

WASHINGTON

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.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

SAMPLE FORM

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)			
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____		COUNTY OF _____	
		CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.			
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)		6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)	
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SEX c. RACE	
d. DATE OF BIRTH		f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)	
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)		8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT	
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP		X only one: a, b, c or d	
c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)		I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See instructions)	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)		a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.	
a. LAST DAY OF RESIDENCY		b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.	
b. NUMBER AND STREET (do not use Post Office Box)		c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.	
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE		d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	
d. STATE		e. I am a U.S. Citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.	
e. COUNTY OR PARISH		f. 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.	
f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known)		g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)		h. The information on this form is true and complete.	
		i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See Instructions.)		j. DATE	
		DATE SIGNED	
		(If required by state law)	

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. You must complete all shaded areas.

- A** Your Washington driver's license number is required for voter registration. If you do not have a driver's license, the last four digits of your social security number is required. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the State will assign a unique identifying number to you for voter registration purposes.
- B** Do not leave blank. Enter "NA" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.
- C** Provide the complete street address of your Washington voting residence. A post office box or rural route is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be within the county or township where you claim legal voting residence.
- D** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current

- mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.
- E** Designation of political party affiliation is not required.
- F** If you do not wish to request an absentee ballot for all future elections, indicate in this section for which elections you are requesting an absentee ballot. Indicate your e-mail address and a telephone number (including all country and local prefixes) where you can be reached. You may also use this section to include any former name under which you may be registered.
- G** Check ONE box.
- H** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

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

B. 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 except if you are requesting a special write-in ballot (see Section F and also Chapter 2).

You may also request absentee ballots by telephone, fax, e-mail or by filling out and mailing the request form printed from the Secretary of State web site. Notifying the County Auditor of any mailing address changes is required for an individual to receive absentee ballots for all future elections (for local, state and Federal offices).

Washington will automatically use a completed FPCA as a form for voter registration.

To register to vote only, send a completed FPCA to the auditor in the county where your voting residence is located at any time. It must be postmarked 30 days prior to the election.

To register and request an absentee ballot, send your FPCA to the auditor in the county where your voting residence is located. The County Auditor must receive your FPCA not later than one day before the election.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send your FPCA to the auditor in the county where your voting residence is located. The County Auditor must receive your FPCA or any other written and signed request not later than one day before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the County Auditor **within 10 days after the primary election or 15 days after the general election**. Postmark your voted ballot by election day.

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 20 days before the election.

You must sign and date an oath validating the ballot

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Washington allows you to send your FPCA ballot request by fax. Some Washington counties allow you to send your FPCA by e-mail. If you are registering to vote, the original form must also be mailed.
- Washington allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax. Some Washington counties allow you to receive the (PDF) blank ballot by e-mail upon request.
- Some Washington counties allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

To find out whether your county accepts e-mailing the FPCA and the blank ballot, or returning the voted ballot by fax, contact the County Auditor. Visit www.secstate.wa.gov/elections, then select **County Auditors & Election Departments** for county contact information.

Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527
1-800-368-8683

Additional international toll-free fax numbers are listed on the inside back cover.

F. Special Write-In Absentee Ballot

Washington provides a state special write-in absentee ballot, available 90 days before an election, if you believe that you will be unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the period provided for regular absentee ballots.

The FPCA may be used to request this state special write-in ballot. In Item 7 of the FPCA, place one of the state special write-in labels from Section III.E. If no labels are available, write in Item 7: "I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot." Candidate and issue information may not be available at the time of your request.

Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address

The state special write-in ballot must be requested not earlier than 90 days before the election. You may vote it by writing in the names of specific candidates.

G. Ballot Application By Proxy

If you are currently registered, a member of your immediate family may request an absentee ballot for your use on your behalf. As a means of ensuring that the person who requests the absentee ballot is requesting the ballot for you, an auditor may require the person who requests the absentee ballot to identify your date of birth and deny a request that is not accompanied by this information.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

The following procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Washington and overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen(s)” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Washington. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Voting

Persons convicted of a felony must have voting rights restored prior to voting. Persons judicially declared incompetent may not vote.

B. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

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

C. Cancellation of Registration

If you change your residence to a different county, you must re-register. If you change your residence within the same county, you must notify the county elections department by phone or in writing. Both of these actions must be

completed at least 30 days before the election to be eligible to vote.

D. Late Registration

Unregistered qualified persons may register to vote in person at the office of the County Auditor or a voter registration site in the county in which the applicant resides. This may be done after the close of registration for voting at the polls up until the 15th day before a primary, special election, or general election. These persons will be given an absentee ballot to vote and return by mail.

E. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA or other signed request to the **County Auditor** in your county of voting residence as listed below:

County	Address	City	Zip
Adams	210 Broadway St., West	Ritzville	99169-1897
Asotin	PO Box 129	Asotin	99402-0129
Benton	PO Box 470	Prosser	99350-0470
Chelan	PO Box 400	Wenatchee	98807-0400
Clallam	223 E. 4th St. - Suite No. 1	Port Angeles	98362-0338
Clark	PO Box 8815	Vancouver	98666-8815
Columbia	341 East Main St.	Dayton	99328-1361
Cowlitz	207 4th Ave., N.	Kelso	98626-4193
Douglas	PO Box 456	Waterville	98858-0456
Ferry	350 E Delaware #2	Republic	99166-9747
Franklin	PO Box 1451	Pasco	99301-1451
Garfield	PO Box 278	Pomeroy	99347-0278
Grant	PO Box 37	Ephrata	98823-0037
Grays Harbor	100 W Broadway, Ste. 2	Montesano	98563-3614
Island	PO Box 5000	Coupeville	98239-5000
Jefferson	PO Box 563	Port Townsend	98368-0563
King	500 4th Ave., Rm. 553	Seattle	98104-3280
Kitsap	1026 Sidney Ave., Ste 175	Port Orchard	98366-4206
Kittitas	205 W. 5th Ave.	Ellensburg	98926-3129
Klickitat	205 Columbus St., Rm.203	Goldendale	98620-9293
Lewis	PO Box 29	Chehalis	98532-0029
Lincoln	PO Box 28	Davenport	99122-0028
Mason	PO Box 400	Shelton	98584-0400
Okanogan	PO Box 1010	Okanogan	98840-1010
Pacific	PO Box 97	South Bend	98586-0097
Pend Oreille	PO Box 5015	Newport	99156-5015
Pierce	2401 S. 35th St., Rm 200	Tacoma	98409-7498
San Juan	PO Box 638	Friday Harbor	98250-0638
Skagit	PO Box 1306	Mt Vernon	98273-1306
Skamania	PO Box 790	Stevenson	98648-0790
Snohomish	3000 Rockefeller Ave. (MS-505)	Everett	98201-4046
Spokane	W. 1116 Broadway	Spokane	99260-0020
Stevens	215 South Oak, Room 106	Colville	99114-0189
Thurston	2000 Lakeridge Dr., SW	Olympia	98502-6090
Wahkiakum	PO Box 543	Cathlamet	98612-0543
Walla Walla	PO Box 1856	Walla Walla	99362-1856
Whatcom	311 Grand Ave., Ste 103	Bellingham	98225-4038
Whitman	PO Box 350	Colfax	99111-0350
Yakima	128 N.Second St., #117	Yakima	98901-2646

Voting Allows American Dreams To Become The American Reality

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