

2022 VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

What is it? Absentee voting is an easy and convenient way to exercise your right to vote. Registered voters simply request an absentee ballot through an application process. Once approved, ballots will be mailed to the voter's home where the voter can fill it out and return by mail.

Who can do it? You have a choice to vote in person early, on election day, or by absentee ballot. Any Oklahoma voter can vote by absentee ballot; no reason is required.

How does a voter request an absentee ballot? Anyone wanting to vote by absentee ballot must submit an Absentee Ballot Application to their county Election Board by the deadline for each election (see below). This can be done online at the OK Voter Portal at <https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/> or by downloading the application and mailing or delivering the completed form in person. You can find more information online from the Oklahoma Election Board at <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/voters/absentee-voting.html>

What is involved in the application process?

The application can be completed online and submitted electronically or printed off, filled out, signed, and mailed in by the person making the request. The signed form also can be delivered to the county Election Board in person by the voter making the request. Completed request forms delivered by anyone other than the requester will not be accepted by the Election Board.

What are the deadlines for applying?

- For the June 28 election
 - Requests must be made by 5 p.m. on June 13 to the county Election Board.
- For the Aug. 23 election
 - Requests must be made by 5 p.m. on Aug. 8 to the county Election Board.
- For the Nov. 8 election
 - Requests must be made by 5 p.m. on Oct. 24 to the county Election Board.

Will I have to request an absentee ballot for every election? When applying, the voter can either request an absentee ballot only for the next election, for multiple elections, or for all elections in that calendar year. Requests are good for only one calendar year so a new application must be submitted for elections in the next year.

Once I get my ballot in the mail, what do I do? Simply fill out your ballot with your selections, place it in the ballot (secrecy) envelope, insert the sealed ballot envelope into the affidavit envelope and have the affidavit notarized. Do not sign the affidavit until you are in the presence of the notary. If you have requested a "physically incapacitated" ballot you will need the signatures of two

witnesses who witness your signature. The affidavit envelope then should be sealed and placed in the OUTER mailing envelope (also provided by the election board) and affixed with proper postage (70 cents or two forever stamps).

Simply drop the completed envelope in the mail in time for the Election Board to receive it, no later than the end of business on the Monday before Election Day (NOT just postmarked by Election Day). You also may deliver the envelope to the county Election Board by the end of business on the Monday before Election Day. Only the voter can deliver their own completed absentee ballot envelope to the county Election Board. Voters may be asked to provide proof of identification.

Where can I find a notary? Notaries can commonly be found at such places as tag agencies, public libraries, photocopy shops, AAA, real estate firms, tax prep firms, insurance agencies, and banks. College students can often find notaries in the bursar's office on campus. Notaries cannot charge a fee for notarizing a signature on an absentee ballot. Check the OK Voter Portal and search Notary Services to find a list of notaries.

Questions about absentee ballots? Contact your local League of Women Voters for additional information about voting or call your county Election Board or check the OK Voter Portal.