

## Application with Missing Information

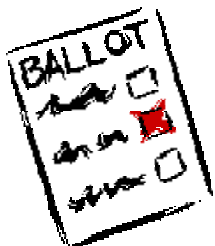
If an FPCA is missing information required for registration, the county voter registrar must notify the applicant in writing. If the information is provided before the deadline, the applicant is entitled to receive an absentee ballot. If the missing information is submitted after the deadline for the election, the applicant will only be eligible to receive absentee ballots for future elections that occur within the next two election cycles.

## Primary Voting

Applicants who request an absentee ballot for a primary election must indicate which political party's primary and runoff ballot they would like to receive.

## Counting Your Ballot

In Georgia an absentee ballot must be received by the absentee ballot clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, **OR** be postmarked by Election Day and received within three days following the election. While the request for an absentee ballot can be faxed, the voted ballot must be *mailed and received* by the deadline.



## Permanent Overseas Citizens

A U.S. citizen whose most recent residence was Georgia and is now a permanent overseas citizen is only authorized to vote for presidential electors, U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. Permanent overseas citizens are considered residents of the precinct in which the courthouse is located in the county where the voter last resided. The FPCA must be submitted to the voter registration office in the county where the voter most recently lived.

## Locating Your County's Contact Information

Up-to-date county contact information is available on the Secretary of State website: [www.sos.state.ga.us/elections](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections)



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**Uniformed and  
Overseas  
Citizens:  
Voting  
In  
Georgia**



**Learn More About  
Your Voting Rights**

*It is our duty to ensure that all citizens, particularly military personnel serving our country overseas, have the opportunity to participate in elections. As a U.S. citizen, no matter where you may be living on Election Day, you are guaranteed the right to cast a ballot.*

*This brochure provides information on Federal guidelines that guarantee your rights as a military or overseas citizen to register and vote. Please contact our office at 404-656-2871 or visit our website at [www.sos.state.ga.us](http://www.sos.state.ga.us) for more information.*

## **Overseas Voting**

If you are a Uniformed or Overseas Citizen living outside the United States on Election Day, standard procedures apply to your voter registration and absentee ballot application. However, there are Federal provisions to expedite delivery of ballots to those who are members of the U.S. Armed Forces (Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard), Merchant Marine, Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. These provisions also apply to their family members, and those citizens who reside outside of the United States.

## **Federal Post Card Application**

Under Federal law, the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) allows “Uniformed and Overseas Citizens” to register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot by filling out just one form. The FPCA form provides applicants with absentee ballots for two general election cycles for any election or runoff in which a federal candidate appears on the ballot including presidential preference primaries.

Eligible voters may obtain an FPCA from voting assistance officers in their branch of service, a U.S. Consulate or Embassy, or the Federal Voting Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. 20301. Postage on the FPCA is prepaid. You may also access an FPCA at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), however postage is required when using the online version. For more information, call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683).

## **Who is Eligible?**

You are eligible to complete a FPCA if you are qualified to vote in Georgia and are:

- A member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the spouse or dependent of such member;
- A member of the U.S. Merchant Marines or the spouse or dependent of such member; or
- A U.S. citizen domiciled in Georgia but temporarily living outside the territorial limits of the United States.
- A U.S. citizen permanently residing overseas (Federal ballot only).



## **Georgia Residency**

To request an absentee ballot using the FPCA form, you must provide a physical address in Georgia. Residency requirements are defined in the O.C.G.A. §21-2-217.

On the FPCA form, you will need to provide either your previous Georgia address or the current address you use as your residence. Be sure to also supply the address where you want your ballot mailed.

## **Submitting Your Application**

You may submit an FPCA to the county voter registration office by mail or fax more than 180 days prior to a primary or election. Please be sure to send it at least 45 days before an election to ensure your ballot can be returned before the legal deadline. If you are registering to vote with an FPCA, the original must be submitted through the mail. FPCA mail is treated as express mail by the U.S. Postal Service at no extra cost.

The FPCA application serves as both a voter registration application and a request for an absentee ballot. Once you have submitted the FPCA form, you are officially a registered voter and will automatically be issued absentee ballots for the next two General Election cycles. Please notify your county voter registration office of any changes to your address.