

Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador
Military and Overseas Voters, Submit Your Ballots Soon

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From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP):

It is time to mail back your voted ballot! If you haven't received your ballot, ACT NOW. FVAP has helped many states comply with the new federal mandate for electronic transmission of the blank ballot by providing resources to create tools allowing voters to access and mark precinct-specific ballots online. This gives voters access to complete absentee ballots weeks sooner than by waiting for postal mail delivery.

For those voters that don't have their regular absentee ballot from their state, the FVAP has an online automated Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot, which guides the voter through the voting process and provides all federal candidates to the voter, which can be chosen online. The voter then prints and returns the ballot to their state. Both of these initiatives and other online tools provided by states allow for quick, seamless and intuitive ballot marking and return.

Find your State below and follow the link to mark your ballot in less than 10 minutes. The only thing left for you to do is print, sign and return based on methods allowed (mail, email, fax or online delivery system).

Alabama	Alaska	American Samoa	Arizona
Arkansas	California	Colorado: El Paso County , Weld County , All other counties	District of Columbia
Florida	Connecticut	Delaware	Hawaii
Idaho	Georgia	Guam	Iowa
Kansas	Illinois	Indiana	Maine
Maryland	Kentucky	Louisiana	Minnesota
Mississippi	Massachusetts	Michigan	Montana
Nebraska	Missouri: Boone County , All other counties		Nevada: <u>Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, and White Pine Counties, All other counties</u>
New Hampshire	New Jersey	New Mexico: Curry County , All other counties	
New York	North Carolina	North Dakota	Ohio
Oklahoma	Oregon: Clackamas County , All other counties	Pennsylvania	Tennessee
Rhode Island	South Carolina	South Dakota	
Texas	Utah: Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Kane, Salt Lake, Sanpete, Summit, Tooele, Washington, and Weber Counties, All other counties	Vermont	Virgin Islands
Virginia	Washington: Gray Harbor County, Kitsap County, Yakima County, All other counties		
Putnam, Wood Counties, All other counties	West Virginia: Jackson, Kanawha, Marshall, Mason, Monongalia, Monroe, Putnam, Wood Counties, All other counties	Wisconsin	Wyoming

If you are serving in the military overseas, you and your family members can return your voted ballot by Express Mail for free. The Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA) is sending ballots from overseas military post offices using Express Mail Label 11 allowing you to track your ballot online at www.usps.com. More information on the MPSA Express Mail label can be found [here](#).

If you have not yet registered to vote, or requested your ballot, you may still have time. Each State has different registration and ballot request deadlines and many States are still accepting applications.

- **States where registration is not required:** Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Wisconsin (Uniformed Service Members only).
- **States that are still accepting registration:** Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Guam, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia (Uniformed Service Members only), Washington.
- **All States except North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah and Virginia (overseas citizens only) are still accepting ballot requests.**

To register or request an absentee ballot use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Go to www.fvap.gov and follow the prompts to register and request an absentee ballot for the November 2, 2010 election. Many States allow you to submit the FPCA by email or fax in addition to regular mail which will get your ballot on its way to you immediately. The instructions in your application package will tell you how you may submit the form.

Additional information:

For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at www.fvap.gov, 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.

Helpful links:

U.S. Embassy, Quito Voting Information Site: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/service/living-in-ecuador/voting-overseas.html>

Federal Voting Assistance Program: <http://www.fvap.gov/>

National Voter Registration form: http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/register_to_vote.aspx

U.S. Election Assistance Commission: <http://www.eac.gov>

Overseas Vote Foundation: <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/>

- OVF on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ythvoteoverseas>
- OVF in Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Youth-Vote-Overseas/110570138939>

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U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the [Department's website](#). Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries is (011 593-2) 398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Appointments for ACS are available through our [website](#).

The [U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil](#) is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

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