

Vote-By-Mail Application

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I get a ballot sent to me?
 - a. The ND Secretary of State's Office mailed out ballot applications to ALL active and inactive voters listed as residents of North Dakota in mid-April. Most residents should have received their application by May 10th. Complete the fields that are highlighted and return the application in the postage paid envelope. Your local county Auditor's Office will receive the application and mail a ballot to the address indicated on your application.

2. What if I did not receive an application from the Secretary of State's Office?
 - a. To request a ballot application, you may either call your local Auditor's Office, or go to the [ND Secretary of State's website](#) to print and mail or submit an application online.
Cavalier County Auditor's Office: 701-256-2229

3. What box(s) should I mark to get the right ballots?
 - a. 'ALL STATEWIDE' – Check this box to receive an absentee ballot for both the Primary Election in June and the General Election in November.
Marking this box will **not include any Special, School or City ballots.*
'PRIMARY' - Check this box to receive an absentee ballot for the June 9th election.
**No polling locations will be open for the Primary Election. All ballots must be submitted through vote by mail*
'GENERAL' – Check this box to receive an absentee ballot for the November 3rd election.
'SPECIAL' – Check this box to receive an absentee ballot for any special elections held at the County level. Special Elections may be held at any time of the year.
'SCHOOL' – Check this box to receive an absentee ballot for the school election in the district in which you reside.
'CITY' – Check this box to receive an absentee ballot for any city election in the city/town in which you reside. City elections are generally held at the same time as the Primary Election.

4. What if I want to vote-by-mail for all elections, but I go south for the winter and want my ballot sent to my other address for just the General Election?
 - a. You will need to submit a separate application for the Primary and the General Election absentee ballots. After the Primary, submit an application for the General Election and indicate your alternate home as the Mailing address.

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5. I will be 18 before the election, but I didn't receive an application. Can I vote?
 - a. Once you turn 18 years of age, you are eligible to receive an absentee application and ballot. Applications cannot be sent until the resident is eligible, so you will most likely receive an application after your birthday.

6. I received an application in the mail for my (child/parent/roommate/etc...) who has moved out of state. Why did they get an application and what should I do with it?
 - a. If the person no longer is a resident of North Dakota, you may discard or destroy the application. If possible, please contact the Auditor's Office so that we may update the person's status to, "MOVED OUT OF STATE".
Because of the unique circumstances due to Covid-19, the Secretary of State's Office mailed ballot applications to both active and inactive voters – including those that may have moved out of state but their information is still on file as inactive.