

# Vote from Abroad.org

Absentee Ballots for Americans

Dear {VoterFirstName}

## **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) - Instructions for Ballot Completion and Mailing**

Thank you for using [Vote From Abroad \(VFA\)](#) to generate your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) and Voter Information form. Please follow the steps below to ensure that your ballot is delivered to your Local Election Official in the U.S.

### **1. Review your FWAB documents.**

Please make sure the information provided on your documents is accurate.

### **2. Print your FWAB documents:**

1. Instructions - this page
2. Electronic Transmission Cover Sheet (\*not applicable for all states)
3. Voter Information - FWAB
4. Official Backup Ballot - Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
5. Addendum (\*only required to print and send in if "additional information" is provided)

### **3. Sign and Date the Voter Information Form**

Sign the Voter Information (FWAB) page and the Addendum page (if required).

### **4. Review Your Vote**

Verify that the candidates indicated on the FWAB for any applicable federal office (President, U.S. Senate and U.S. House) are the ones for whom you wish to vote. If not, please make any corrections now.

If you are eligible to vote for state and local offices (such as Governor, State Legislature, Mayor) and state and local ballot measures or questions, please WRITE-IN your choices now. Enter either the name of the candidate or their political party for each office you are voting for on the Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

**You may send in your FWAB via the methods listed here:**

Overseas Voters	In-Person	Mail	Fax	Email	Online
Voted-Absentee Ballot Return					

Please check our Election Information pages for additional information and witness or signature requirements. You can see the deadlines for your state in the VFA Dates and Deadlines listing.

<https://www.votefromabroad.org/vote/svid.htm>

## **5. Send In your Ballot**

### **Option 1 – Postal Mail:**

Be sure to include the correct postage for overseas mail to the US. The mailing address for regular or overnight mail is:

### **IMPORTANT Note: You will need to provide 2 envelopes:**

1. A *Ballot Security Envelope* to hold your voted ballot – Begin with a plain, unmarked envelope. Print only the words "Security Envelope" on the outside of the Ballot Security Envelope. Place only your Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot in the envelope. Make sure to seal your voted ballot within it. Do NOT put your name or any other information on this envelope.
2. A larger *Mailing Envelope* for the forms and the Ballot Security Envelope – Your mailing envelope should be large enough to contain the Voter Information - FWAB page and Addendum (if applicable) and your sealed Ballot Security Envelope containing your completed FWAB ballot. *If you have your original Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form, include it in the "Mailing Envelope" as well.* Address your Envelope to your Local Election Office and be sure to include your Return (Non-U.S) Address.

## **Option 2 - Email:**

Scan the signed and dated Electronic Transmission Sheet, Voter Information - FWAB page, Addendum (if applicable), and Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot into your computer or mobile device and email to:

Subject line: Overseas Voter Ballot Attached

**NOTE:** By emailing or faxing your voted ballot, you will voluntarily waive your right to a secret ballot.

### **Important note for - NJ voters:**

If you send in your Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot by email or fax, you must also send in the original signed copy by postal mail at the same time.

## **Option 3 - Fax:**

Fax your signed and dated Electronic Transmission Sheet, Voter Information - FWAB page, Addendum (if applicable) and Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to:

The fax line operates 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

If your state only allows return by Fax (not Email) and you don't have access to a fax machine, you can use the DoD Fax service through the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP.gov). Email your signed and dated Electronic Transmission Sheet, Voter Information - FWAB page, Addendum (if applicable) and FWAB Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to [fax@fvap.gov](mailto:fax@fvap.gov). Your election materials will be sent by fax to your Local Election Official.

**NOTE:** By emailing or faxing your voted ballot, you will voluntarily waive your right to a secret ballot.

### **Important note for NJ voters:**

If you send in your Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot by email or fax, you must also send in the original signed copy by postal mail at the same time.

## **6. Confirm Your Ballot Submission**

After you submit your FWAB Ballot, we recommend you contact your Local Election Official (LEO) to confirm that it has been received and your vote has been counted. You can contact your LEO at:

## **7. Send in your Official Ballot if it Arrives Later**

If your official overseas absentee ballot arrives after you send in the FWAB, fill out and send in the official ballot as well. Your State will count only one.

**Congratulations on exercising your right to vote!**

The team at VoteFromAbroad hopes we can help create a positive election experience for you this year and in the future.

*Vote From Abroad is a nonpartisan public service dedicated to facilitating overseas citizen participation in federal elections.*

If you have any further questions regarding the voting process, please contact our Voter Help Desk: [VoterHelp@votefromabroad.org](mailto:VoterHelp@votefromabroad.org)

Please share the news that you have voted by telling others about <https://votefromabroad.org>

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## Official Election Materials – Electronic Transmission Sheet

Transmission (Cover) Sheet from Absentee Voter to Election Official

### To:

Fax:

Phone:

Email:

### From:

### Additional Information:

If a VOTED BALLOT is being faxed or emailed, sign below: "I understand that by faxing or emailing my voted ballot I am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot"

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pages being transmitted, including this sheet: \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_