

**Message for U.S. Citizens – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador**  
**Primaries Planned for Voters in NH, SC, FL, MO, AZ, MI**  
**November 7, 2011**

From the Federal Voting Assistance Program:

***Presidential Primary Elections:***

- **New Hampshire:** January 10, 2012
- **South Carolina:** January 21, 2012
- **Florida:** January 31, 2012
- **Missouri:** February 7, 2012
- **Arizona:** February 28, 2012
- **Michigan:** February 28, 2012

**Register to Vote and Request Your Ballot Now!**

These States allow you to submit your FPCA now in 2011 so that you receive your State ballot and return it in time to be counted for these primaries.

**HOWEVER!** To ensure you are eligible to vote in other 2012 elections, including the General Presidential election, you must submit an FPCA AGAIN in January of 2012!

All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are residents from these States should submit an FPCA for these elections by going to [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) or by following the instructions in the [Voting Assistance Guide](#), also available at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

Be sure you include a phone and/or fax number and an email address on your absentee ballot application in case your local election official needs to contact you. And, remember, many States allow you to submit your form electronically, and deliver your ballot electronically or provide online ballot access. Go to [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) or your State's election website to see how you can return your form. You can find your State's website at FVAP's web portal: <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html>.

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office at <http://www.fvap.gov/shortcuts/wheresendfpc.html>, or visit your State website.

**The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)**

The FWAB is a backup ballot. If 30 days before the election you think you will not receive your State ballot in time to vote and return it, vote the FWAB! Go to [FVAP.gov](http://fvap.gov) and get started! You may also submit the FWAB any time after submitting an FPCA.

### **Additional information**

Check your State's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information and links to your local election offices. Find your State's website at FVAP's web portal: <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html>.

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*FWAP can be contacted at 1-800-438-8683. Citizens may reach FVAP toll-free from 67 countries by using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP web portal, <http://www.fvap.gov/contact/index.html>. Questions regarding the above may also be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC, 20301-1155, [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov), and at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). And don't forget to "like" us Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP](http://www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP) and follow [@FVAP](https://twitter.com/FVAP) on Twitter.*

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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.
- For after-hours emergencies, contact the Embassy at (011 593-2) 398-5200.
- 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).

- The telephone number for ACS inquiries is (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

Anyone can follow the activities of the U.S. Embassy in Ecuador through the [Embassy website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).