

Washington

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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: Your valid Washington 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, 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 Washington 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: Washington allows you to receive your absentee ballot by mail, fax, or email. 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.

In addition to mailing a regular ballot, Washington provides a State Special Write-In Absentee Ballot 90 days before the election to any voter unable to vote using the regular absentee voting process. This ballot allows you to vote in local, state and Federal elections. To request it, write in Block 6: "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."

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:

Washington 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. If you are using the FPCA to register, you must also submit it by mail. Fax numbers can be found at www.secstate.wa.gov. 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 your local election office. Email addresses can be found at www.secstate.wa.gov. If you are using the FPCA to register, you must also submit it by mail.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to Washington's voter registration verification website at: <http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/OSOS/VoterVault/Pages/MyVote.aspx>.

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

Ballot Request By Proxy

If you are currently registered, a member of your immediate family may request an absentee ballot on your behalf. 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.

Ballot Request by Phone

You may request a ballot by calling your local election official. Phone numbers can be found at www.secstate.wa.gov.

Register Online

If you have a valid Washington State Driver's License or State identification card, you may complete your voter registration online at www.secstate.wa.gov.

Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

A U.S. citizen who was born abroad and who is eligible to vote and who has never lived in the U.S. may register and vote in the county where a parent would be eligible to register and vote. Use the most recent residential address in Washington of a family member.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots approximately 30 days before elections.

Voted ballots must be received by the local election office before certification, which is 15 days after primaries and special elections and 21 days after general elections. The oath accompanying your voted ballot must be signed and dated on or before the day of the primary or election.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

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!

Washington allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registering and voting in primary and general 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: Washington allows you to use this form for registration.

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

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your valid Washington Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security, OR your state voter registration 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 Washington 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: Enter your current mailing address.

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 any primary or general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.secstate.wa.gov. 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 using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office by the registration deadline.

If using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline. 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.

Insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to your local election official.

Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Adams	Adams County Auditor 210 W. Broadway Ave., Ste 200 Ritzville, WA 99169-1897
Asotin	Asotin County Auditor PO Box 129 Asotin, WA 99402-0129
Benton	Benton County Auditor PO Box 470 Prosser, WA 99350-0470
Chelan	Chelan County Auditor PO Box 400 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0400
Clallam	Clallam County Auditor 223 E. 4th Street, Suite 1 Port Angeles, WA 98362-3000
Clark	Clark County Auditor PO Box 8815 Vancouver, WA 98666-8815
Columbia	Columbia County Auditor 341 East Main Street, Suite 2 Dayton, WA 99328-1361
Cowlitz	Cowlitz County Auditor 207 N 4th Ave, Room 107 Kelso, WA 98626-4124
Douglas	Douglas County Auditor PO Box 456 Waterville, WA 98858-0456

County	Mailing Address
Ferry	Ferry County Auditor 350 E Delaware Avenue, Stop 2 Republic, WA 99166-9747
Franklin	Franklin County Auditor PO Box 1451 Pasco, WA 99301-1451
Garfield	Garfield County Auditor PO Box 278 Pomeroy, WA 99347-0278
Grant	Grant County Auditor PO Box 37 Ephrata, WA 98823-0037
Grays Harbor	Grays Harbor County Auditor 100 W Broadway, Suite 2 Montesano, WA 98563-3614
Island	Island County Auditor PO Box 1410 Coupeville, WA 98239-1410
Jefferson	Jefferson County Auditor PO Box 563 Port Townsend, WA 98368-0563
King	King County Elections Division 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057-2906
Kitsap	Kitsap County Auditor 614 Division Street Port Orchard, WA 98366-4614
Kittitas	Kittitas County Auditor 205 W 5th Ave, Suite 105 Ellensburg, WA 98926-2891
Klickitat	Klickitat County Auditor 205 S. Columbus, Stop 2 Goldendale, WA 98620-9280
Lewis	Lewis County Auditor PO Box 29 Chehalis, WA 98532-0029
Lincoln	Lincoln County Auditor PO Box 28 Davenport, WA 99122-0028
Mason	Mason County Auditor PO Box 400 Shelton, WA 98584-0400
Okanogan	Okanogan County Auditor PO Box 1010 Okanogan, WA 98840-1010
Pacific	Pacific County Auditor PO Box 97 South Bend, WA 98586-0097
Pend Oreille	Pend Oreille County Auditor PO Box 5015 Newport, WA 99156-5015
Pierce	Pierce County Auditor 2501 S. 35th Street, Suite C Tacoma, WA 98409-7410
San Juan	San Juan County Auditor PO Box 638 Friday Harbor, WA 98250-0638
Skagit	Skagit County Auditor PO Box 1306 Mt. Vernon, WA 98273-1306
Skamania	Skamania County Auditor PO Box 790 Stevenson, WA 98648-0790
Snohomish	Snohomish County Auditor 3000 Rockefeller Ave. (MS-505) Everett, WA 98201-4046
Spokane	Spokane County Auditor 1033 W Gardner Spokane, WA 99260-0020
Stevens	Stevens County Auditor 215 S Oak St, Rm 106 Colville, WA 99114-2836
Thurston	Thurston County Auditor 2000 Lakeridge Drive, SW Olympia, WA 98502-6001
Wahkiakum	Wahkiakum County Auditor PO Box 543 Cathlamet, WA 98612-0543
Walla Walla	Walla Walla County Auditor Elections Department PO Box 2176 Walla Walla, WA 99362-0176

County	Mailing Address
Whatcom	Whatcom County Auditor 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 103 Bellingham, WA 98225-4038
Whitman	Whitman County Auditor PO Box 350 Colfax, WA 99111-0350

County	Mailing Address
Yakima	Yakima County Auditor 128 N. Second Street, #117 Yakima, WA 98901-2639

***Wherever your Tour of Duty Takes You, Set an Example -
Remember to Vote!***

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