

Guide to Submitting FPCAs

VFA highly recommends voters use Email or Fax to submit their FPCA!

Email and Fax are free and far quicker than postal mail or diplomatic pouch. Voters don't need to worry about postal failure or delay. Also, voters can submit their forms directly from the VFA website or send it in immediately with a smartphone app.

Most states accept the FPCA submitted by Email or Fax AND don't require mailing in the original!

Except as set out below, states allow voters to submit their signed, dated and scanned FPCA by Email or FAX without also mailing in the original. *THE EXCEPTIONS ARE:*

- MAIL REQUIRED in all circumstances--whether registering to vote or requesting a ballot:
 - **Alabama**

- MAIL REQUIRED IF USING FPCA TO REGISTER TO VOTE (EMAIL or FAX are ok if a voter is already registered and submitting a ballot request only):
 - **Florida**
 - **Idaho**
 - **Maryland** (*Online submission available without mailing required)
 - **Oregon**
 - **South Dakota**
 - **West Virginia**
 - **Wisconsin**

- MAIL REQUIRED IF FPCA USED TO REGISTER TO VOTE NOW OR IN THE PAST (EMAIL or FAX are ok to request a ballot if the voter used the state system to register to vote):
 - **Wyoming**

- EMAIL OR FAX OK TO MEET DEADLINES, BUT MUST ALSO MAIL IN ORIGINAL SIGNED COPY:
 - **Arkansas** (*some counties accept by Email/Fax without need to mail in original)
 - **Connecticut**
 - **New York**
 - **Rhode Island**
 - ***Texas** (*only if use Fax ; No need to mail in original if submit form by Email)
 - ***Vermont** (*only if use Fax ; No need to mail in original if submit form by Email)

- FAX OK (BUT NOT EMAIL) TO REGISTER TO VOTE:
 - ***California** (*For ballot request, Email is available)

- ONLINE SUBMISSION VIA STATE WEBSITE AVAILABLE WITHOUT STATE ID:
 - **Maryland**
 - **Minnesota**
 - **Montana**

REMEMBER: Voters should email or call their Local Election Official to verify their FPCA form was received and they will be getting their ballots!

Voters do **not need to show proof of mailing from outside the US--email, fax, mailing from within the US or even hand delivery are acceptable. A non-US postmark or a US consular stamp is not required.*

**Voters may use the “post paid” template on their envelope to mail in their FPCAs without charge if they mail the envelope within the US, or use US military mail or the US diplomatic pouch via the US Embassy or Consulates. The template prints out with the VFA.org Instructions or you can also find it on FVAP.gov at: www.fvap.gov/eo/overview/materials/forms*