

FAQs for Military and Overseas Voters

Q: Who can apply for an absentee ballot for a member of the military or for someone residing overseas?

A: You may apply for one for yourself or your parent, child over 18, spouse or sibling may apply to the county in which you reside.

Q: How do I apply for an absentee ballot?

A: You may apply for an absentee ballot by filling out the federal post card application available at this link <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpa.html> Or you may fill out Blue Earth County's application available on this website.

Q: When do I need to apply for an absentee ballot?

A: Absentee balloting begins 30 days before each election, but you can apply beforehand. Apply early because mail often takes an extended amount of time to reach overseas voters.

Q: How can I expedite this process?

A: If you provide a credit card number or account number for an express service such as UPS or FED Ex, we will make arrangements to have the ballot mailed out to you this way. You may also express service the ballot back to us. Emailed and faxed ballots cannot be accepted.

Q: What if I am permanently residing overseas?

A: You will be sent a federal ballot, containing only federal offices. In 2005, these offices are President/Vice President and US Representative. Be sure to note if you are permanently residing overseas on your absentee ballot application or FPCA.

Q: Can ballots be faxed or e-mailed?

A: Yes, ballots can be faxed or e-mailed to military personnel and others residing overseas. For more detailed information visit <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org> or refer to the contact information below for Blue Earth County Elections.

Q: How do I get in touch with you?

A: You may contact us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., US central time.

In person or by mail, fax or e-mail:

Blue Earth County Elections
Government Center
410 South Fifth Street
Mankato, MN 56001
By telephone: 507-304-4341
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