

Note: There are two statewide elections in 2026: the statewide primary on August 11 and the general election on November 3.

Statewide Primary Initial Email

We recommend sending this email no later than the week of June 1. Ballots begin to be emailed June 26.

Subject: Request Your Ballot Now for the Statewide Primary

Election Day is around the corner! Don't miss casting your vote because you're studying abroad.

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State recommends that voters abroad apply for their ballot by Friday, June 5. If you did not apply before you left the country, [apply today to have a ballot emailed to you](#) wherever you are in the world.

If you did apply, you will get your ballot and materials on approximately June 26 if you requested email.

When you receive your emailed ballot, print it, cast your votes, complete the ballot return forms carefully and send it back in the mail (you cannot return your ballot by email or fax). Don't wait to apply —your ballot needs to arrive back in the mail by Election Day for it to be counted.

If you have questions, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's webpage for [students studying abroad](#).

Don't miss this opportunity to cast your vote!

Statewide Primary Reminder Email

Send this email the week of July 6. Citizens abroad are encouraged to mail their ballot back before July 11 so it can be received by Election Day, August 11.

Subject: Have you mailed your ballot back yet?

Dear Student,

Election Day is now only one short month away. If you did not yet apply for your ballot, [do so right away](#).

Don't forget that your ballot needs to arrive back in the mail by Election Day for it to be counted. **To account for international mail delivery times, it is recommended that you send your ballot back in the mail no later than this Friday, July 10.** You cannot return your ballot by email or fax.

You can use the [absentee ballot tracker](#) to check the status of your ballot.

If you have questions, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's [webpage for students studying abroad](#) or [contact your county election office](#).

Don't miss this opportunity to cast your vote!

General Election Initial Email

We recommend sending this email the week of August 26. Voters are encouraged to apply for their ballot no later than Friday, August 24.

Subject: Request Your Ballot Now for the General Election

Election Day is around the corner! Don't miss casting your vote because you're studying abroad.

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State recommends that voters abroad apply for their ballot by this Friday, August 28. If you did not apply before you left the country, [apply today to have a ballot emailed to you](#) wherever you are in the world.

If you did apply, you will get your ballot and materials around October 2 if you asked for email.

When you receive your emailed ballot, print it, cast your votes, complete the ballot return forms carefully and send it back in the mail (you cannot return your ballot by email or fax). Don't wait to apply—your ballot needs to arrive back in the mail by Election Day for it to be counted.

If you have questions, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's webpage for [students studying abroad](#).

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General Election Reminder Email

Send this email the week of September 30. Citizens abroad are encouraged to mail their ballot back before October 3 so it can be received by Election Day, November 3.

Subject: Have you mailed your ballot back yet?

Dear Student,

Election Day is now only one short month away. If you did not yet apply for your ballot, [do so right away](#).

Don't forget that your ballot needs to arrive back in the mail by Election Day for it to be counted. **To account for international mail delivery times, it is recommended that you send your ballot back in the mail no later than this Saturday, October 3.** You cannot return your ballot by email or fax.

You can use the [absentee ballot tracker](#) to check the status of your ballot.

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