South Dakota - Absentee Ballot Request Form
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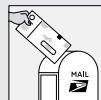
Use this form to request an absentee ballot.

Name
Required

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix

Voter Registration Address
Required

Write your voter registration address and/or describe where you live.

Failure to provide a voter registration address and/or a description of the location of your residence will give rise to the presumption that you are not a resident of this state for the purposes of SDCL 12-1-4 and will result in you being designated a federal voter.

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Voter Registration Address		Apt # or Lot #
City or Town	State	Zip Code

— **OR** —

If you live in a rural area and do not have a street address; if your address is a commercial mail receiving agency, mail forwarding service, or other post office box; or if you have no address, please describe the physical location of your residence in writing or by drawing a map, which may include writing the names of the streets or intersections nearest to where you live and listing any landmarks (e.g., schools, churches, stores) near where you live, in the space provided. If you do not have enough room in the space provided, use the back of this form.

Mailing Address

If different from your address in section 2

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Mailing Address		Apt # or Lot #
City or Town	State	Zip Code

Choose Your Election(s) and Ballot Styles
Required

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Please choose from the following:

All　　　General　　　Primary　　　Municipal　　　School　　　Any Other

You will receive the Primary Election ballot of your party, if one is available. If you are registered as an independent/ no party affiliation voter and are requesting a Primary Election ballot, you may choose one of the following:

Democratic　　　Libertarian　　　Non-Political

If the Request is for a Municipal or School Election

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I have lived in the jurisdiction for at least 30 days in the last year.	I am a full-time student who resided in the jurisdiction prior to leaving.	I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty whose home of record is within this jurisdiction.
Yes　　No	Yes　　No	Yes　　No

Military and Overseas Citizens Only

Any person who answers "Yes" to one of the following questions is not required to submit a copy of the voter's ID.

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I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty.	I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States.	I am an eligible spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty.
Yes　　No	Yes　　No	Yes　　No

Any military and overseas voter may submit a signed application for an absentee ballot by fax or e-mail.

For a Primary or General Election, send my ballot electronically using my email address.

Email Address

Identification and Declaration
Required

Choose one:

You may sign an oath in front of a notary public; or

Submit a copy of a valid photo ID. Check the instructions on the back for a list of all accepted forms of identification.

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I hereby verify that I am the person named above and these statements made by me on this application are true and correct.

OR

I have attached a copy of photo identification.

Voter, sign here (If a notary is required, you must sign your name in front of the notary and not before.)

X

Today's Date
Month　　Day　　Year

For notary (If no photo identification is attached.)

Sworn to me before this _____day of _____ , 20 ___

Notary signature _____

My commission expires _____

(Notary Seal)

Turn over for instructions and additional questions ➡

Contact Information

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Phone Number

Assign an Authorized Messenger

If you are unable to receive or deliver your absentee ballot due to an illness or disability, you can assign someone to be your authorized messenger.

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Authorized messenger, complete the following:

Last Name

First Name

Phone Number

Authorized Messenger's Address

Apt # or Lot #

City or Town

State

Zip Code

As the authorized messenger, I acknowledge receipt of the ballot for the above named voter on...

Date

Month   Day   Year

Time

Are you serving as an authorized messenger for any other voter?   Yes   No

Authorized messenger, sign here

X

Today's Date

Month   Day   Year

Voter authorization

As a registered voter, I authorize the following person to serve as my authorized messenger to pick up my absentee ballot. I further certify under penalty of law that I am confined because of sickness or disability and for this reason alone am unable to vote at my polling place on Election Day.

Voter, sign here

X

Today's Date

Month   Day   Year

Need more space to describe where you live or draw a map?

Use the space below to write more details about your location or draw a map.
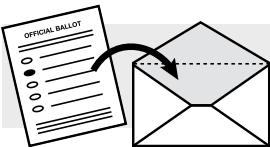
South Dakota Absentee Ballot Request Form Instructions

What is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot?

You may apply for an absentee ballot with your county auditor up to five p.m. or the end of regular office hours, whichever is later, on the day before an election. If you are confined due to sickness or disability, you may request an absentee ballot through an authorized messenger up to three p.m. on the day of an election.

What is the deadline to return an absentee ballot?

You must return your absentee ballot to your county auditor before the polls close in the county. If you return your absentee ballot after polls close in the county, your ballot will not be opened or counted.

Do I have to complete a new application for each election?

A new application must be completed EACH calendar year.

How do I submit my absentee ballot request form?

Please print and return to the county auditor in the county you are registered.

Which forms of photo ID are accepted?

- South Dakota driver's license or nondriver ID
- U.S. passport or other U.S. government-issued photo ID
- Military ID
- Current student ID from a South Dakota high school or college
- Tribal photo ID