

# MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS



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*Serving in the military or living abroad? Have an absentee ballot sent to you wherever you are in the world!*

## **WHO CAN APPLY**

Uniformed or military members serving outside their home precinct and citizens living abroad—temporarily or indefinitely—can apply. Spouses and dependents of uniformed or military members are also eligible.

## **STEP 1: APPLY FOR A BALLOT**

Apply any time during the year at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). You will choose to have voting materials sent by email, mail or fax. Your ballot application also serves as a voter registration application. Your spouse, parent, sibling or child age 18 and older can apply for you. Re-apply annually and after a change of mailing address.

## **STEP 2: RECEIVE VOTING MATERIALS**

Election officials will send voting materials once ballots are available. If you receive materials by email, you must print them.

## **STEP 3: VOTE AND COMPLETE FORMS**

Read your ballot instructions carefully! Your ballot will not count if you do not complete and return all forms.

## **STEP 4: MAIL BALLOT BACK BY DEADLINE**

Your ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day.

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Return your materials early enough to account for delivery time via mail, a package delivery service (such as FedEx or UPS) or the diplomatic pouch at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. You cannot return your ballot by email or fax.

## STEP 5: CONFIRM YOUR BALLOT WAS RECEIVED

All absentee ballots that are received on time and had the forms filled out correctly will be counted. Visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) to track the status of your ballot and confirm that it was received and counted.

## EMERGENCY WRITE-IN BALLOT

If you have not received voting materials in time, download and print an emergency ballot (Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot, or FWAB). The ballot will have blanks for you to write your choices. Your write-in ballot must be returned by Election Day.

| <b>2016 DATES</b>                       | <b>Primary Election</b>  | <b>General Election</b>    |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Recommended you apply online before     | June 1                   | September 1                |
| Ballots sent starting                   | June 24                  | September 23               |
| Recommended you mail ballot back before | July 9                   | October 8                  |
| Deadline for ballot to be received      | Election Day<br>August 9 | Election Day<br>November 8 |

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