

# MONTANA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

## FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

SAMPLE FORM

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)			
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____		COUNTY OF _____	
		CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.			
<b>1. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b> (See instruction 1.)		<b>6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION</b> (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)	
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SEX c. RACE	
d. DATE OF BIRTH		e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)		<b>7. REMARKS</b> (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)	
<b>2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION</b> (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)			
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP		c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)	
<b>3. VOTING RESIDENCE</b> (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)			a. LAST DAY OF RESIDENCY
b. NUMBER AND STREET (do not use Post Office Box)			
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE			d. STATE
e. COUNTY OR PARISH		f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known)	
<b>4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO:</b> (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)			
e. I am a U.S. Citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.			
f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.			
g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.			
h. The information on this form is true and complete.			
<b>5. YOUR FAX NUMBER</b> (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See Instructions.)			<b>i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</b>
			j. DATE
			DATE SIGNED
			(If required by state law)
The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.			

### Application Instructions

*Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. You must complete all shaded areas.*

- A** Your Montana Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- B** Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.
- C** Provide the complete street address of your Montana voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location. For example: "on Highway \_\_\_\_\_, 2 miles past Highway \_\_\_\_\_, across the street from the \_\_\_\_\_ gas station." This

- address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county or township where you claim legal voting residence.
- D** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.
- E** Check ONE box.
- F** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming the information is true and correct.

## I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

### A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Montana and members of the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, and religious groups or welfare agencies assisting and officially attached to the Armed Forces, their spouses and dependents.

### B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter 2).

To register and request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA or Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to the local County Election Administrator so that it arrives not later than 30 days before the election. You may only use the FWAB if you are outside the U.S. If the registration application is received less than 30 days before the election, the registration application will be processed for the next election.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, your FPCA must be received by the County Election Administrator by noon on the day before the election.

### C. Casting Your Vote

**Ballot Return Deadline:** Voted ballot must arrive by **8:00 p.m. on election day.**

Local election officials mail absentee ballots approximately 30 days before elections for Federal office. For other elections, ballots are mailed approximately 20 days before the election.

To access the Montana Voter Information Pamphlet, link to the Montana state election website from [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

You may also use the [Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#). See instructions below.

### D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

### E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Montana allows you to send the FPCA and FWAB for registration and absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the form by mail.
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- Montana allows you to return the voted ballot by fax if your county of voting residence has the facility for voting by fax.

Only the following Montana counties currently have facilities for voting via fax: Big Horn, Cascade, Custer, Flathead, Jefferson, Lincoln, McCone, Missoula, Prairie, Ravalli, Rosebud, Stillwater and Toole. Residents of other Montana counties must use the mail. Check the on-line Guide at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates on counties with faxing facilities.

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DSN 223-5527  
(703) 693-5527  
1-800-368-8683

Additional international toll-free fax numbers are listed on the inside back cover.

### F. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

If you are overseas, you may vote the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). The instructions in Chapter 2 of this guide still apply for the FWAB except that the voter does not have to wait until he/she determines that the regular ballot will not be received (condition 3) to use the FWAB.

The FWAB must be received by 8 p.m. on election day. The FWAB will be counted if your request for a regular absentee ballot was received not later than 30 days before the election.

If you receive the regular ballot after returning the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are received by 8 p.m. on election day, only the regular ballot will be counted.

For further instructions on the FWAB see Chapter 2, page 12.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

***Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address***

## II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens and residents of Montana, and overseas electors. The term “overseas elector” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Montana.

- Montana residents temporarily residing outside the U.S.
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### III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

#### A. Late Registration

Honorably discharged military personnel and citizens terminated from employment outside the territorial limits of the U.S. following the close of the registration period for the upcoming election are still entitled to register up to noon on the day before the election.

#### B. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons currently incarcerated for a felony or found to be of unsound mind, as determined by a court, may not vote.

#### C. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is canceled if the voter fails to respond to certain confirmation mailings and fails to vote in two subsequent consecutive general elections for Federal office.

#### D. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of registration or denial is sent.

#### E. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Montana shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

#### F. Action If Registration Is Denied

No provision exists for appeal of a denial of registration. If denial occurs, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel. Montana has an administrative procedure for filing complaints about the Federal election process.

#### G. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Election Administrator**, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	Address	Zip Code
Beaverhead	2 South Pacific Street #3, Dillon	59725-2799
Big Horn	PO Box 908, Hardin	59034-0908
Blaine	Box 278, Chinook	59523-0278

County	Address	Zip Code
Broadwater	515 Broadway street, Townsend	59644-2397
Carbon	Box 887, Red Lodge	59068-0887
Carter	Box 315, Ekalaka	59324-0315
Cascade	Box 2305, Great Falls	59403-2305
Chouteau	Box 459, Fort Benton	59442-0459
Custer	1010 Main, Miles City	59301-3496
Daniels	Box 247, Scobey	59263-0247
Dawson	207 West Bell, Glendive	59330-1616
Deer Lodge	800 South Main, Anaconda	59711-2950
Fallon	Box 846, Baker	59313-0846
Fergus	712 West Main, Lewistown	59457-2562
Flathead	800 South Main, Kalispell	59901-5435
Gallatin	311 W Main, Room 103, Bozeman	59715-4502
Garfield	Box 7, Jordan	59337-0007
Glacier	512 East Main, Cut Bank	59427-3075
Golden Valley	PO Box 10, Ryegate	59074-0010
Granite	Box 925, Philipsburg	59858-0925
Hill	Courthouse, Havre	59501-3923
Jefferson	Box H, Boulder	59632-0249
Judith Basin	Box 427, Stanford	59479-0427
Lake	106 4th Avenue East, Polson	59860-2125
Lewis and Clark	Box 1721, Helena	59624-1721
Liberty	Box 459, Chester	59522-0459
Lincoln	512 California, Libby	59923-1942
Madison	Box 366, Virginia City	59755-0366
McCone	Box 199, Circle	59215-0199
Meagher	Box 309, White Sulphur Springs	59645-0309
Mineral	Box 550, Superior	59872-0550
Missoula	200 W Broadway, Missoula	59802-4216
Musselshell	506 Main, Roundup	59072-2426
Park	Box 1037, Livingston	59047-1037
Petroleum	Box 226, Winnett	59087-0226
Phillips	Box 360, Malta	59538-0360
Pondera	20 4th Avenue SW, Conrad	59425-2383
Powder River	Box 270, Broadus	59317-0270
Powell	409 Missouri, Deer Lodge	59722-1078
Prairie	Box 125, Terry	59349-0125
Ravalli	215 S 4th Street, Suite C, Hamilton	59840-2703
Richland	20 West Main, Sidney	59270-4087
Roosevelt	400 2nd Avenue South, Wolf Point	59201-1600
Rosebud	Box 47, Forsyth	59327-0047
Sanders	Box 519, Thompson Falls	59873-0519
Sheridan	100 W. Laurel Ave, Plentywood	59254-1647
Silver Bow	155 W Granite, Room 208, Butte	59701-9256
Stillwater	Box 149, Columbus	59019-0149
Sweet Grass	Box 888, Big Timber	59011-0888
Teton	Box 610, Choteau	59422-0610
Toole	226 1st Street South, Shelby	59474-1990
Treasure	Box 392, Hysham	59038-0392
Valley	501 Court Square, Box 2, Glasgow	59230-2405
Wheatland	Box 1903, Harlowton	59036-1903
Wibaux	PO Box 199, Wibaux	59353-0199
Yellowstone	Box 35002, Billings	59107-5002

***Just Do It. Vote Today. It Truly Will Count***

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