

Iowa

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DEADLINES	State Primary June 8, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	No State Deadline	No State Deadline
Ballot Request	No State Deadline	No State Deadline
Ballot Return	Postmarked by: June 7, 2010 Received by: 12 pm, June 14, 2010	Postmarked by: November 1, 2010 Received by: 12 pm, November 8, 2010

Information is current as of July 2009. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

Iowa does not have registration or ballot request deadlines for Uniformed Service members, their families, and overseas citizens. You must still register and request an absentee ballot using the FPCA and submit the form in time for the ballot to be sent to you and to be returned by the ballot return deadline.

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

Block 1: Select the category that describes you.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Your valid 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 identification numbers you must write "none" in the space provided. The State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: 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. This address must be within the county in Iowa where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

Block 4.c: Iowa allows you to receive your blank ballot by fax or email. Check how you would like to receive your ballot. Provide your fax number or email address in Block 2. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

Block 5: To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you want to change your political party affiliation, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

Block 6: Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a ballot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice here.

If you wish to receive ballots for local elections as well as Federal elections please indicate that in Block 6.

In addition to mailing a regular ballot, Iowa provides a State Write-In Absentee Ballot 90 days before the general election to any overseas voter unable to vote in the regular absentee voting process. This ballot allows you to vote for local, State and Federal offices in the general election. To request it, 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."

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

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

Iowa allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, fax, or email.

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 choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.sos.state.ia.us. 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.

If you choose to email your FPCA, you should send the form as an attachment. Email directly to uocava@sos.state.ia.us.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to Iowa's voter registration verification website at: <http://www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/VoterReg/>.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your application is denied.

Registration/Ballot Request 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 Iowa county of voting residence may request registration and an absentee ballot on your behalf from the local election office. These proxy requests must be on the official form, available from local election offices and the Iowa Secretary of State.

Late Registration

Uniformed Service members who have been discharged within thirty days of an election, and their families, may register and vote in that election by providing the local election office with their discharge papers.

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.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send ballots approximately 40 days before primary and general elections.

Voted ballots must be postmarked no later than the day before the election and received by the local election office no later than noon on the Monday after the election.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

The mandatory voter's affidavit on the ballot return envelope acts a registration form. You will be registered to vote when you return the voted ballot, if you are not already registered.

Iowa allows only Uniformed Service members who are eligible to receive imminent danger pay to return the voted ballot by fax or email. All other Uniformed Service members, family members, and overseas citizens must return the voted ballot by mail. Use FPCA mail, fax, and email instructions under "How and Where to Submit Your FPCA."

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

Iowa allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in general, special, and primary elections for State and 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.a: Select the category that describes you.

Block 1.b: Iowa allows you to use this form for registration if you are otherwise eligible to vote in Iowa.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Your valid 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 identification numbers you must

write “none” in the space provided. The State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: 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. This address must be within the county in Iowa where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Enter your current mailing address.

Block 5: Enter your political party affiliation if you are voting in a primary election.

Block 6: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal or State office in a general, special, or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.sos.state.ia.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:

The deadlines for submitting the FWAB are the same as for regular State absentee ballots. If you receive the regular ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the regular ballot will be counted.

Iowa allows only Uniformed Service members who are eligible to receive imminent danger pay to return the FWAB by fax or email. All other Uniformed Service members, family members, and overseas citizens must return the voted ballot by mail.

If you are required to or choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the FWAB directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found below.

If you choose to fax your FWAB, it is recommended that you fax the ballot directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.sos.state.ia.us. 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, 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.

If you choose to email your FWAB, you should send the ballot as an attachment. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. Email directly to uocava@sos.state.ia.us.

Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Adair	Adair County Auditor 400 Public Square Ste 5 Greenfield, IA 50849-1259
Adams	Adams County Auditor PO Box 28 Corning, IA 50841-0028
Allamakee	Allamakee County Auditor 110 Allamakee Street Waukon, IA 52172-1744
Appanoose	Appanoose County Auditor 201 N. 12th Street Centerville, IA 52544-1711
Audubon	Audubon County Auditor 318 Leroy Street #4 Audubon, IA 50025-0549
Benton	Benton County Auditor PO Box 549 Vinton, IA 52349-4712
Black Hawk	Black Hawk County Auditor 316 E. 5th Street Waterloo, IA 50703-3922
Boone	Boone County Auditor 201 State Street Boone, IA 50036-3536
Bremer	Bremer County Auditor 415 E. Bremer Avenue Waverly, IA 50677-0317
Buchanan	Buchanan County Auditor PO Box 317 Independence, IA 50644-0220
Buena Vista	Buena Vista County Auditor PO Box 220 Storm Lake, IA 50588-0325
Butler	Butler County Auditor PO Box 325 Allison, IA 50602-1428
Calhoun	Calhoun County Auditor 416 4th Street Ste 1 Rockwell City, IA 50579-2400
Carroll	Carroll County Auditor 114 E. 6th Street Carroll, IA 51401-2400
Cass	Cass County Auditor 5 W. 7th Street Atlantic, IA 50022-1461
Cedar	Cedar County Auditor 400 Cedar Street Tipton, IA 52772-1748

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Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo County Auditor 220 N. Washington Ave. Mason City, IA 50401-3220
Cherokee	Cherokee County Auditor 520 W. Main Drawer H Cherokee, IA 51012-1700
Chickasaw	Chickasaw County Auditor Box 311 New Hampton, IA 50659-0311
Clarke	Clarke County Auditor 100 S. Main Osceola, IA 50213-2411
Clay	Clay County Auditor 300 W. 4th Street Ste. 4 Spencer, IA 51301-3806
Clayton	Clayton County Auditor PO Box 416 Elkader, IA 52043-0416
Clinton	Clinton County Auditor PO Box 2957 Clinton, IA 52733-2957
Crawford	Crawford County Auditor 1202 Broadway Denison, IA 51442-2646
Dallas	Dallas County Auditor 801 Court St. Rm 200 Adel, IA 50003-1490
Davis	Davis County Auditor 100 Courthouse Square Ste. 2 Bloomfield, IA 52537-1600
Decatur	Decatur County Auditor 207 N. Main Street Leon, IA 50144-1647
Delaware	Delaware County Auditor 301 E. Main St. Rm 210 Manchester, IA 52057-1739
Des Moines	Des Moines County Auditor PO Box 784 Burlington, IA 52601-0784
Dickinson	Dickinson County Auditor 1802 Hill Avenue Spirit Lake, IA 51360-1259
Dubuque	Dubuque County Auditor 720 Central Avenue Dubuque, IA 52001-7079
Emmet	Emmet County Auditor 609 1st Avenue N. Estherville, IA 51334-2245
Fayette	Fayette County Auditor PO Box 267 West Union, IA 52175-0267
Floyd	Floyd County Auditor 101 S. Main Street #302 Charles City, IA 50616-2756
Franklin	Franklin County Auditor PO Box 26 Hampton, IA 50441-0026
Fremont	Fremont County Auditor 506 Filmore Sidney, IA 51652-0610
Greene	Greene County Auditor 114 N. Chestnut Jefferson, IA 50129-2144
Grundy	Grundy County Auditor 706 G Avenue Grundy Center, IA 50638-2456
Guthrie	Guthrie County Auditor 200 N. 5th Street Guthrie Center, IA 50115-1300
Hamilton	Hamilton County Auditor 2300 Superior Street Webster City, IA 50595-3158
Hancock	Hancock County Auditor 855 State St. PO Box 70 Garner, IA 50438-0070
Hardin	Hardin County Auditor 1215 Edgington Avenue Ste 1 Eldora, IA 50627-1700

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Harrison	Harrison County Auditor 111 N. 2nd Avenue Logan, IA 51546-1370
Henry	Henry County Auditor 100 E. Washington Street, Ste. 202 Mount Pleasant, IA 52641-0149
Howard	Howard County Auditor 137 N. Elm Street Cresco, IA 52136-1501
Humboldt	Humboldt County Auditor PO Box 100 Dakota City, IA 50529-0100
Ida	Ida County Auditor 401 Moorehead Street Ida Grove, IA 51445-1429
Iowa	Iowa County Auditor 970 Court Avenue Marengo, IA 52301-0126
Jackson	Jackson County Auditor 201 W. Platt Street Maquoketa, IA 52060-2243
Jasper	Jasper County Auditor PO Box 944 Newton, IA 50208-0944
Jefferson	Jefferson County Auditor 51 E. Briggs Fairfield, IA 52556-2820
Johnson	Johnson County Auditor 913 S. Dubuque St., Ste 101 Iowa City, IA 52240-4273
Jones	Jones County Auditor PO Box 109 Anamosa, IA 52205-0109
Keokuk	Keokuk County Auditor 101 S. Main Sigourney, IA 52591-1419
Kossuth	Kossuth County Auditor 114 W. State Street Algona, IA 50511-2613
Lee	Lee County Auditor County Office Bldg., PO Box 190 Fort Madison, IA 52627-0190
Linn	Linn County Auditor PO Box 1328 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1328
Louisa	Louisa County Auditor PO Box 186 Wapello, IA 52653-0186
Lucas	Lucas County Auditor 916 Braden Avenue Chariton, IA 50049-1700
Lyon	Lyon County Auditor 206 S. 2nd Avenue Rock Rapids, IA 51246-1538
Madison	Madison County Auditor PO Box 152 Winterset, IA 50273-0152
Mahaska	Mahaska County Auditor 106 S. 1st Street Oskaloosa, IA 52577-2869
Marion	Marion County Auditor 214 E. Main Knoxville, IA 50138-2545
Marshall	Marshall County Auditor 1 E. Main Street Marshalltown, IA 50158-4915
Mills	Mills County Auditor 418 Sharp Street Glenwood, IA 51534-1774
Mitchell	Mitchell County Auditor 508 State Street Osage, IA 50461-1250
Monona	Monona County Auditor 610 Iowa Avenue Onawa, IA 51040-1626
Monroe	Monroe County Auditor 10 Benton Avenue E Albia, IA 52531-2056

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Montgomery	Montgomery County Auditor PO Box 469 Red Oak, IA 51566-0469
Muscatine	Muscatine County Auditor 414 E. 3rd Street Muscatine, IA 52761-4141
O'Brien	O'Brien County Auditor PO Box M Primghar, IA 51245-0803
Osceola	Osceola County Auditor 300 7th Street Sibley, IA 51249-1648
Page	Page County Auditor 112 E. Main Clarinda, IA 51632-2141
Palo Alto	Palo Alto County Auditor PO Box 95 Emmetsburg, IA 50536-0095
Plymouth	Plymouth County Auditor 215 4th Avenue SE Le Mars, IA 51031-2169
Pocahontas	Pocahontas County Auditor 99 Court Square Pocahontas, IA 50574
Polk	Polk County Auditor 120 2nd Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309-4757
Pottawattamie	Pottawattamie County Auditor Box 649 Council Bluffs, IA 51501-0649
Poweshiek	Poweshiek County Auditor PO Box 57 Montezuma, IA 50171-0057
Ringgold	Ringgold County Auditor 109 W. Madison Mount Ayr, IA 50854-1642
Sac	Sac County Auditor 100 NW State Street, Box 1 Sac City, IA 50583-0001
Scott	Scott County Auditor 600 W. 4th Street Davenport, IA 52801-1004
Shelby	Shelby County Auditor 612 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537-1464
Sioux	Sioux County Auditor PO Box 18 Orange City, IA 51041-0018

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Story	Story County Auditor 900 6th Street Nevada, IA 50201-2004
Tama	Tama County Auditor PO Box 61 Toledo, IA 52342-0061
Taylor	Taylor County Auditor 405 Jefferson Street Bedford, IA 50833-1300
Union	Union County Auditor 300 N. Pine St. Ste.2 Creston, IA 50801-2400
Van Buren	Van Buren County Auditor PO Box 475 Keosauqua, IA 52565-0475
Wapello	Wapello County Auditor 101 W. 4th Ottumwa, IA 52501-2510
Warren	Warren County Auditor 301 N. Buxton Ste. 101 Indianola, IA 50125-1801
Washington	Washington County Auditor PO Box 889 Washington, IA 52353-0889
Wayne	Wayne County Auditor PO Box 435 Corydon, IA 50060-0435
Webster	Webster County Auditor 703 Central Avenue Fort Dodge, IA 50501-3872
Winnebago	Winnebago County Auditor 126 S. Clark Street Forest City, IA 50436-1706
Winneshiek	Winneshiek County Auditor 201 W. Main Street Decorah, IA 52101-1713
Woodbury	Woodbury County Auditor 620 Douglas St., Rm 103 Sioux City, IA 51101-1248
Worth	Worth County Auditor 1000 Central Avenue Northwood, IA 50459-1539
Wright	Wright County Auditor PO Box 147 Clarion, IA 50525-0147

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