

# 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

Eligible voters can apply for a ballot any time during the year at [mnvotes.gov/UOCAVA](https://mnvotes.gov/UOCAVA). 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](https://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 46 days before the election.

## 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. 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.gov/track](https://mnvotes.gov/track) to confirm your ballot was received and counted.

2026 DATES	Primary Election	General Election
Ballots sent starting	Friday, June 26	Friday, September 18
Recommended you mail back before	Friday, July 10	Friday, October 2
Deadline for ballot to be received	Election Day Tuesday, August 11	Election Day Tuesday, November 3



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and register to vote!