

# STUDENTS ABROAD



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*Don't miss out on voting because you're abroad! Have an absentee ballot emailed to you wherever you are in the world.*

## **STEP 1: APPLY FOR A BALLOT**

Apply for a ballot any time during the year at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). It is best to apply before you leave the country. You do not need to register to vote separately—your ballot application serves as a voter registration application.

### **WHAT IS MY VOTING RESIDENCE?**

*Some students are not sure whether to use their campus address or their parent's address as their voting residence. Vote from whichever you consider to be your home.*

*Voting rules are different in other states. If your voting residence is not in Minnesota, go to [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov) for voting instructions.*

## **STEP 2: RECEIVE AND PRINT VOTING MATERIALS**

Once your application is approved, you will be emailed your voting materials. Materials will be available starting September 23.

## **STEP 3: VOTE AND COMPLETE FORMS**

Read your ballot instructions carefully! Your ballot will not count if you do not complete and return all forms.

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## STEP 4: MAIL BALLOT BACK BY DEADLINE

Your ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day, November 8. Return your ballot using mail, a package delivery service (such as FedEx or UPS) or the diplomatic pouch at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. You cannot return your ballot by email or fax.

## STEP 5: CONFIRM YOUR BALLOT WAS RECEIVED

All absentee ballots that are received on time and had the forms filled out correctly will be counted. Visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) to track the status of your ballot and confirm that it was received and counted.

2016 DATES	General Election
Recommended you apply online before	September 1
Ballots sent starting	September 23
Recommended you mail ballot back before	October 8
Deadline for ballot to be received	Election Day November 8