

UOCAVA ABSENTEE VOTING

November 5, 2024, General Election

The Uniformed Overseas Citizens and Absentee Voting Act (“UOCAVA”) and Mississippi law provides the opportunity for those citizens living overseas and those bravely serving in our armed forces to have access to the ballot box by providing for a specialized absentee voting process. This guide will walk you through the steps needed to ensure that you can properly cast your UOCAVA ballot.

As you view the guide, if you have any questions about the UOCAVA voting process, or any other elections question, you can contact the Elections Division at ElectionsAnswers@sos.ms.gov or 1-800-829-6786.

1. You can request a UOCAVA ballot by either:
 - o Filling out a Federal Postcard Application (“FPCA”). You can find the FPCA by visiting Yallvote.ms or by clicking on the following link: [FPCA](#); or
 - o Completing the information found at www.sos.ms.gov/index.php/elections-voting/military-overseas-voter-information
2. If you are completing an FPCA and have access to a printer, you may print the FPCA, complete and sign. If you do not have access to a printer, you may complete the FPCA online and electronically sign by typing your name on the signature line. Remember to save the completed FPCA as a digital file on your computer before closing.
3. If you are requesting your absentee ballot be sent to you by email, you must include your e-mail address when requesting a UOCAVA ballot (Section 4).
4. You may return your completed and signed FPCA to the Circuit Clerk in the county of your voting residence by e-mail, fax or mail.
 - o **E-mail:** To return by e-mail, locate the UOCAVA email address of the Circuit Clerk located in the county of your voting residence from the attached list. If you printed and signed the FPCA, you must scan the completed FPCA and save it as a digital file on your computer. Once saved, attach the completed FPCA, saved on your computer as a digital file, to the email.
 - o **Fax:** To return by fax, locate the fax number for the Circuit Clerk in the county of your voting residence by viewing the attached list. You may include a fax cover sheet with your FPCA by visiting Yallvote.ms.
 - o **Mail:** To return by mail, fold your completed FPCA and place in an envelope addressed to the Circuit Clerk’s Office in the county of your voting residence. Mailing addresses may be found [here](#) and a pre-stamped envelope may be printed and used to return your completed FPCA by clicking [here](#).





5. Absentee ballots will be available no later than September 21, 2024.
6. If you requested to receive your absentee ballot by email or on-line via SafeVote you will receive an email within 24 hours of the Circuit Clerk's receipt of your FPCA, with instructions on how to access your ballot. If you requested to receive your ballot by fax or mail, the Circuit Clerk's Office will send your absentee ballot within 24 hours of receipt. You may call your Circuit Clerk's office to confirm the date sent if you do not timely receive your ballot.
7. You may return your voted absentee ballot to the Circuit Clerk in the county of your voting residence by e-mail, fax or mail.
 - o **E-mail:** To return by e-mail, locate the Circuit Clerk's UOCAVA e-mail address [here](#) and attach your voted absentee ballot to the e-mail.
 - o **SafeVote:** To return a ballot via SafeVote, login to SafeVote via the instructions provided by the Circuit Clerk. You can either complete your ballot in SafeVote and return it or print your ballot, mark it, upload it to SafeVote, and then return your ballot.
 - o **Fax:** To return by fax, locate the fax number for the Circuit Clerk in the county of your voting residence [here](#) or by viewing the attached list. You may include a fax cover sheet with your FPCA by clicking this [link](#) or by visiting Yallvote.ms.
 - o **Mail:** To return by mail, fold your completed FPCA and place in an envelope addressed to the Circuit Clerk's Office in the county of your voting residence. Mailing addresses may be found [here](#) or on the attached list and a pre-stamped envelope may be printed and used to return your voted absentee ballot by visiting: www.sos.ms.gov/elections-voting/military-overseas-voter-information
8. Simultaneous with the transmittal of your absentee ballot for the General Election, you will also be provided with a ranked-choice absentee ballot to be used in the instance of a Runoff Election. The ranked choice ballot allows you to rank the potential runoff election candidates in the order of your preference.
 - o If you rank two or more candidates the same, your vote in that particular race will not be counted.
 - o You are not required to indicate your preference for more than one candidate.
 - o No additional ballot will be sent to you for the Runoff Election. It is your choice as to when you return your voted runoff election absentee ballot; however, absentee ballots must be received by the Circuit Clerk of the county of your voting residence no later than by 7:00 p.m. on the date of the election if returned by email or fax or postmarked day of the election and received within five (5) business days in order to be counted.





9. Absentee ballots must be received on or before the below deadlines:

For the General Election, your ballot must be received by the Circuit Clerk's Office no later than **General Election Day, November 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. CST**, if returning by e-mail, SafeVote, or fax. If submitting by mail, it **must be postmarked by November 5, 2024**, and received within five (5) business days.

For the Runoff Election, your ballot must be received by the Circuit Clerk's Office no later than **Runoff Election Day, November 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. CST**, if returning by e-mail, SafeVote, or fax. If submitting by mail, it **must be postmarked by November 26, 2024** and received within five (5) business days.

Absentee ballots requested on an Election Day may only be received by the voter and returned to the Circuit Clerk's Office by e-mail or SafeVote. Please contact your Circuit Clerk to confirm his/her receipt of your Election Day request.

