

Have you received your absentee ballot yet?!?

Do you need to request a ballot? Smartphone ready: students.votefromabroad.org

Requested ballot by email.

Open the link and print out the ballot as soon as possible. There will be specific instructions like these for preparing the ballot for return.

Please follow the instructions carefully- **ballots can be voided and your vote may not be counted if there are strikethroughs or extra marks on the ballot.** When it is completed fold it in three.

You will also find a separate page that acts to certify that you are a registered voter. Sign and date. This must be returned with the ballot.

When **mailing** back your ballot some states require a secrecy envelope for the ballot. You can improvise by folding the page designated for this purpose over the completed ballot. You can make one by folding a piece of paper over your voted ballot seal it with a single piece of tape at one point and label it secret ballot.

How to return the ballot.

Ballot return method is different for each state. See chart that follows.

If **mail** is required or your preference, check to see if there are US election envelopes at the program. These envelopes are postage paid only in US mail. They are NOT free in the national postal system. Postage to the US from Spain is 1.95€ with additional increments depending on the weight. Spanish Correos typically takes 5-10 days for delivery to the US.

The US Embassy in Madrid and the Consul General in Barcelona accepted US election mail until October 15.

Rock the Vote Spain suggests that in those states that permit it, return the ballot electronically.

Studies have shown that the most reliable way to return a ballot is to use an electronic method such as a fax or as an email attachment. You would need a scan or excellent photos of the document and send it by email.

Many phone and printing shops offer fax service to US. Inquire about the price first.

If you can send it by email you can also send it by fax.

We suggest the FVAP fax service. You email the cover page, ballot and certification page as an email attachment to [fax@fvap](mailto:fax@fvap.gov). They fax it for you. It is a free US government service for citizens living abroad for ballot return. Allow a minimum of 48 hours from the state deadline. You will need the [FVAP fax cover page](#), fill in and print out. This cover page always includes the name of the county election office, the office's fax number, and your details including your name and email address (to receive receipt of delivery) and a signed waiver of secrecy for the fax transmission of the ballot. Email the ballot file to: fax@fvap.gov

Prepare the following to be scanned:

- 1) Fax cover page: FVAP cover filled in with signed secrecy waiver. Note the total # of pages to be faxed including the cover page. If your state provides their own secrecy waiver form, use it.
- 2) The voter Identity page often includes an oath, or certification, it must be signed and dated.
- 3) Completed Absentee Ballot
You are not required to vote for everything, but the whole ballot must be returned.

Where is my ballot?

If your ballot request was mailed in 2+ weeks ago check your email again. Search using the town or county name, ballot, election, etc.

Check spam.

Please click [Find Answers](#). It has the phone number and information you need.

Check: Online 'Check Registration' tool? Then access 'Where's my Ballot?'

Local Election Contact Info. Call the local election official to see if ballot request was received, or if there is another issue. **Phone calls generally have the best outcomes, often with immediate results.**

Problems accessing your absentee ballot

Contact your state or local election official.

Absentee voters from **Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Tennessee, Vermont, and Georgia** are experiencing issues accessing their ballots online through state websites. The most severe problem is PA. The link they provide cannot be opened outside of the US. Call or send an email and they will send a ballot in PDF.

Pennsylvania's help desk can be reached at 1-866-472-7873 or STSVCSURE_Helpdesk@pa.gov

Georgia voters are urged to see if they are still registered. The current Secretary of State is dropping voters from the rolls.

If you don't get your ballot shortly and you have requested one this year, you can go here for Federal Write In Absentee Ballot. This website will help you access the emergency FWAB ballot. [Click here for "My Backup Ballot"](#)

Inform yourself

You can vote informed with, [Ballot Ready](#) or [Ballotpedia](#)

Quick tool to register again

If you need to start over or to register in states with late registration, please try a just released online ballot request service that does not require a printer.

This site is for use on a smartphone or tablet with an onboard camera for best results. To sign the form, capture a photo of your signature to sign the form.

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Problems?

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