

The United States has streamlined absentee voting procedures for U.S. citizens living outside the United States. U.S. citizens can register to vote and request an absentee ballot from local election officials in their home state by completing a single form – the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Voters can visit www.FVAP.gov, where an on-line wizard walks voters through the process of completing the form. Most registered voters are able to send the completed signed form via email or fax to local election officials in the United States. First-time voters typically need to send in the signed, original form by mail. The U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur can assist voters to return these forms free of charge.

All U.S. citizens who want to vote in the U.S. presidential election should complete the FPCA in 2012 and request electronic delivery of their blank ballot. U.S. states will begin sending out ballots to overseas voters on or about September 22. We urge all U.S. citizens who need assistance with forms or ballots to contact the voting assistance officer at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.