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The FWAB was redesigned in 2013, and while previous versions of this form are marked obsolete per DoD rules, older forms that contain the required information will be accepted by the election officials. Current forms can be found at FVAP.gov.

**Voter’s Declaration/Affirmation**

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For any questions about this form, consult the Voting Assistance Guide available in hard copy on an FVAP.gov or your Voting Assistance Office.

Applicants should check the box that best describes their current situation.

Blocks 2, 4, and 6:

- Applicants should check the box that best describes their current situation.
- Check the Voting Assistance Guide to see what identification is required by the applicant’s State.
- Political party preference is required in most States to participate in partisan primary elections.
- Check the State requirements in the Voting Assistance Guide to properly enter a political party preference.
- Applicants who do not want to be affiliated with a political party should enter, "no party".

**BLOCK 1**

- Many States require applicants to have previously registered to vote and requested an absentee ballot.
- If the applicant has not previously registered to vote and requested an absentee ballot, check the Voting Assistance Guide to see if the applicant’s State allows the FWAB to be used as an application for voter registration and request for an absentee ballot.

**BLOCK 2**

- Applicants should check the box that best describes their current situation.

**BLOCK 3**

- Applicants should provide their full, legal name.

**BLOCK 5**

- Encourage applicants to provide telephone and fax numbers and email as contact information for follow-up questions from election officials.

**BLOCK 6**

- Applicants should check the box that best describes their current situation.

**BLOCK 7**

- Applicants should check the box that best describes their current situation.

**BLOCK 9**

- The applicant’s State may require additional information in this box—consult the State directions in the VAG.

The FWAB can also be completed using the online assistant at https://www.fvap.gov/v3
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- The FWAB is used for Federal elections, so the applicant can write in his preferred candidates for the Office of President and Vice President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Representative.

## Official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

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### Addendum

If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices other than those listed above or for ballot initiatives, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.). You may also indicate the ballot initiative and your vote for the initiative.

### Voting by Absentee Ballot

1. Look in the Voting Assistance Guide to determine if the applicant’s State allows the FWAB to be submitted by email or fax.
2. If submitting by mail, the applicant should insert the voted ballot into the security envelope. The sealed security envelope and the Voter’s Declaration/Affirmation form should be inserted into the mailing envelope.
3. If mailing the FWAB through the U.S. Postal Service, (including APO/FPO) or diplomatic pouch, it can be sent postage paid using the mail indicia available at [https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca_envelope.pdf](https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca_envelope.pdf).
4. If mailing the FWAB using a foreign country’s postal service, it requires postage and should have “USA” in the address line of the mailing envelope.

If an applicant’s State absentee ballot arrives after mailing the FWAB, the applicant should vote and return the State ballot immediately. If the State ballot arrives by the State’s deadline for ballot receipt, the State absentee ballot will be counted instead of the FWAB.