



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Dear

### Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot - Instructions for Ballot Completion and Mailing

You have completed the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) Voter's Declaration/Affirmation form process.

#### Important Reminders:

1. In order to have your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot accepted and counted, you must have submitted a voter registration/absentee ballot request form for this election. If you have not already done so, please go to <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org> and click on Register to Vote/Request your Ballot.

If you have already submitted a voter registration/absentee ballot request form for this election, but are submitting a Federal Write-In Absentee ballot because you believe that you will not receive the official ballot in time to return it before the election, you do not need to submit yet another a voter registration / absentee ballot request form.

2. The blank sections on your form are not required. This is a federal application that contains sections that are not required to be completed by Minnesota voters. The web tool has prompted you only for the information required for Minnesota voters.
3. If you have your US Passport number, Minnesota Driver's License number, Minnesota ID card number or the last four digits of your Social Security Number, you must provide one of them. Please verify that this information is accurate on your form in the Identification section, field 2f or 2g. Please provide the same number as you provided on your voter registration / absentee ballot request form.

If you do not have any of the documents or ID numbers available to you, you may still submit your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot as long as you attest to the truthfulness of the contents of this document under penalty of perjury.

#### Print the downloaded documents:

1. Instructions - this page
2. The Voter's Declaration/Affirmation - Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
3. Your Write-In Ballot which is titled: 'Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot'
4. As reference: The official Privacy Act Statement and FWAB completion information from the Federal Voting Assistance Program

**Signature:**

Remember to **sign** the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation cover page.

**Vote - Complete your Ballot**

All voters can vote in federal races. Military voters and voters who are out of the U.S. temporarily may also choose to select candidates in state and local races as well as cast votes for or against proposed constitutional amendments. To find links to additional information about the candidates and questions on your ballot, go to <http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/Default.aspx>.

**IMPORTANT Note** - you will need to provide 2 envelopes:

1. **A Ballot Envelope** to hold your voted ballot - Put **only** your Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot in this envelope. Do **NOT** put your name or any other information on this envelope.
2. A larger **Mailing Envelope** which is large enough to contain the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation, the Addendum (if you are sending it), and your sealed Ballot Envelope containing your completed ballot.

**Mail your FWAB to:**

**Return address:** Remember to put your return address on the outside of the envelope

**Postage:**

**Overseas Citizens:** Take your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to the local overseas post office to obtain the correct international airmail postage and have your envelope postmarked from outside the US. Alternatively, you can send it using a package delivery service.

**Uniformed Services:** If you are mailing your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot from within the APO/FPO system, a Diplomatic Pouch, or U.S. Mail, please confirm and affix the correct postage. Alternatively, you can send it using a package delivery service.

We wish you a positive voting experience in the coming election.

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