

OKLAHOMA

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.elections.state.ok.us

Link to state election website is also available through FVAP website at www.fvap.gov

Presidential Primary Date: February 5, 2008
State Primary Date: July 29, 2008
State Runoff Primary Date: August 26, 2008
General Election Date: November 4, 2008

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*Special conditions may apply; check the following pages for details.

** For Federal offices only

State information is current as of June 2008. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

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

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		
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.)			
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c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: MAIL FAX 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:

- 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
- 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
- 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
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
- My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- 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: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Witness/Notary and address (if required))

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I. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FPCA

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.** Circled letters correspond to the circled letters on the sample form on the preceding page.

- A Block 2.g:** Your current and valid Oklahoma driver's license number is required in 2.g.
- B Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Oklahoma 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 where you claim legal voting residence.
- C Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- D Block 4.c:** See Section II.D. or III.D.
- E Block 5: If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections.** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Block 5 of the FPCA. Political party choice is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you have previously submitted an FPCA 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 which includes your new political party choice to the local election official not later than the Wednesday before the election.
- F 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.
Refer to section II.E or III.E for additional instructions.
- G Block 7:** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

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

A. 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 Two).

Registration is not required.

To request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the County Election Board so that it arrives not later than 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before an election.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive not later than **7 p.m. on election day.** Special provision is made for Runoff Primary Election Ballots containing candidates for Federal office, which must be returned by 5 p.m. on the fourteenth day following the election.

Local election officials mail out ballots approximately 30 days before an election (as soon as the County Election Board receives them from the printer).

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

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Oklahoma allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Under certain limited circumstances, Oklahoma allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- Under certain limited circumstances, Oklahoma allows you to return the voted ballot by fax. You may return a voted ballot by fax to the State Election Board if your absentee ballot is received in the mail 30 days or less prior to the election day.

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)

E. Special Write-In Absentee Ballot

A state special write-in absentee ballot is available 90 days before an election if you will be unable to vote by regular absentee ballot, or in person due to military contingencies or due to living in an isolated or extremely remote area of the world.

You may use the FPCA or a written letter to request this state special write-in absentee ballot. In **Block 6 of the FPCA** or in your letter write: "Due to military contingencies or due to living in an isolated or extremely remote area of the world, I cannot follow the regular application procedure for an absentee ballot. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

You must request the state special write-in absentee ballot within 90 days before an election. Vote for Federal candidates in a primary, run-off primary or general election by writing in the names of specific candidates from the list of candidates provided by the election board. In general elections, you may write in party preference for each office.

F. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

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For further instructions on the FWAB see Chapter Two.

G. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony for which a period of time equal to the original sentence has not expired and those found to be incapacitated or partially incapacitated and prohibited from registering to vote shall be ineligible to register to vote.

H. Late Registration

If you are honorably discharged or on leave from the U.S. Uniformed Services or terminated in your service or employment overseas, and you are returning home to Oklahoma too late to register for the upcoming election, you may vote in that election only (in the precinct where you are a qualified voter) without being registered.

I. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

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

J. Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Resided 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 Oklahoma voter, then he or she is eligible to register and vote where his or her parent is a qualified voter.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Oklahoma and overseas electors. The term "overseas elector" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Oklahoma.

- Oklahoma residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas electors (for Federal office ballots only)

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **Secretary, County Election Board**, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Adair	Secretary, Adair County Election Board PO Box 6 Stilwell, OK 74960-0006
Alfalfa	Secretary, Alfalfa County Election Board 300 S Grand Avenue Cherokee, OK 73728
Atoka	Secretary, Atoka County Election Board 200 E Court Street, Suite 106E Atoka, OK 74525-2056
Beaver	Secretary, Beaver County Election Board PO Box 639 Beaver, OK 73932-0639
Beckham	Secretary, Beckham County Election Board Courthouse Annex Sayre, OK 73932-0639
Blaine	Secretary, Blaine County Election Board 212 N Weigle Avenue, Room 6 Watonga, OK 73772
Bryan	Secretary, Bryan County Election Board 217 N 16th Avenue Durant, OK 74701
Caddo	Secretary, Caddo County Election Board PO Box 277 Anadarko, OK 73005-0277

County	Mailing Address
Canadian	Secretary, Canadian County Election Board PO Box 307 El Reno, OK 73036-0307
Carter	Secretary, Carter County Election Board 106 Hinkle Street SW Ardmore, OK 73401-6412
Cherokee	Secretary, Cherokee County Election Board 914 S College Avenue Tahlequah, OK 74464
Choctaw	Secretary, Choctaw County Election Board PO Box 517 Hugo, OK 74743-0517
Cimarron	Secretary, Cimarron County Election Board PO Box 331 Boise City, OK 73933-0331
Cleveland	Secretary, Cleveland County Election Board 122 S Peters Avenue Norman, OK 73069
Coal	Secretary, Coal County Election Board PO Box 202 Coalgate, OK 74538-0202
Comanche	Secretary, Comanche County Election Board 315 SW 5th Street, Room 206 Lawton, OK 73501-4326
Cotton	Secretary, Cotton County Election Board 301 N Broadway Street, Room 3 Walters, OK 73572-1291
Craig	Secretary, Craig County Election Board PO Box 861 Vinita, OK 74301-0861
Creek	Secretary, Creek County Election Board PO Box 990 Sapulpa, OK 74067-0990
Custer	Secretary, Custer County Election Board PO Box 1326 Clinton, OK 73601-1326
Delaware	Secretary, Delaware County Election Board PO Box 589 Jay, OK 74346-0589
Dewey	Secretary, Dewey County Election Board PO Box 115 Taloga, OK 73667-0115
Ellis	Secretary, Ellis County Election Board PO Box 492 Arnett, OK 73832-0492
Garfield	Secretary, Garfield County Election Board PO Box 1872 Enid, OK 73702-1872
Garvin	Secretary, Garvin County Election Board 201 W Grant Avenue, Room 8 Pauls Valley, OK 73075-3234
Grady	Secretary, Grady County Election Board PO Box 1226 Chickasha, OK 73023-1226
Grant	Secretary, Grant County Election Board PO Box 68 Medford, OK 73759-0068
Greer	Secretary, Greer County Election Board Courthouse Mangum, OK 73554
Harmon	Secretary, Harmon County Election Board 114 W Hollis Street, Rm 2-5 Hollis, OK 73550-3098
Harper	Secretary, Harper County Election Board PO Box 541 Buffalo, OK 73834-0541
Haskell	Secretary, Haskell County Election Board PO Box 300 Stigler, OK 74462-0300
Hughes	Secretary, Hughes County Election Board 200 N Broadway, Suite 3 Holdenville, OK 74848-3400
Jackson	Secretary, Jackson County Election Board PO Box 154 Altus, OK 73522-0154
Jefferson	Secretary, Jefferson County Election Board 220 N Main Street, Room 203 Waurika, OK 73573-2236

County	Mailing Address
Johnston	Secretary, Johnston County Election Board 403 W Main Street Tishomingo, OK 73460-1730
Kay	Secretary, Kay County Election Board PO Box 331 Newkirk, OK 74647-0331
Kingfisher	Secretary, Kingfisher County Election Board 101 S Main Street, Suite 8 Kingfisher, OK 73750-3241
Kiowa	Secretary, Kiowa County Election Board 316 S Main Street Hobart, OK 73651
Latimer	Secretary, Latimer County Election Board 109 N Central Street, Suite 102 Wilburton, OK 74578-2440
LeFlore	Secretary, LeFlore County Election Board PO Box 249 Poteau, OK 74953-0249
Lincoln	Secretary, Lincoln County Election Board PO Box 97 Chandler, OK 74834-0097
Logan	Secretary, Logan County Election Board 224 E Vilas Avenue Guthrie, OK 73044-4834
Love	Secretary, Love County Election Board 405 W Main Street, Suite 103 Marietta, OK 73448-2849
McClain	Secretary, McClain County Election Board PO Box 759 Purcell, OK 73080-0759
McCurtain	Secretary, McCurtain County Election Board 108 N Central Avenue Idabel, OK 74745
McIntosh	Secretary, McIntosh County Election Board PO Box 1022 Eufaula, OK 74432-1022
Major	Secretary, Major County Election Board 500 E Broadway, 2nd Floor Fairview, OK 73737
Marshall	Secretary, Marshall County Election Board PO Box 9 Madill, OK 73446-0009
Mayes	Secretary, Mayes County Election Board 1 Court Place, Suite 130 Pryor, OK 74361-2455
Murray	Secretary, Murray County Election Board PO Box 556 Sulphur, OK 73086-0556
Muskogee	Secretary, Muskogee County Election Board PO Box 216 Muskogee, OK 74402-0216
Noble	Secretary, Noble County Election Board 300 Courthouse Drive, Suite 2 Perry, OK 73077-6649
Nowata	Secretary, Nowata County Election Board 228 N Maple Street Nowata, OK 74048-2626
Okfuskee	Secretary, Okfuskee County Election Board 209 N 3rd Street Okemah, OK 74859
Oklahoma	Secretary, Oklahoma County Election Board 4201 N Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73105-5210
Okmulgee	Secretary, Okmulgee County Election Board 314 W 7th Street, Suite 102 Okmulgee, OK 74447-5028
Osage	Secretary, Osage County Election Board PO Box 929 Pawhuska, OK 74056-0929
Ottawa	Secretary, Ottawa County Election Board 102 E Central Avenue, Suite 104 Miami, OK 74354-7009
Pawnee	Secretary, Pawnee County Election Board PO Box 38 Pawnee, OK 74058-0038
Payne	Secretary, Payne County Election Board 315 W 6th Avenue, Suite 207 Stillwater, OK 74074-4080

County	Mailing Address
Pittsburg	Secretary, Pittsburg County Election Board 115 E Carl Albert Parkway McAlester, OK 74501
Pontotoc	Secretary, Pontotoc County Election Board PO Box 302 Ada, OK 74501
Pottawatomie	Secretary, Pottawatomie County Election Board 325 N. Broadway Avenue, Suite 105 Shawnee, OK 74801-693
Pushmataha	Secretary, Pushmataha County Election Board 303 SW C St. Antlers, OK 74523-3864
Roger Mills	Secretary, Roger Mills County Election Board PO Box 147 Cheyenne, OK 73628-0147
Rogers	Secretary, Rogers County Election Board PO Box 1029 Claremore, OK 74018-1029
Seminole	Secretary, Seminole County Election Board 110 S Wewoka Avenue, Suite 101 Wewoka, OK 74884-2645
Sequoyah	Secretary, Sequoyah County Election Board 117 S Oak Street Sallisaw, OK 74955
Stephens	Secretary, Stephens County Election Board 101 S 11th Street, Suite 100 Duncan, OK 73533-4758

County	Mailing Address
Texas	Secretary, Texas County Election Board PO Box 607 Guymon, OK 73942-0607
Tillman	Secretary, Tillman County Election Board 201 N Main Street, Room 5 Frederick, OK 73542-5489
Tulsa	Secretary, Tulsa County Election Board 555 N Denver Avenue Tulsa, OK 74103-1014
Wagoner	Secretary, Wagoner County Election Board PO Box 714 Wagoner, OK 74477-0714
Washington	Secretary, Washington County Election Board 420 S Johnstone Avenue, Suite 101 Bartlesville, OK 74003-6602
Washita	Secretary, Washita County Election Board 111 E Main Street, Suite 2 Cordell, OK 73632-4831
Woods	Secretary, Woods County Election Board PO Box 184 Alva, OK 73717-0184
Woodward	Secretary, Woodward County Election Board PO Box 613 Woodward, OK 73802-0613

Voting Counts - Make your vote count by registering today!

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