

# Vote from Abroad.org

Absentee Ballots for Americans

09/12/2014

**Dear Bob**

Thank you for using Vote From Abroad (VFA) on-line voter registration site to generate your Voter Registration/Ballot Request form. Please follow the **5 steps** below to complete the application process.

## 1. Review your Documents

Verify your information. The FPCA (Federal Post Card Application) document below serves as **both** a registration form and a ballot request.

## 2. Print and Sign your Forms

Sign your FPCA Voter Registration/Ballot Request form and the Addendum page. Your election official requires your **ORIGINAL SIGNATURE** on the forms.

**Address your envelope to your local election office:**

Board of Elections, City of NY: Manhattan (New  
York County)  
200 Varick Street, 10th Floor  
New York, NY 10014-4810 USA

## 3. Return/Send in your Signed, Dated, Original Form

Send the page entitled **Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)** in an envelope to your local election office and include the Addendum page if it is not blank. It is not necessary to mail any of the instruction pages.

**Postal Mail:** VFA recommends regular postal mail as the most secure method for sending your confidential election materials to your local election official. Mail them from a post office instead of a mailbox and, if possible, get the envelope legibly postmarked with the date of mailing. Your envelope should include proof of mailing from outside the U.S.

- Foreign Postmark: All states will accept a foreign postmark as evidence of submission from outside the U.S.
- Consular Stamp: Your local US Embassy or Consulate can provide a consular stamp as evidence of submission from outside the U.S. Use either a specially marked US postage-free "Official Balloting Material" envelope, or affix a U.S. postage stamp.
- Commercial Courier: Most states will also accept delivery via a commercial courier service; such as FedEx, UPS, or DHL; as evidence of submission from outside the U.S.

**Fax or Email + Post the Original:** Some states allow you to fax or email the form to speed processing; however, ***you must ALSO postal mail*** a hardcopy form with your original signature in order for this to be a valid application. Consult the VFA State-Specific Voter Information Directory for options on sending in your application.

#### **4. Confirm that you are on the voter rolls and will receive your ballots**

VFA recommends that you contact your local election official after sending in your application to confirm that it has been received and approved, and that you will receive your ballots throughout the year.

##### **Election Official/Absentee Voter Clerk**

Frederic Umane  
Phone: (212) 886-2100  
Fax: (646) 638-2047  
Email: [fumane@boe.nyc.ny.us](mailto:fumane@boe.nyc.ny.us)

##### **Local Election Official:**

Gregory Soumas  
Phone: (212) 886-2100  
Fax: (646) 638-2047  
Email: [gsoumas@boe.nyc.ny.us](mailto:gsoumas@boe.nyc.ny.us)

You can always consult the VFA State-Specific Voter Information Directory for more details on your state's local election officials: <https://votefromabroad.org/vote/eod.htm>

#### **5. Mark Your Calendar and be prepared to use a Back-Up Ballot**

Sometimes ballots arrive late. If you haven't received your official ballot from your local election office **30 days** before the election, return to the VFA website at <https://www.votefromabroad.org> to obtain a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). If you have created a VFA Voter Account, you can correct and update your voter data at any time and generate a new FPCA or FWAB form.

Use your e-mail address to login to your VFA Voter Account at <https://votefromabroad.org/vote/MyVoterAccount.htm> and download the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

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

The team at VoteFromAbroad hopes that 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 visit our Voter Help Desk: <https://vhd.votefromabroad.org>

Or send us an email: [VoterHelp@votefromabroad.org](mailto:VoterHelp@votefromabroad.org)

Please share the news that you have registered to vote by telling others about <https://votefromabroad.org> and help others exercise their voting rights by posting a link to our site on social media: <https://votefromabroad.org>

# Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

For any questions about this form, consult the Voting Assistance Guide available in hard copy or on **FVAP.gov** or your Voting Assistance Officer.

For absent Uniformed Service members, their families, and citizens residing outside the U.S.

Please print in black ink.

## Classification

Make only 1 selection.

(In most States, you must be absent from your voting district to use this form).

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I request an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote **AND**:

- I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty **OR**  I am an eligible spouse or dependent.
- I am an activated National Guard member on State orders.
- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States, and I intend to return.
- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States, and my return is not certain.
- I am a U.S. citizen and have never resided in the United States.

## Political party

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Your State may require you to specify a political party to vote in primary elections: Democrat

## Legal name

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Last name Smith Suffix \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name Bob Middle name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previous name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## Identification

Some States require your full SSN. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on **FVAP.gov**.

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State Driver's License or ID \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR** Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_-1 2 3 4  
 Birth date 1 2 / 0 6 / 1 9 7 2 Sex  M  F Race \_\_\_\_\_  
M M D D Y Y Y Y See instructions

## Contact information

Include international prefixes. No DSN numbers.

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Telephone + 3 4 9 3 3 3 0 3 3 3 6  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email bobsmith@gmail.com

## Ballot receipt

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Rank from 1-3 in order of preference; be sure appropriate contact information is provided above.  
 I prefer to receive my ballot, as permitted by my State, by: 1 Email/Online  Mail  Fax

## Voting residence address

Usually your last U.S. residence or your legal U.S. residence. See instructions.

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Street Address (not P.O. Box) 725 Fifth Avenue Apt. # Apt. 325  
 City/Town/Village New York  
 County City of NY: Manhattan (New Yor State N Y Zip Code 1 0 0 2 2 - \_\_\_\_\_

## Where to send my ballot

This is your current mailing address and should be different from above. If required, place a forwarding address in Box 9.

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Puerta del Sol, 1  
Madrid 28000  
Spain

## Additional requirements for your State

Such as: mail forwarding address, additional email address/phone number, or other State required information. See Voting Assistance Guide.

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### Affirmation (REQUIRED): I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
- I am not disqualified to vote due to having been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense, nor have I been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.

Signature **X**

Today's date

You must sign and send in.

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Witness signature / date if required by your State.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Instructions for Federal Post Card Application Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request

For any questions about this form, consult the Voting Assistance Guide available in hard copy or on **FVAP.gov** or your Voting Assistance Officer.

The **gray** numbers and instructions below correspond to the **gray** numbered boxes on the face of the form.

- 1 The classification you choose may determine in which election(s) you will be allowed to vote. Choose the one that best represents your current situation.
- 2 If you want to vote in primary elections, most States require you to specify a political party. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov to see if your State requires you to specify a political party.
- 3 The information you enter for your name should match the information you normally put on legal or official forms. For example, it should be the same name that appears on your Driver's License or other government-issued ID.
- 4 While most States allow you to enter either your Driver's License number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, some will invalidate this form without your full SSN. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov to see if your State requires the full SSN. Also, many States ask that you provide your race or ethnic group in order to demonstrate that they are complying with the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act.
- 5 If there are questions or problems with your form, local election officials will use this information to contact you. An email address is the simplest and fastest way for them to do so. Your voting materials will be sent to the email address that you provide here if you request it and your State allows it. Include an alternate email or phone number in Box 9 if necessary.
- 6 Indicate your preferred method for receiving your ballot by ranking each box 1, 2, or 3. All States and jurisdictions must send absentee ballots to military and overseas voters by at least one of the following: email, online download, or fax if requested. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov to learn what your State allows. You can always get your absentee ballot by mail.
- 7 This determines the jurisdiction where you vote. For military voters the voting address is your legal U.S. residence. For overseas citizens this is usually the U.S. address where you last lived. You do not need to have any current physical ties to this address. Do not use a post office box number. If the area has no street names, enter the route number and box number.
- 8 Enter the address where you want voting materials to be sent. Voting materials will be sent to this address unless you enter a forwarding address in Box 9.
- 9 Enter anything here that would help ensure that your ballot is accepted. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov for anything your State may specifically require here. For example, some States require last date of residency in the U.S., previous location of registration, overseas employer, or witness address. If you want your voting materials to be sent somewhere other than where you live now, enter that alternate (forwarding) address here. Provide an alternate email address and phone number here.

**Affirmation** Read this carefully. It is what you are agreeing to under oath and penalty of perjury by filling out and sending in this form. Some States require that your form be witnessed. Check the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov for your State's requirements.

## Agency Disclosure Statement

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100. [OMB CONTROL # 0704-0503]. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

## Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The authority to collect your personal information on this form comes from 42 USC 1973ff, "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)."

Principal Purpose: This form serves as an application for registration and/or request for absentee ballot for all persons covered by UOCAVA.

Routine Use(s): There is no retention of this information by the Federal government. Completed forms are sent by you to an appropriate State election official.

Disclosure: Your disclosure of personal information is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested personal information may keep the pertinent jurisdiction from processing this request and may prevent you from voting absentee.

From  
(Your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address)

Smith, Bob

Puerta del Sol, 1  
Madrid, 28000  
Spain



U.S. Postage Paid  
39 USC 3406

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International airmail postage is required if not mailed in the U.S. Postal Service, APO/FPO system, or diplomatic pouch.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL – FIRST CLASS MAIL

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IN THE U.S. MAIL – DMM 703.8.0

To  
(Your local election office in the United States. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov for contact information.)

Board of Elections, City of NY: Manhattan (New York County)  
200 Varick Street, 10th Floor  
New York, NY 10014-4810 United States

## ADDENDUM

### REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

Name:	Bob Smith
Email Address:	bobsmith@gmail.com
State:	NY
County:	City of NY: Manhattan (New York County)

#### 4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please send ballots to me at the indicated address For all elections this calendar year, including primaries, general and special elections

My intention in filing this form is:

- Ballot request for registered voter

Signed: _____	Date: _____	Signed: <b>NOT REQUIRED</b>	Date: <b>09/12/2014</b>
	<small>(MMDDYYYY)</small>	<small>(Witness/Notary and Address (if required))</small>	<small>(MMDDYYYY)</small>