

# 2017 Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Quick Reference Guide

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) allows eligible U.S. citizens to apply to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and update their contact information with their local election office. The local election office uses the information provided on the FPCA to determine if the voter meets the State's registration requirements, which election materials to send the voter, and where and how to send the ballot.

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The applicant's State may require additional information in Section 6. Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for specific State instructions.

#### **SECTION 7**

After reading the affirmation, the applicant should sign and date the form.

By signing the FPCA, applicants are verifying their information under the penalty of perjury.



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## **FPCA Submission Checklist:**

- Look over the completed FPCA to ensure the applicant provided all the information required by their State, including a complete voting residence address (no P.O. Boxes).
- Make sure that the information provided is clear and legible.
- o Check that the applicant signed and dated the application.
- o Look in the Voting Assistance Guide to determine if the applicant's State allows the FPCA to be submitted by email or fax.
- o If mailing the FPCA through the U.S. Postal Service (including APO/FPO) or diplomatic pouch, it can be sent postage paid using the envelope template available at FVAP.gov (https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca\_envelope.pdf).
- o If mailing the FPCA using a foreign country's postal service, it requires postage and should have "USA" in the address line of the mailing envelope.

Encourage applicants to contact their local election office to confirm that their applications were successfully processed. The election office is only required to contact voters if the form is not accepted.



## 2017 Federal Write In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) Quick Reference Guide

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is a backup ballot for use by Service members, their eligible family members, and U.S. citizens residing overseas. This write-in absentee ballot can be used as a backup when the voter is living outside their voting residence, has applied for a regular State ballot through the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA, SF 76), and has not received their requested State ballot in time to vote and return it by the election deadline.

If the applicant has not previously registered to vote and requested an absentee ballot, check the Voting Assistance Guide to see if the applicant's State allows the FWAB to be used for voter registration and an absentee ballot request.

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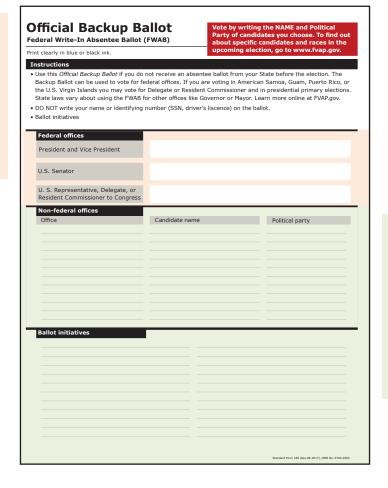
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## TOP OF THE BALLOT

The FWAB is used for federal elections, so the applicant can write in his or her preferred candidates for the Offices of President and Vice President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Representative.



## **BOTTOM OF THE BALLOT**

Some States have expanded the use of the FWAB for State and local elections, so applicants should check the Voting Assistance Guide to see if their State allows the FWAB to be used in other elections.

## **FWAB Submission Checklist:**

- O Look in the Voting Assistance Guide to determine if the applicant's State allows the FWAB to be submitted by email or fax.
- o If submitting by mail, the applicant should insert the voted ballot into the security envelope. The sealed security envelope and the Voter Information page should be inserted into the mailing envelope.
- If mailing the FWAB using a foreign country's postal service, it requires postage and should have "USA" in the address line of the mailing envelope.
- o If mailing the FWAB through the U.S. Postal Service (including APO/FPO) or diplomatic pouch, it can be sent postage paid using the envelope template available at https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Foms/fpca\_envelope.pdf.

If an applicant's State absentee ballot arrives after returning the FWAB, the applicant should vote and return the State ballot immediately. If the State ballot arrives by the State's deadline for ballot receipt, the State absentee ballot will be counted instead of the FWAB.