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Absentee Voting Guide

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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

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 <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH M M D D Y Y Y Y	f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER	
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			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. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)

7. AFFIRMATION (required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

1. 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
2. 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
3. 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
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
6. 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: _____ Date: _____
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Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions on the following page. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

I. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FPCA

A Your Iowa Driver's License number or the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

B Provide the complete street address of your Iowa 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 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 Block 3.

D This form acts as a request for a mailed absentee ballot only. Iowa does not allow you to receive or return the absentee ballot electronically. See Section II.E or III.E.

E If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your political party affiliation in Block 5 when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat or Republican). Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for other elections. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation or you have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you must submit a completed FPCA to the local election official. Your voter registration record will be changed to reflect the party named on your application.

F You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Iowa 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 (see Chapter 2).

To request registration and/or an absentee ballot, the local County Auditor must receive your FPCA by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must be postmarked not later than the day before the election. Mail your voted ballot to the local election official so that it arrives not later than noon on the Monday after the election.

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 40 days before primary and general elections. For other elections, ballots are mailed later but will be sent as soon as they are ready.

The affidavit on the ballot return envelope is the registration form. You will be permanently registered when you return the voted ballot, if you are not already registered.

You may also use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions below.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Iowa allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot request by fax. You must submit the original FPCA by mail.
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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)

F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Within 70 days of the general election, your spouse, parent, parent-in-law, adult brother, adult sister, or adult child who

resides in your county of voting residence may request registration and an absentee ballot for you. Proxy applications must be on the official form, which is available from the County Auditors and the Secretary of State.

G. Special Write-In Absentee Ballot

Iowa provides a state special write-in absentee ballot available 90 days before the general election if you are overseas and unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the period provided for regular absentee ballots. This special ballot is not available for the primary election, or any election except the general election.

The FPCA may be used to request this state special write-in ballot. In Block 6 of the FPCA, place one of the state special write-in labels from Section IV.H. If no labels are available, write in Block 6: “To the best of my belief I will be outside the continental United States and unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the period provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.”

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

H. Federal Write-In Absentee 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 (FWAB).

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For further instructions on the FWAB see Chapter 2, page 21.

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

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

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

- Iowa residents temporarily residing outside the U.S.
- overseas citizens
- U.S. citizens who have never resided in the U.S. but have a parent who is eligible to vote in Iowa. These citizens are eligible to vote at the same voting residence claimed by their parent.

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent to vote may not register or vote, unless the voting rights are restored.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is canceled after your name is on the inactive list for two successive general elections. A registration becomes inactive if the U.S. Postal Service indicates the voter has moved.

C. Action on Registration Requests

The local election official will send an acknowledgment to the applicant at the mailing address provided on the FPCA.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Iowa shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. Persons denied registration or ballot should contact the Iowa Secretary of State for additional information.

E. Voting by Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

If a U.S. citizen outside the U.S. has never lived in the U.S. and either parent is a qualified Iowa voter, then that person is eligible to register and vote where his or her parent is a qualified voter.

F. Late Registration

Members of the Armed Forces or merchant marine who have been discharged within thirty days of an election may register and vote in that election by presenting the precinct election official with his or her discharge papers.

G. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Auditor** at the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adair	County Auditor Greenfield, IA	50849-1291
Adams	County Auditor Corning, IA	50841-0028
Allamakee	County Auditor Waukon, IA	52172-1700
Appanoose	County Auditor Centerville, IA	52544-1794
Audubon	County Auditor Audubon, IA	50025-1255

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Benton	County Auditor Vinton, IA	52349-0549
Black Hawk	County Auditor Waterloo, IA	50703-4774
Boone	County Auditor Boone, IA	50036-3992
Bremer	County Auditor Waverly, IA	50677-3536
Buchanan	County Auditor Independence, IA	50644-0317
Buena Vista	County Auditor Storm Lake, IA	50588-2371
Butler	County Auditor Allison, IA	50602-0325
Calhoun	County Auditor Rockwell City, IA	50579-1487
Carroll	County Auditor Carroll, IA	51401-2413
Cass	County Auditor Atlantic, IA	50022-1497
Cedar	County Auditor Tipton, IA	52772-1752
Cerro Gordo	County Auditor Mason City, IA	50401-3254
Cherokee	County Auditor Cherokee, IA	51012-1700
Chickasaw	County Auditor New Hampton, IA	50659-0311
Clarke	County Auditor Osceola, IA	50213-1291
Clay	County Auditor Spencer, IA	51301-3860
Clayton	County Auditor Elkader, IA	52043-0416
Clinton	County Auditor Clinton, IA	52733-2957
Crawford	County Auditor Denison, IA	51442-0423
Dallas	County Auditor Adel, IA	50003-1482
Davis	County Auditor Bloomfield, IA	52537-1600
Decatur	County Auditor Leon, IA	50144-1647
Delaware	County Auditor Manchester, IA	52057-1796
Des Moines	County Auditor Burlington, IA	52601-0784
Dickinson	County Auditor Spirit Lake, IA	51360-1259
Dubuque	County Auditor Dubuque, IA	52001-7056
Emmet	County Auditor Estherville, IA	51334-2254
Fayette	County Auditor West Union, IA	52175-0267
Floyd	County Auditor Charles City, IA	50616-2790
Franklin	County Auditor Hampton, IA	50441-0026
Fremont	County Auditor Sidney, IA	51652-0610
Greene	County Auditor Jefferson, IA	50129-2144
Grundy	County Auditor Grundy Center, IA	50638-1496
Guthrie	County Auditor Guthrie Center, IA	50115-1331
Hamilton	County Auditor Webster City, IA	50595-3195
Hancock	County Auditor Garner, IA	50438-0070
Hardin	County Auditor Eldora, IA	50627-1700
Harrison	County Auditor Logan, IA	51546-1398

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Henry	County Auditor Mount Pleasant, IA	52641-0149
Howard	County Auditor Cresco, IA	52136-1526
Humboldt	County Auditor Dakota City, IA	50529-0100
Ida	County Auditor Ida Grove, IA	51445-1497
Iowa	County Auditor Marengo, IA	52301-0126
Jackson	County Auditor Maquoketa, IA	52060-2295
Jasper	County Auditor Newton, IA	50208-0944
Jefferson	County Auditor Fairfield, IA	52556-2820
Johnson	County Auditor Iowa City, IA	52240-4207
Jones	County Auditor Anamosa, IA	52205-0109
Keokuk	County Auditor Sigourney, IA	52591-1499
Kossuth	County Auditor Algona, IA	50511-2643
Lee	County Auditor Fort Madison, IA	52627-0190
Linn	County Auditor Cedar Rapids, IA	52404-2178
Louisa	County Auditor Wapello, IA	52653-0186
Lucas	County Auditor Chariton, IA	50049-1764
Lyon	County Auditor Rock Rapids, IA	51246-1597
Madison	County Auditor Winterset, IA	50273-0152
Mahaska	County Auditor Oskaloosa, IA	52577-3189
Marion	County Auditor Knoxville, IA	50138-2598
Marshall	County Auditor Marshalltown, IA	50158-4978
Mills	County Auditor Glenwood, IA	51534-1756
Mitchell	County Auditor Osage, IA	50461-1229
Monona	County Auditor Onawa, IA	51041-1699
Monroe	County Auditor Albia, IA	52531-2075
Montgomery	County Auditor Red Oak, IA	51566-0469
Muscatine	County Auditor Muscatine, IA	52761-4168
O'Brien	County Auditor Primghar, IA	51245-0803
Osceola	County Auditor Sibley, IA	51249-1698
Page	County Auditor Clarinda, IA	51632-2197
Palo Alto	County Auditor Emmetsburg, IA	50536-0095
Plymouth	County Auditor Le Mars, IA	51031-2190
Pocahontas	County Auditor Pocahontas, IA	50574-1694
Polk	County Auditor Des Moines, IA	50309-4757
Pottawattamie	County Auditor Council Bluffs, IA	51501-0649
Poweshiek	County Auditor Montezuma, IA	50171-0057
Ringgold	County Auditor Mount Ayr, IA	50854-1642
Sac	County Auditor Sac City, IA	50583-1750

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Scott	County Auditor Davenport, IA	52801-1187
Shelby	County Auditor Harlan, IA	51537-1441
Sioux	County Auditor Orange City, IA	51041-0018
Story	County Auditor Nevada, IA	50201-2084
Tama	County Auditor Toledo, IA	52342-1300
Taylor	County Auditor Bedford, IA	50833-1394
Union	County Auditor Creston, IA	50801-2430
Van Buren	County Auditor Keosauqua, IA	52565-0475
Wapello	County Auditor Ottumwa, IA	52501-2518
Warren	County Auditor Indianola, IA	50125-0237
Washington	County Auditor Washington, IA	52353-0889
Wayne	County Auditor Corydon, IA	50060-0435
Webster	County Auditor Fort Dodge, IA	50501-3892
Winnebago	County Auditor Forest City, IA	50436-1793
Winneshiek	County Auditor Decorah, IA	52101-1775
Woodbury	County Auditor Sioux City, IA	51101-1246
Worth	County Auditor Northwood, IA	50459-1599
Wright	County Auditor Clarion, IA	50525-0147

For Freedom To Move Forward VOTE

by Sue Reavis

