

## Voting Absentee by Mail in Missouri (if voting in the USA):

- ☐ If you need to vote absentee and cannot do so in person, you will need to request a mail-in absentee ballot. Check your local Board of Elections website for the application ([St. Louis City Absentee Voting Application](#), [St. Louis County Absentee Voting Application](#), [St. Charles County Absentee Voting Application](#)). Do this as soon as possible, ideally **before September 24th** when absentee voting begins! Technically, you can apply for a mail-in ballot up to October 23rd at 5pm, but if you wait that long, you are probably going to be unsuccessful at completing the process in time. If you are a first time voter and you registered online or by mail, you will need to include a copy of an accepted [photo ID](#) with your application.
- ☐ Unless you can use the excuse that you are confined due to illness/disability, you will need to have your ballot notarized. While waiting for your mail-in absentee ballot to arrive, investigate where to find a notary. If you are a college student, enter Notary into the search bar on the college website, and the information usually pops right up. Check and see if you need an appointment, etc.. Other places you might find notaries include public libraries, banks, UPS stores, or post offices. If you are completing the process in St. Louis, you can contact Sue Matlof at [agsue@me.com](mailto:agsue@me.com) to make arrangements to have your ballot notarized.
- ☐ As soon as your ballot arrives, fill it out. Place it in the postage paid envelope provided.
- ☐ **Carefully** fill out the form on the ballot envelope, but do NOT sign it yet (unless using the confined due to illness/disability excuse, in which case, you can sign the ballot envelope without a notary).
- ☐ Sign the ballot envelope in front of a notary, and have them notarize your signature. Notaries are NOT allowed to charge to notarize a ballot. You will need to bring a photo ID to show the notary.
- ☐ Mail the ballot back. Your ballot must be **received** by your local election authority by 7pm on Election Day (Nov. 5, 2024) to be counted, and the post can be slow. Try to mail the ballot back at least two weeks in advance, if not more.
- ☐ It is always a good idea to be sure your ballot arrived. Sometimes there is tracking information on the ballot, and you can also call or email your Board of Elections to find out if it arrived and was accepted.
- ☐ Detailed information about absentee voting in Missouri from the nonpartisan Missouri Voter Protection Coalition can be found [here](#).

## Voting Absentee by Mail in Missouri (if voting outside the USA):

- ☐ Make an account at the [Military and Overseas Voting Access Portal](#) right away. You may need to wait a few days before it shows you as registered to vote and able to request a ballot.
- ☐ Request your absentee ballot through the [Military and Overseas Voting Access Portal](#) **immediately, and if possible before September 24th** when absentee voting begins!

Technically, you can apply for a mail-in ballot well after this date, but you want to leave plenty of time to complete the process.

- ☐ Your ballot will be made available to you through the [Military and Overseas Voting Access Portal](#).
- ☐ Print the ballot and accompanying absentee affidavit. Mark the ballot, and fill out and sign the affidavit. You do not need a notary when voting from abroad.
- ☐ You will need to return the ballot and accompanying absentee affidavit by mail to your local board of elections. If you can mail your ballot from an APO/FPO mail facility, U.S. embassy or consulate, or U.S. post office, you can use the [prepaid return envelope template](#) to receive free postage. However, **in most cases you will need to use the regular international post, and you will need to pay standard international postage to return your ballot.**
- ☐ Absentee ballots from abroad must be **postmarked** by 12:01 am CST on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 and **received** by your local election authority no later than 12:00 pm CST on Friday, November 8, 2024. Overseas post can be very slow. Mail your ballot back as soon as possible.
- ☐ If you have trouble or questions, [U.S. Vote Foundation and Overseas Vote](#) is there to help!