

NORTH CAROLINA

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 _____ c. RACE (A)		(G)	
d. DATE OF BIRTH _____ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) _____ (B) (C)		7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)	
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)			
a. YEAR _____ b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP _____ c. STATE _____ d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) _____ (D)			
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) _____			
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ (E)			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.)			
_____ (F)			

5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See Instructions.)		8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT (H)	
_____		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.	
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)		i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (I)	
_____		j. DATE _____	
_____		DATE SIGNED _____	
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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. This data is requested from some states by the Department of Justice 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 for both ethnicity and race. Choices for ethnicity are Hispanic or Latino-of any race (write HL) or Not Hispanic or Latino (write NH). Choices for race: White (W), Black or African American (B), American Indian or Alaska Native (I), Asian (A), Multi-racial (M), Other (O), or Undesignated (U). For example, a person with Hispanic ethnicity who is white would write “HLW” in the space provided.

(B) The last four digits of your Social Security number OR your North Carolina Driver’s License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, North Carolina shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

(C) Though optional when applying for an absentee ballot only, providing your Driver’s License number in this blank would be helpful in processing your application.

(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 North Carolina 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 where you claim legal voting residence. Please note that the local Board of Elections may make a reasonable investigation concerning your residence. Written verification of residency may be required.

(F) Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

(G) You must register with a party to vote in that party’s primary unless that party allows unaffiliated voters to vote in its primary. If you indicate a political party that is not a qualified party, or indicate no party, you will be listed as “Unaffiliated”. You must write the name of your political party affiliation (Example: Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or other qualified party), “Unaffiliated”, or “None” in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party choice is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. To change or declare your political party choice, you must complete this section and return the FPCA at least 25 days before the election.

(H) Check ONE box. Please note: Mental competence is not a requirement to register and vote in North Carolina.

(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 North Carolina 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 County Board of Elections early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter 2).

To register and request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA or written request to the County Board of Elections anytime before the election.

To request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the County Board of Elections anytime before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive not later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before the election**.

Absentee ballots are available 50 days before an election.

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

FPCA: No notary or witness required.

Ballot Return Envelope: The certificate on the ballot return envelope must be witnessed by two persons 18 years of age or older. Witnesses must provide their signatures and addresses.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- North Carolina allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot request by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- North Carolina allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- North Carolina allows you to return the voted ballot by fax.

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.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

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

- civilians attached to and serving with the U.S. Armed Forces outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- members of the Peace Corps (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- North Carolina residents temporarily outside the U.S. who are unaffiliated with the U.S. government (for Federal office ballots only)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

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If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the County Board of Elections anytime before the election.

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Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Late Registration

Any member of the Uniformed Services who is qualified to vote absentee and returns to North Carolina after the registration records have closed, may still register and vote in person up to and including election day.

B. Bars to Registration and Voting

A person convicted of a felony may not register to vote, unless that person is restored to the rights of citizenship. A person is automatically restored to the rights of citizenship upon unconditional discharge from prison, probation, or parole.

C. Cancellation of Registration

Any person who fails to respond to confirmation mailings and who fails to contact the County Board of Elections office through the next two consecutive general elections for Federal office following the date of the mailing may be removed from the registration rolls.

D. Action on Registration Requests

North Carolina sends a notice of registration.

E. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, North Carolina shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. Provide the information requested in the notice of denial. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

F. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the [County Board of Elections](#) in the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Alamance	206 W. Elm Street, Graham	27253-2804
Alexander	PO Box 326, Taylorsville	28681-0321
Alleghany	PO Box 65, Sparta	28675-0065
Anson	PO Box 768, Wadesboro	28170-0768
Ashe	150 Gov. Circle, Ste. 2100, Jefferson	28640-9378
Avery	PO Box 145, Newland	28657-0145
Beaufort	PO Box 1016, Washington	27889-1016
Bertie	PO Box 312, Windsor	27983-0312
Bladen	PO Box 512, Elizabethtown	28337-0512
Brunswick	PO Box 2, Bolivia	28422-0002
Buncombe	PO Box 7468, Asheville	28802-7468
Burke	PO Box 798, Morganton	28680-0798
Cabarrus	PO Box 1315, Concord	28026-1315
Caldwell	PO Box 564, Lenoir	28645-0564
Camden	PO Box 206, Camden	27921-0206
Carteret	1724-A Life Oak Street, Beaufort	28516-1898
Caswell	PO Box 698, Yanceyville	27379-0698
Catawba	PO Box 132, Newton	28658-0389
Chatham	PO Box 111, Pittsboro	27312-0111
Cherokee	PO Box 816, Murphy	28906-0816
Chowan	PO Box 133, Edenton	27932-0133
Clay	PO Box 687, Hayesville	28904-0687
Cleveland	PO Box 1299, Shelby	28151-1299
Columbus	PO Box 37, Whiteville	28472-0037
Craven	406 Craven Street, New Bern	28560-4911
Cumberland	PO Box 1829, Fayetteville	28302-1829
Currituck	PO Box 177, Currituck	27929-0177
Dare	PO Box 1000, Manteo	27954-1000
Davidson	PO Box 1084, Lexington	27293-1084
Davie	124 S. Salisbury St., Ste. 102, Mocksville	27028-2359
Duplin	PO Box 975, Kenansville	28349-0975
Durham	PO Box 868, Durham	27702-0868
Edgecombe	PO Box 10, Tarboro	27886-0010
Forsyth	201 N. Chestnut St., Winston Salem	27101-4120
Franklin	PO Box 180, Louisburg	27549-0180
Gaston	PO Box 1396, Gastonia	28053-1396
Gates	PO Box 621, Gatesville	27938-0621
Graham	PO Box 1239, Robbinsville	28771-1239
Granville	PO Box 83, Oxford	27565-0083
Greene	PO Box 583, Snow Hill	28580-0583
Guilford	PO Box 3427, Greensboro	27402-3927

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Halifax	PO Box 101, Halifax	27839-0101
Harnett	PO Box 356, Lillington	27546-0356
Haywood	1233 N. Main St., Annex II, Waynesville	28786-2599
Henderson	PO Box 2090, Hendersonville	28793-2090
Hertford	PO Box 416, Winton	27986-0416
Hoke	PO Box 1565, Raeford	28376-1565
Hyde	PO Box 152, Swanquarter	27885-0152
Iredell	117 Court St., B-1, Statesville	28677-5802
Jackson	401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva	28779-2952
Johnston	PO Box 1172, Smithfield	27577-1172
Jones	PO Box 263, Trenton	28585-0263
Lee	PO Box 1443, Sanford	27331-1443
Lenoir	PO Box 3503, Kinston	28502-3503
Lincoln	115 W. Main St., Room 201, Lincolnton	28092-2601
Macon	5 West Main Street, Franklin	28734-3005
Madison	PO Box 142, Marshall	28753-0142
Martin	PO Box 801, Williamston	27892-0801
McDowell	PO Box 1509, Marion	28752-1509
Mecklenburg	PO Box 31788, Charlotte	28231-1788
Mitchell	PO Box 381, Bakersville	28705-0381
Montgomery	PO Box 607, Troy	27371-0607
Moore	PO Box 787, Carthage	28327-0787
Nash	PO Box 305, Nashville	27856-0305
New Hanover	230 Market Pl Dr, Ste 180, Wilmington	28403-1672
Northampton	PO Box 603, Jackson	27845-0603
Onslow	521 Mill Avenue, Jacksonville	28540-4258
Orange	PO Box 220, Hillsborough	27278-0220
Pamlico	PO Box 464, Bayboro	28515-0464
Pasquotank	PO Box 28, Elizabeth City	27907-0028
Pender	PO Box 1232, Burgaw	28425-1232
Perquimans	PO Box 336, Hertford	27944-0336
Person	304 S. Morgan St., Rm. 150, Roxboro	27573-5245
Pitt	PO Drawer 56, Greenville	27835-0056
Polk	PO Box 253, Columbus	28722-0253
Randolph	Shaw Bldg., 158 Worth St., Asheboro	27203-5518
Richmond	PO Box 1843, Rockingham	28380-1843
Robeson	PO Box 2159, Lumberton	28359-2159
Rockingham	PO Box 208, Wentworth	27375-0208
Rowan	130 W. Innes Street, Salisbury	28144-4365
Rutherford	PO Box 927, Rutherfordton	28139-0927
Sampson	PO Box 33, Clinton	28329-0033
Scotland	231 E. Cronly St., Ste. 305, Laurinburg	28352-3820
Stanly	1000 N. First St., Ste. 16, Albemarle	28001-2819
Stokes	PO Box 34, Danbury	27016-0034
Surry	PO Box 372, Dobson	27017-0372
Swain	PO Box 133, Bryson City	28713-0133
Transylvania	PO Drawer 868, Brevard	28712-0868
Tyrrell	PO Box 449, Columbia	27925-0449
Union	PO Box 1106, Monroe	28111-1106
Vance	300 S. Garnett Street, Henderson	27536-4566
Wake	PO Box 695, Raleigh	27602-0695
Warren	PO Box 803, Warrenton	27589-0803
Washington	PO Box 1007, Plymouth	27962-1007
Watauga	PO Box 528, Boone	28607-0528
Wayne	PO Box 1240, Goldsboro	27533-1240
Wilkes	110 North Street, Rm. 315, Wilkesboro	28697-2428
Wilson	PO Box 2121, Wilson	27894-2121
Yadkin	PO Box 877, Yadkinville	27055-0877
Yancey	PO Box 763, Burnsville	28714-0763

“Don’t Be Invisible...Come Out And Vote!”

by Captain Joel M. Hoffman, USMC, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina