan.julian@co.saint-marys.md.us
Somerset	Somerset Board of Elections PO Box 96 Princess Anne, MD 21853-0096 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Somerset Board of Elections County Office Building 11916 Somerset Avenue, Suite 102 Princess Anne, MD 21853 Fax: (410) 651-5130 Email: elections@co.somerset.md.us
Talbot	Talbot Board of Elections PO Box 353 Easton, MD 21601-0353 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Talbot Board of Elections 142 N. Harrison Street Easton, MD 21601 Fax: (410) 770-8078 Email: pmitchell@talbotcountymd.gov

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Washington	Washington Board of Elections 35 W. Washington Street, Room 101 Hagerstown, MD 21740-4834 Fax: (240) 313-2051 Email: elections@washco-md.net
Wicomico	Wicomico Board of Elections PO Box 4091 Salisbury, MD 21803-4091 <i>Street Address for Private Mail Carrier:</i> Wicomico Board of Elections 123 Bateman Street Salisbury, MD 21804 Fax: (410) 548-4849 Email: election@wicomicocounty.org
Worcester	Worcester Board of Elections 100 Belt Street Snow Hill, MD 21804 Fax: (410) 632-3031 Email: trigginn@verizon.net

