

U.S. Mission to the United Arab Emirates
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Message # 25/2011 for US Citizens: Registration and Ballot Request Form for Upcoming Early Presidential Primaries

FLORIDA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS, SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION AND BALLOT REQUEST FORM FOR UPCOMING EARLY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Overseas voters should submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) NOW to ensure they have the opportunity to vote in the upcoming early Presidential Primary Elections:

New Hampshire: TBD*

South Carolina: January 21, 2012

Florida: January 31, 2012

**Go to FVAP.gov and get started! It only takes a few minutes!
Register to Vote and Request Your Ballot Now!**

Many States allow you to vote only in the year your ballot request (FPCA) is received, but due to the early primary dates, these States have made an exception. 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. *At this time, New Hampshire has not determined its Presidential Primary date. An FPCA received by New Hampshire Town or City Clerks on or after January of 2011 is valid through the 2012 Presidential Primary.

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 American citizens residing outside the U.S. who are residents from these States should submit an FPCA for these elections by going to FVAP.gov or by following the instructions in the Voting Assistance Guide, also available at 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 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>. Voter Alert Telephone: 703-588-1584 E-mail: vote@fvap.gov

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 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>.

FVAP 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, and at FVAP.gov. And don't forget to "like" us Facebook at www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP and follow @FVAP on Twitter.

Embassy and Consulate information:

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