

# SPEAKER



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# ELECTION 2024 VOTING FROM ABROAD

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# Overseas Voting

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# Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot

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Request forms available at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

- Click “Request your Ballot Now”
- Fill out your personal information
- Website will provide local election office guidelines

OR

Fill out Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request

- Come see our table after the presentation

# 2024 General Election

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During the 2024 election cycle, a number of important offices will be decided by voters, including:

- President and Vice President
- 34 seats in the U.S. Senate
- 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives
- 13 Governorships
- State and local offices
- Ballot questions and referenda

# Myths and Facts

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MYTH: Absentee ballots are not counted unless it's a close race.

FACT: All valid absentee ballots are counted

States differ in when they count absentee ballots

Many States require absentee ballots to be received by Election Day

Some States accept absentee ballots after Election Day

The election is not certified until all absentee ballots received by the State's deadline are counted

# As a voter, you should be familiar with two forms:

## The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

The image shows two pages of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form. The left page is titled "Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Instructions" and contains detailed text and a barcode. The right page is titled "Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request (Federal Post Card Application (FPCA))" and contains various fields for personal information and voting preferences.

We have these available today

## The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

The image shows two pages of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) form. The left page is titled "Voter's Declaration/Verification (Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB))" and contains fields for voter information and a declaration. The right page is titled "Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot" and contains a section for marking the ballot and a "SECURITY ENVELOPE" section with instructions to put the voted ballot inside.

You can request this at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

# The Absentee Voting Process

Step 1: A UOCAVA citizen completes the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to apply to register to vote and request an absentee ballot. The completed FPCA is submitted to the applicant's local election official.



FPCA

Step 2: The local election official reviews the submitted FPCA. After verifying eligibility, the local election official sends the applicant an absentee ballot.



BALLOT

Step 3: The applicant receives the absentee ballot, votes the ballot and returns it to the local election official to be counted.

**Note:** If applicants have not received an absentee ballot 30 days before the election, they should complete and submit the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)** to ensure that their vote is received in time to be counted.

FWAB



# Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

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**The FWAB is a backup ballot** for overseas voters who have not yet received their State absentee ballot and may not have time to return the state ballot before the deadline

FVAP recommends that voters who have **not received their absentee ballot 30 days before** an election complete and submit a FWAB



FVAP has created Online Assistants that automate and simplify the process of filling out the FPCA and FWAB.

✓ The Online Assistant offers point-and-click assistance and produces printable forms that eliminate legibility errors.



✓ The Online Assistant also produces a postage-paid template that then may be printed onto an envelope and mailed.

The screenshot shows the FVAP.gov website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'FAQs', 'Links', 'Contact', 'Election Materials', and 'News'. Below this is a search bar. The main navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Military Voter', 'Overseas Citizen Voter', 'Voting Assistance Officer', 'Election Official', and 'General Information'. The central content area features a 'Voters Start Here' section with a 'Select a State' dropdown menu. To the right, a 'How to Use FVAP's Online Assistant' diagram shows a five-step process: 'Fill' (document icon), 'Review' (PDF icon), 'Print' (printer icon), 'Sign' (pen icon), and 'Mail' (envelope icon). Below this, there are three columns: 'Upcoming Election Dates' listing Texas (4), Illinois (18), and District of Columbia (1); 'Quick Links' with links to 'Downloadable Election Materials', 'Where do I send my ballot?', 'About the Absentee Vote Process', 'Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)', and 'Locate a voting office near you'; and 'Latest FVAP News' with several news items dated from August to September. At the bottom, there is a 'Contact FVAP' button and a 'Voting Absentee' logo with the text 'Voting Absentee is easy using FVAP's online assistants. Be absent but accounted for.'

A local election official needs an applicant's voting residence address in order to confirm the applicant's voting precinct. The address must be for a residence (i.e., not a P.O. box).

Voting residence address  Usually your last U.S. residence or your legal U.S. residence. See instructions.		Street Address (not P.O. Box) <b>122 Maple Terrace</b>	Apt. #
	7	City/Town/Village <b>Mayville</b>	
		County <b>Orange</b>	State <b>CA</b> Zip Code <b>95551</b>

**For Overseas Citizens:** Your "legal State of residence" for voting purposes is the State or territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the United States. This applies to overseas citizens even though you may not have property or other ties in your last State of residence and your intent to return to that State may be uncertain.

**For U.S. citizens who have never resided in the U.S.:** Your "legal State of residence" for voting purposes is the State or territory that your parent or legal guardian would be eligible to register and vote.

FVAP recommends using old tax documents, passports, or contacting your local election official to identify your voting residence address.

Completed FPCAs should be submitted to the applicant's local election official for processing.

- ✓ All States and territories accept the FPCA via mail.
  - ✓ Mailing addresses for local election officials are available in the *Voting Assistance Guide*.
  - ✓ The FPCA can be mailed postage paid through the U.S. Postal Service, Military Postal Service or State Department pouch mail. The postage-paid envelope template is produced by the Online Assistant and is also available at <http://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/returnenvelope.pdf>.
  - ✓ Never mail forms to your embassy/consulate. Consult them first before dropping forms off.



U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has an election mail drop-box set up in the Consular Entrance

# After Submission

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After receiving an FPCA, a local election official will process the form and verify the applicant's eligibility

You are encouraged to call, fax or email you local election official to verify that your application has been received

You should receive your regular State absentee ballot from the local election official in time for you to vote and return the ballot by the State's deadline

**Voters who have submitted an FPCA and have not received their absentee ballot 30 days (~OCT 6) before the election should submit the FWAB**

# FAQs

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When should I request a ballot? **Today! (~3 months ahead – August)**

Can I vote at the embassy? **Drop off your election mail at the Consular (east) entrance**

When will I get my ballot? **Election offices required to send ballots at least 45 days before election (~Sep 21)**

Can I vote if I've never lived in the US? **Depends on the state, check <https://www.fvap.gov/citizen-voter/reside>**

What is my US voting residence address? **Likely your last US address – contact local voting office to confirm**

Do I need to pay for postage? **Not if you are voting through the embassy drop box. If sending through foreign carrier, then you need to pay postage**

# Questions?

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Complete forms online at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

Email any questions to [votephnompnh@state.gov](mailto:votephnompnh@state.gov)

Voter registration and absentee ballot requests are available at our table