



The Mysteries of UOCAVA Solved

What is UOCAVA?

It stands for the ***Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act***.

There are special considerations if you qualify under UOCAVA.

What are the qualifications?

- You are an active duty member of the **U.S. Uniformed Services** or **Merchant Marine**.
- You are an eligible family member of an active duty member.
- You are a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.

How can I Vote?

Here are four (4) ways to receive an **Absentee Ballot** if you qualify under the ***Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)***.

1. **By mail:** Beginning January 1 or 90 days before an election, whichever is earlier, you may mail your properly completed absentee ballot application, bearing your signature, to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. The board must receive your request no later than noon on the Saturday before the election. However, you should submit your request as far in advance of the election as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for the board to mail, fax, or e-mail you a ballot. Your marked ballot must be returned by mail only.
2. **By fax:** You may fax your absentee ballot request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. The board must receive your request by noon on the Saturday before the election. You may request that the board fax, or e-mail your ballot to you, but you must return your marked ballot by mail only.
3. **By e-mail:** Your completed and signed absentee ballot request form may be e-mailed to the board of elections office in the county in which you are registered to vote. The board must receive your request by noon on the Saturday before the election. You may request that the board fax, mail, or e-mail your ballot to you, but you must return your marked ballot by mail only.
4. **In person:** Once absentee ballots are available, you may go to your county board of elections office or other site designated by the board of elections to cast your ballot in person. If you are a UOCAVA voter voting in person on the day before an election or on Election Day, you may vote in person at the office of your county board of elections only. An application delivered in person to the board of elections office must be received by the close of polls on Election Day.