

GEORGIA

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.			
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)		6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (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 A c. RACE B	
d. DATE OF BIRTH		f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		C	
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)		7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)	
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP		c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (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)		M M D D Y Y	
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE		d. STATE	
e. COUNTY OR PARISH		f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known)	
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)		8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT H	
F		X only one: a, b, c or d	
		I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See instructions)	
		a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.	
		b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.	
		c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.	
		d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	
		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.	
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See Instructions.)		i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT I	
		j. DATE	
		M M D D Y Y	
		9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)	
		DATE SIGNED	
		M M D D Y Y	

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** You are requested to fill out this box.
- B** You are requested to fill out this box. The Department of Justice requests this data in their enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list. AI=American Indian or Alaskan Native; AP=Asian or Pacific Islander not Native Hawaiian; B=Black, not of Hispanic Origin; H=Hispanic; M=Multi-racial; NH=Native Hawaiian; W=White, not of Hispanic Origin; O=Other.
- C** Your Social Security number is required.
- D** Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.
- E** Provide the complete street address of your Georgia voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. 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.
- F** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.
- G** **If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections.** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "nonpartisan only" in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are currently registered and want to vote in a primary election, you must submit a completed FPCA which includes your political party selection or "nonpartisan" selection to the local election official. A separate request is required for an absentee ballot for special elections. Unregistered persons must submit the FPCA not later than the fifth Monday before the election. No absentee ballot shall be mailed on the day prior to an election or primary election. Timeliness in submitting the FPCA is critical to receipt and return of an absentee ballot.
- H** Check ONE box.
- I** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that 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 Georgia and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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).

If you are an unregistered citizen, the Board of Registrars must receive your FPCA registration request not later than the fifth Monday before the election.

If you are a registered citizen, the Board of Registrars must receive your FPCA absentee ballot request at least two business days prior to the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the board of registrar's office by 7 p.m. on election day.

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 45 days before the election.

You must sign the self-administered oath on the voted ballot return envelope. In addition if you receive assistance, this person must complete and sign the necessary oath of assistance.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

If you received assistance in voting, the person providing assistance must complete and sign the necessary oath of assistance.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Georgia allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail. You may not submit the FPCA for registration by fax.
- Georgia does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
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Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. Use the following numbers:

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

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

F. Application for Ballot by Proxy

Your mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or grandchild (18 years of age or older) may request (in writing to the local registrar) that an absentee ballot be mailed to you if you are temporarily residing outside the county.

G. Special Write-In Absentee Ballot

Georgia can provide a state special write-in absentee ballot available 180 days before the general election if you are unable to vote by regular absentee ballot or in person due to requirements of military service or due to living in isolated or extremely remote areas of the world.

The FPCA may be used to request this state special write-in ballot. In Item 7 of the FPCA, place one of the state special write-in labels from Section III.F. If no labels are available, write in Item 7: "I am unable to vote by regular absentee ballot or in person due to requirements of military service or due to living in isolated or extremely remote areas of the world. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

The special write-in ballot must be requested not earlier than 180 days before the general election. You may vote it by writing in a party preference or the names of specific candidates.

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.

A. Who Can Do It

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

- Georgia residents temporarily residing outside the state (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)
- U.S. citizens who have never resided in the U.S. but have a parent who is eligible to vote in Georgia. These citizens are eligible to vote at the same voting residence claimed by their parent (for Federal office ballots only)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude may not register or vote until the sentence is completed. Persons adjudicated mentally incompetent may not register or vote unless the disability has been removed.

B. Action on Registration Requests

If eligible, precinct card is sent. If ineligible, notice of denial is sent.

C. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

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

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons whose registration is cancelled due to a challenge and hearing may appeal in writing the removal of their name from the voters list within ten days from the date of the hearing to the Clerk of the Superior Court. Said hearing will be heard by the Judge of the Superior Court in that jurisdiction. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Resided In The U.S.

If a U.S. citizen outside the U.S. has never lived in the U.S. and either parent is a qualified Georgia voter, then he or she is eligible to register and vote where his or her parent is a qualified voter.

F. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the [Board of Registrars](#) at the county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Appling	Baxley	31513-1908
Atkinson	Pearson	31642-0855
Bacon	Alma	31510-0356
Baker	Newton	31770-0450
Baldwin	Milledgeville	31061-3399
Banks	Homer	30547-0172
Barrow	Winder	30680-1973
Bartow	Cartersville	30120-3182
Ben Hill	Fitzgerald	31750-2136
Berrien	Nashville	31639-2250
Bibb	Macon	31201-2678
Bleckley	Cochran	31014-1633
Brantley	Nahunta	31553-0326
Brooks	Quitman	31643-0349
Bryan	Pembroke	31321-9999
Bulloch	Statesboro	30459-5355
Burke	Waynesboro	30830-0089
Butts	Jackson	30233-1965

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Calhoun	Morgan	31766-0111
Camden	Woodbine	31569-6008
Candler	Metter	30439-1429
Carroll	Carrollton	30117-0338
Catoosa	Ringgold	30736-2301
Charlton	Folkston	31537-3745
Chatham	Savannah	31401-3230
Chattahoochee	Cusseta	31805-0125
Chattooga	Summerville	30747-0165
Cherokee	Canton	30114-2756
Clarke	Athens	30601-4514
Clay	Fort Gaines	31751-0218
Clayton	Jonesboro	30236-3694
Clinch	Homerville	31634-1415
Cobb	Marietta	30090-3905
Coffee	Douglas	31533-3854
Colquitt	Moultrie	31776-0099
Columbia	Appling	30809-0919
Cook	Adel	31620-2400
Coweta	Newnan	30263-1973
Crawford	Knoxville	31078-0634
Crisp	Cordele	31015-4295
Dade	Trenton	30752-0152
Dawson	Dawsonville	30534-0436
Decatur	Bainbridge	31718-0246
DeKalb	Decatur	30030-3221
Dodge	Eastman	31023-1505
Dooley	Vienna	31092-0322
Dougherty	Albany	31702-1827
Douglas	Douglasville	30134-2264
Early	Blakely	31723-1811
Echols	Statenville	31648-0337
Effingham	Springfield	31329-0387
Elbert	Elberton	30635-1840
Emanuel	Swainsboro	30401-0267
Evans	Claxton	30417-0634
Fannin	Blue Ridge	30513-4581
Fayette	Fayetteville	30214-1520
Floyd	Rome	30161-2832
Forsyth	Cumming	30040-2468
Franklin	Carnesville	30521-4080
Fulton	Atlanta	30303-3444
Gilmer	Ellijay	30540-1149
Glascok	Gibson	30810-0221
Glynn	Brunswick	31521-0879
Gordon	Calhoun	30703-0715
Grady	Cairo	31728-4101
Greene	Greensboro	30642-1443
Gwinnett	Lawrenceville	30045-6935
Habersham	Clarksville	30523-5105
Hall	Gainesville	30503-1435
Hancock	Sparta	31087-0118
Haralson	Buchanan	30113-0620
Harris	Hamilton	31811-0123
Hart	Hartwell	30643-0426
Heard	Franklin	30217-0427
Henry	McDonough	30253-3220
Houston	Perry	31069-3825
Irwin	Ocilla	31774-0514
Jackson	Jefferson	30549-1013
Jasper	Monticello	31064-9999
Jeff Davis	Hazlehurst	31539-0602
Jefferson	Louisville	30434-1657
Jenkins	Millen	30442-1833
Johnson	Wrightsville	31096-0264
Jones	Gray	31032-1359
Lamar	Barnesville	30204-1609
Lanier	Lakeland	31635-1189
Laurens	Dublin	31040-2102
Lee	Leesburg	31763-0326
Liberty	Hinesville	31313-0652
Lincoln	Lincolnton	30817-0340

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Long	Ludowici	31316-0669
Lowndes	Valdosta	31603-1349
Lumpkin	Dahlonega	30533-1167
McDuffie	Thomson	30824-0600
McIntosh	Darien	31305-1987
Macon	Oglethorpe	31068-0415
Madison	Danielsville	30633-0328
Marion	Buena Vista	31803-0444
Meriwether	Greenville	30222-9999
Miller	Colquitt	31737-1284
Mitchell	Camilla	31730-0229
Monroe	Forsyth	31029-0374
Montgomery	Mount Vernon	30445-0317
Morgan	Madison	30650-1345
Murray	Chatsworth	30705-1015
Muscogee	Columbus	31902-1340
Newton	Covington	30014-2435
Oconee	Watkinsville	30677-2718
Oglethorpe	Lexington	30648-0232
Paulding	Dallas	30132-1205
Peach	Fort Valley	31030-0468
Pickens	Jasper	30143-1598
Pierce	Blackshear	31516-1236
Pike	Zebulon	30295-0377
Polk	Cedartown	30125-2944
Pulaski	Hawkinsville	31036-1350
Putnam	Eatonton	31024-1095
Quitman	Georgetown	31754-0447
Rabun	Clayton	30525-0806
Randolph	Cuthbert	31740-0323
Richmond	Augusta	30911-4406
Rockdale	Conyers	30094-6619
Schley	Ellaville	31806-0385
Screven	Sylvania	30467-2026
Seminole	Donalsonville	31745-1602
Spalding	Griffin	30223-3341
Stephens	Toccoa	30577-1557
Stewart	Lumpkin	31815-0713
Sumter	Americus	31709-0246
Talbot	Talbotton	31827-0056
Taliaferro	Crawfordville	30631-0009
Tattnall	Reidsville	30453-0387
Taylor	Butler	31006-2044
Telfair	McRae	31055-1604
Terrell	Dawson	31742-0525
Thomas	Thomasville	31799-0110
Tift	Tifton	31793-0826
Toombs	Lyons	30436-0667
Towns	Hiawasse	30546-3219
Treutlen	Soperton	30457-1438
Troup	LaGrange	30240-4441
Turner	Ashburn	31714-5313
Twiggs	Jeffersonville	31044-0130
Union	Blairsville	30512-4302
Upson	Thomaston	30286-0547
Walker	LaFayette	30728-0628
Walton	Monroe	30655-1842
Ware	Waycross	31501-3596
Warren	Warrenton	30828-0186
Washington	Sandersville	31082-9999
Wayne	Jesup	31546-4320
Webster	Preston	31824-0029
Wheeler	Alamo	30411-0431
White	Cleveland	30528-1376
Whitfield	Dalton	30720-3147
Wilcox	Abbeville	31001-1000

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Wilkes	Washington	30673-1595
Wilkinson	Irwinton	31042-0186
Worth	Sylvester	31791-2182

“The Power of One - Every Vote Counts.”

by Captain Dustin R. Thorn, USMC, Albany, Georgia

