



LIVING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES



VOTING AS A NORTH DAKOTA SECRETARY OF STATE NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENT WHILE LIVING OUTSIDE THE U.S.

If you are a U.S. citizen and North Dakota was your residence before leaving the U.S, you have the right to vote!

North Dakota does not require voter registration, but you do need to have a form of identification that can be used for voting. This means you should make sure you have proper identification before you request a Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) ballot.

HOW DO I VOTE?

Find information on where you vote at vote.nd.gov.

- You can vote by **absentee**, or by **mail**.
- You can vote at an **early** voting location.
- You can vote on **Election Day**.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

You need one of the following forms of ID to vote if using one of the options above:

- **North Dakota Driver's License**
- **North Dakota Non-Driver ID**
- **Tribal ID or Tribal Letter**
- **Long Term Care Certificate**

Passports can only be used when applying for a **Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) ballot**.

LIVING OUTSIDE THE U.S.

As a North Dakota resident living outside the U.S., you have the right to vote using a **UOCAVA ballot if you are living outside of the United States**. If possible, request your ballot at least **3 months ahead of a scheduled election**. You can use your **North Dakota ID or U.S. Passport** when applying for a UOCAVA ballot while living outside the U.S.

The **Federal Voter Assistance Program** can help you request a UOCAVA ballot at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov).

Request your UOCAVA ballot through the Office of the Secretary of State if **North Dakota** was your state of legal residence **before living outside the U.S.**



[FVAP.org](https://fvap.org)



North Dakota
UOCAVA Request



UOCAVA PROCESS – LIVING OUTSIDE THE U.S.

When **applying for a UOCAVA ballot while living outside the U.S.** through the North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State, you have the option to **choose to receive your ballot electronically or in the mail.**

- Ballots will be sent electronically or by mail **46 days before the scheduled election** if the application is received by that deadline.
- Remaining applications will be fulfilled **within 2 business days** of receiving the UOCAVA ballot request.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

1. If you choose to receive an electronic ballot, you will receive a secure link from your county auditor to complete your UOCAVA ballot.
2. You will mark your electronic ballot and return it to your county auditor.
3. The county auditor prints the completed ballot and stores it securely until the ballot can be processed and tabulated.

The deadline for returning UOCAVA ballots submitted electronically is 11:59 p.m. the day before Election Day.

MAIL DELIVERY

1. If you choose to receive your ballot by mail, a ballot will be mailed to the address specified on your UOCAVA request.
2. You should mark the ballot and seal it in the pre-paid postage envelope provided and mail back to the county.
3. The county auditor receives your ballot and stores it securely until the ballot can be processed and tabulated.

UOCAVA ballots submitted by mail should be postmarked by the day before Election Day.

QUICK RESOURCES FOR HELP

Use the QR codes below to connect with resources:



North Dakota
UOCAVA Request



Update a North Dakota
Driver's License
or Non-Driver ID

NORTH DAKOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

Use the QR code below to see information about your ballot.



Have questions
about voting in
North Dakota?

Call us at:

701-328-4146

Toll Free: 800-352-0867

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