

ABSENTEE VOTER GO-TO GUIDE

2024 Presidential Primaries

February 3 & February 24

What is absentee voting?

- Absentee voting allows qualified voters to cast a ballot by mail prior to election day.

Who can vote absentee?

- Only voters who have a qualifying reason can vote absentee. Common qualifying reasons can be:
 - Having a physical disability.
 - Being age 65 and older.
- For a full list of qualifying reasons, visit our absentee voting page on scVOTES.gov.

Step 1: Get your application

- You can submit your request for an application as early as January 1 of the election year.
- Call, visit, or send your request by U.S. mail to your county voter registration office.
 - You must provide your name, date of birth, and last four digits of your Social Security Number.
 - You will be mailed an application.

Step 2: Complete, sign, and return the application

- Return the application by U.S. mail or personal delivery to your county voter registration office as soon as possible.
- The deadline to return your application is 5:00 p.m. on:
 - **Democratic Presidential Primary – January 23.**
 - **Republican Presidential Primary – February 13.**
- You will receive your absentee ballot in the mail after your application is returned.

Step 3: Return your absentee ballot

- Return your ballot to your county voter registration office or an early voting center either by mail or personal delivery.
- You must present a Photo ID when returning the ballot in person.

Acceptable Photo IDs include:

- Driver's license issued by a state within the United States.
 - Another form of identification containing a photograph issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or its equivalent by a state within the United States.
 - US Passport.
 - Military identification containing a photograph issued by the federal government.
 - South Carolina voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter.
- Place the ballot in the "ballot here-in" envelope and place the "ballot here-in" envelope in the return envelope.
 - Be sure to sign the voter's oath and have your signature witnessed.
 - Anyone age 18 or older can witness your signature. A notary is not necessary.
 - Ballots must be received by your county voter registration office by 7:00 p.m. on:
 - **Democratic Presidential Primary – February 3.**
 - **Republican Presidential Primary – February 24.**
 - Ballots returned by mail should be mailed no later than one week prior to election day to help ensure timely delivery.
 - Visit scVOTES.gov to find information about how immediate family members and authorized representatives can make an absentee request or return a ballot for another person. All requestors are limited to five requests in addition to their own per election.

How can I track the status of my absentee request?

- Check the status of your absentee request and track your ballot online at scVOTES.gov. You can also contact your county voter registration office for updates regarding your absentee ballot.

Military and Overseas Citizens

- Special provisions are available for military and overseas citizens. Go to scVOTES.gov or FVAP.gov for more information.

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