

Montana

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DEADLINES	State Primary June 8, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	June 8, 2010	November 2, 2010
Ballot Request	June 8, 2010	November 2, 2010
Ballot Return	8 pm, June 8, 2010	8 pm, November 2, 2010

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

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

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: Enter your valid Montana Driver's License number. If you do not have a Montana Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, 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 Montana 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 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: Only certain jurisdictions in Montana allow you to receive your absentee ballot by fax or email. To find out if your jurisdiction allows fax or email, go to http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas.asp or contact your local election office. Check how you would like to receive your absentee 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 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. 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:

Certain jurisdictions allow you to submit the form by fax or email. Check with your local election office or http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas.asp to find out if your county allows you to use fax or email. If your jurisdiction does not allow fax or email, you must mail your FPCA.

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 (and your county allows you to) fax your FPCA, it is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas.asp. 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 (and your county allows you to) email your FPCA, you should send the form as an attachment. Email the form directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas.asp.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to Montana's voter registration verification website at: <http://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/>.

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

Late Registration

You may register up to and including election day, although ballots are not issued from noon to 5 p.m. on the day before election day.

Ballot Request by Letter

You may submit a letter to your local election office to request a ballot. The letter should identify you as an absent uniformed services elector or overseas elector and must include your birth date, signature, your printed name, voting residence address and address to which the absentee ballot should be sent.

Ballot Request by Proxy

A person who holds a power of attorney from an absent Uniformed Service member may apply for an absentee ballot for that election on behalf of the Uniformed Service member. The applicant shall provide a copy of the power of attorney authorizing the request for an absentee ballot along with the application.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots approximately 30 days before primary elections for Federal office and approximately 45 days before general elections for Federal office. Ballots are mailed approximately 20 days before all other elections.

Voted ballots (except Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots) must be received by the local election office by 8 pm on election day.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

Certain jurisdictions allow you to submit your voted ballot by fax or email. Check with your local election office or http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas.asp to find out if your county allows you to use fax or email. All other voted ballots must be returned by mail.

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

Montana allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in general, special, and primary elections for local, 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: Montana allows you to use this form for registration.

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

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

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Block 4.a: Enter your current mailing address.

Block 5: Enter your political party preference if you would like to vote in primary elections.

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 local, State, or Federal office in a general, special, or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas.asp. 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 you are using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election official by election day.

If you are using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be sent by 8 pm on election day and received by the local election office by 3 pm on the Monday after election day. 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.

Certain jurisdictions also allow you to submit the FWAB by fax or email. Check with your local election office or http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas.asp to find out if your county allows you to use fax or email.

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 your local election office. Addresses can be found below.

If you choose to (and your county allows you to) fax your FWAB, fax it directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas.asp. 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.

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Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Beaverhead	Beaverhead County Election Administrator 2 South Pacific Street, #3 Dillon, MT 59725-2799
Big Horn	Big Horn County Election Administrator PO Box 908 Hardin, MT 59034-0908
Blaine	Blaine County Election Administrator Box 278 Chinook, MT 59523-0278
Broadwater	Broadwater County Election Administrator 515 Broadway Street Townsend, MT 59644-2397
Carbon	Carbon County Election Administrator Box 887 Red Lodge, MT 59068-0887
Carter	Carter County Election Administrator Box 315 Ekalaka, MT 59324-0315
Cascade	Cascade County Election Administrator Box 2305 Great Falls, MT 59403-2305
Chouteau	Chouteau County Election Administrator Box 459 Fort Benton, MT 59442-0459
Custer	Custer County Election Administrator 1010 Main Miles City, MT 59301-3496
Daniels	Daniels County Election Administrator Box 247 Scobey, MT 59263-0247
Dawson	Dawson County Election Administrator 207 West Bell Glendive, MT 59330-1616
Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge County Election Administrator 800 Main Anaconda, MT 59711-2950
Fallon	Fallon County Election Administrator Box 846 Baker, MT 59313-0846
Fergus	Fergus County Election Administrator 712 West Main Lewistown, MT 59457-2562
Flathead	Flathead County Election Administrator 800 South Main Kalispell, MT 59901-5435
Gallatin	Gallatin County Election Administrator 311 W Main, Room 103 Bozeman, MT 59715-4502
Garfield	Garfield County Election Administrator Box 7 Jordan, MT 59337-0007
Glacier	Glacier County Election Administrator 512 East Main Cut Bank, MT 59427-3075
Golden Valley	Golden Valley County Election Administrator PO Box 10 Ryegate, MT 59074-0010
Granite	Granite County Election Administrator Box 925 Philipsburg, MT 59858-0925
Hill	Hill County Election Administrator 315 4th Street Havre, MT 59501-3923
Jefferson	Jefferson County Election Administrator Box H Boulder, MT 59632-0249
Judith Basin	Judith Basin County Election Administrator Box 427 Stanford, MT 59479-0427
Lake	Lake County Election Administrator 106 4th Avenue East Polson, MT 59860-2125
Lewis and Clark	Lewis and Clark County Election Administrator 316 N. Park Ave., Rm. 168 Helena, MT 59623-0001

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Liberty	Liberty County Election Administrator Box 459 Chester, MT 59522-0459
Lincoln	Lincoln County Election Administrator 512 California Libby, MT 59923-1942
Madison	Madison County Election Administrator Box 366 Virginia City, MT 59755-0366
McCone	McCone County Election Administrator Box 199 Circle, MT 59215-0199
Meagher	Meagher County Election Administrator Box 309 White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645-0309
Mineral	Mineral County Election Administrator Box 550 Superior, MT 59872-0550
Missoula	Missoula County Election Administrator 200 W Broadway Missoula, MT 59802-4216
Musselshell	Musselshell County Election Administrator 506 Main Roundup, MT 59072-2426
Park	Park County Election Administrator 414 E. Callendar Street Livingston, MT 59047-2746
Petroleum	Petroleum County Election Administrator Box 226 Winnett, MT 59087-0226
Phillips	Phillips County Election Administrator Box 360 Malta, MT 59538-0360
Pondera	Pondera County Election Administrator 20 4th Avenue SW Conrad, MT 59425-2383
Powder River	Powder River County Election Administrator Box 200 Broadus, MT 59317-0270
Powell	Powell County Election Administrator 409 Missouri Deer Lodge, MT 59722-1078
Prairie	Prairie County Election Administrator Box 125 Terry, MT 59349-0125
Ravalli	Ravalli County Election Administrator 215 S 4th Street, Suite C Hamilton, MT 59840-2703

County	Mailing Address
Richland	Richland County Election Administrator 201 West Main Sidney, MT 59270-4087
Roosevelt	Roosevelt County Election Administrator 400 2nd Avenue South Wolf Point, MT 59201-1600
Rosebud	Rosebud County Election Administrator Box 47 Forsyth, MT 59327-0047
Sanders	Sanders County Election Administrator Box 519 Thompson Falls, MT 59873-0519
Sheridan	Sheridan County Election Administrator 100 W. Laurel Avenue Plentywood, MT 59254-1647
Silver Bow	Silver Bow County Election Administrator 155 W Granite, Room 208 Butte, MT 59701-9256
Stillwater	Stillwater County Election Administrator Box 149 Columbus, MT 59019-0149
Sweet Grass	Sweet Grass County Election Administrator Box 888 Big Timber, MT 59011-0888
Teton	Teton County Election Administrator Box 610 Choteau, MT 59422-0610
Toole	Toole County Election Administrator 226 1st Street South Shelby, MT 59474-1990
Treasure	Treasure County Election Administrator Box 392 Hysham, MT 59038-0392
Valley	Valley County Election Administrator 501 Court Square, Box 2 Glasgow, MT 59230-2405
Wheatland	Wheatland County Election Administrator Box 1903 Harlowton, MT 59036-1903
Wibaux	Wibaux County Election Administrator PO Box 199 Wibaux, MT 59353-0199
Yellowstone	Yellowstone County Election Administrator Box 35002 Billings, MT 59107-5002

I Am an American. I Vote!

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