



## ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1.** Fill out the application completely. You must sign the form to get a ballot.

**STEP 2.** Deliver the application by one of the following methods:

1. **Mail it.** Make sure the envelope has proper postage and is addressed to your local clerk.
2. **E-mail it.** Take a picture of the form (or scan it) and e-mail it to your clerk. Make sure your signature is visible.
3. **Deliver it** in person to the clerk, the clerk's office, or the clerk's authorized assistant. Someone in your immediate family or living in your household can help you deliver this application. If that's not possible, you can ask any Michigan registered voter to deliver it for you. The person helping you must sign the "Certificate of Authorized Registered Elector Assisting in Returning Application".

### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZED REGISTERED ELECTOR ASSISTING IN RETURNING APPLICATION

I certify that my name is \_\_\_\_\_, my address is \_\_\_\_\_, date of birth is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_; that I am delivering the absent voter ballot application of \_\_\_\_\_ at his or her request; I did not solicit or request to return the application or make any markings on or alter it; I did not influence the applicant; I understand that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

#### **WARNING**

You must be a United States citizen to vote. If you are not a United States citizen, you will not be issued an absent voter ballot. A person making a false statement in this absent voter ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the above instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return your absent voter ballot application to the clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absent voter ballot applications at a location other than the clerk's office must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or her credentials before entrusting your application with a person claiming to have the clerk's authorization to return your application.

**Moving between August and November? You might want to apply for August only and apply for November after you move. How to decide:**

(1) If you're moving within the same city or township and apply for both August and November, then as long as you update your registration address before your clerk mails your ballot (usually around September 21), your clerk will send you a ballot to the new address in November. You can still update your address after your November ballot is mailed but you will need to fill out additional paperwork before you get your ballot.

(2) If you're moving to a different city or township, when you update your registration address\* your old clerk will cancel your absent voter ballot application for November and you'll have to reapply with the new clerk in your new city or township.

\*You must update your voter registration address when you move (it isn't updated automatically unless you update your Michigan driver license/ID card). Find out how to update your registration address at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote).

#### **Already applied for a November ballot?**

If you voted by absent voter ballot in March, you might have already applied for November. You'll get that ballot no matter how you fill out this form. If you want to cancel your November request or have questions, contact your clerk.



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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Dear Registered Voter,

You have the right to vote by mail in every election. Voting by mail is easy, convenient, and secure. During the outbreak of COVID-19, it also enables you to stay home and stay safe while still making your voice heard in our elections.

There are two upcoming elections in Michigan this year: a statewide election in August and a national election in November. If you would like to vote by mail in these elections, you can request that your clerk mail your ballot directly to you by completing the enclosed form. After you have signed the form, you can submit it in any one of the following ways:

- **Option 1** – Scan or take a photo of the form that clearly shows your signature, and email it to your clerk at the email address included on the bottom of your AV application.

OR

- **Option 2** – Mail or drop-off the form to your local clerk at the address included on the bottom of your AV application.

Go to [www.Michigan.gov/Vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/Vote) for more information about how to return your absent voter ballot application electronically.

Democracy is essential to the success of our nation, and your vote is the foundation of our democracy. Thank you for doing your part by being a registered voter, and making your voice heard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jocelyn Benson'.

Jocelyn Benson  
Michigan Secretary of State

