

# Maine

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary N/A	State Primary June 12, 2012	General Election November 6, 2012
Registration	N/A	No Deadline	No Deadline
Ballot Request	N/A	No Deadline	No Deadline
Ballot Return	N/A	8 pm, June 12, 2012	8 pm, November 6, 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 September 2011. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

\* Maine has a Caucus system for selecting Presidential Nominees.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled Federal elections for 2 years from the date of the receipt of the application.

### 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 are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation and have been enrolled in the political party for at least three months, the FPCA must be received by your election official no later than 15 days before the election. If you are currently registered and have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you must submit the FPCA to the election official any time before the election. 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

Enter your valid Maine Driver's License number. If you do not have a Maine Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, write "none" and 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 the election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 6:** Maine allows you to receive your ballot by mail or electronically via download from a secure website or by fax. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your fax number or email address in Block 5. Please ensure that this email address does not block or filter emails forwarded from the election official. If you do not make a selection, then the election official will mail your ballot to you.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Maine 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 municipality where you claim legal voting residence.

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

**Block 9:** Provide the name of the municipality and State where you were registered to vote before you registered at your current Maine voting residence. This address must be different from the one in Block 7. If you have not registered to vote before, write "none."

In addition to mailing a regular ballot, Maine provides a State Write-In Absentee Ballot up to 3 months before the election to any voter living outside the U.S. who believes they cannot receive and return their voted ballot in a timely manner. To request it, write in Block 9: "I will be unable to

vote by regular absentee ballot. I request a blank absentee ballot.”

Provide any information that may assist the election official in accepting this application.

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

### **How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:**

Maine allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, fax, or as a scanned attachment to an email.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to:

Bureau of Corporations, Elections, and Commissions  
Division of Elections  
101 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0101

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to the election official at 207-287-5428 or toll-free within the United States at 877-443-1302. 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](http://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](http://www.fvap.gov).

If you choose to email, email the signed, scanned form to [UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov](mailto:UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov). You may also use our Electronic Transmission Service by sending the form as an attachment to [ets@fvap.gov](mailto:ets@fvap.gov).

### **Follow-Up on Your FPCA**

If you are a UOCAVA voter and you have requested an absentee ballot but not yet received it, please contact the Division of Elections toll-free within the United States at 1-888-VOTESME (1-888-868-3763) or [UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov](mailto:UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov).

The Maine Division of Elections will contact you if your registration is denied.

### **Ballot Request by Proxy**

A family member (spouse or domestic partner, parent, sibling, child, stepparent, stepchild, stepsister, stepbrother, in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-grandparent, step-grandchild, guardian or former guardian) may make a written request for an absentee ballot on your behalf. The request must be signed by the family member and indicate the family relationship. The request may be made to the election official either in person, by mail or fax. The election official may mail the ballot directly to you or issue

the ballot to the family member who must deliver the ballot to you.

You may designate a third person (other than an immediate family member) to receive the ballot on your behalf by submitting a signed application or written request by mail or fax to the election office. The election official must issue the ballot to the designee who must then deliver the ballot to you. You must have the ballot return envelope signed by a notary public, a clerk of courts, or two other individuals (one of whom may be the ballot carrier).

### **Ballot Request by Phone**

Maine allows registered voters to request an absentee ballot by telephone. Only the voter may request a ballot by telephone. You may request your ballot by contacting the Maine Division of Elections toll-free within the United States at (207) 624-7650 or 1-888-VOTESME (1-888-868-3763).

### **Ballot Request Online**

If you are already registered, you may request your ballot online. Please go to <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>, the Maine Division of Elections online absentee ballot request website.

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## **Voting Your Ballot**

The Maine Division of Elections sends absentee ballots approximately 45 days before elections for Federal and State offices if a ballot request is received by the Division of Elections by this date.

### **Voted ballots must be received by the Maine Division of Elections by 8 pm on Election Day.**

You must seal your voted ballot in its return envelope and sign a certification as to its authenticity on the envelope or complete the affidavit you print when you download your ballot (if delivered electronically). If you received assistance in reading and/or marking your voted ballot, the ballot return envelope must be signed by the aide and witnessed by one other individual.

If you are unable to return your voted ballot by mail by the Election Day deadline, contact the Maine Division of Elections by email at [UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov](mailto:UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov), or fax to **207-287-5428** or toll-free in the U.S. to **1-877-443-1302** to receive authorization and instructions to submit the FWAB electronically. Use FPCA fax instructions under “How and Where to Submit Your FPCA.” All other 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 by sending an email to [UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov](mailto:UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov). In your email provide your name, date of birth and municipality where you are registered to vote.

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## 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.

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

Maine allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration, ballot request, and voting in primary and general elections for Federal offices and State offices and issues. 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:** Maine 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 Maine Driver's License number. If you do not have a Maine Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, write “none” and 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 the 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 are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation and have been enrolled in the political party for at least three months, the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) must be received by the election official no later than 15 days before the election. If you are currently registered and have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you must submit the FPCA to the election official any time before the election.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Maine 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 municipality where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Enter your current mailing address.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the 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 county office in a general or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to [www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec). For each Federal office in a general election for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party

designation. For all other offices and elections, you must write a candidate's name.

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:**

The FWAB must be received by the Maine Division of Elections 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.

Maine allows you to submit the FWAB by mail.

If you are unable to return your voted ballot by mail by the deadline, contact the Maine Division of Elections by email at [UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov](mailto:UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov), or fax to **207-287-5428** or toll-free in the U.S. to **1-877-443-1302** to receive authorization and instructions to submit the FWAB electronically.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the ballot directly to:

Bureau of Corporations, Elections, and Commissions  
Division of Elections  
101 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0101

If you are authorized to fax your voted FWAB, fax it directly to (207) 287-5874 or toll-free within the United States to (877) 443-1302. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://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](http://www.fvap.gov).

If you are authorized to return your FWAB by email, email the FWAB as an attachment to an email to [UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov](mailto:UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov).