

US EMBASSY VOTER ASSISTANCE INFO -- AFRICA

Various African Countries - Compiled by DA Africa Committee

BOTSWANA

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- 1) You can drop off your ballot request or voted ballot at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for return to the United States, or you can have someone drop it off for you. It must be addressed to your local election officials and have sufficient postage or be in a postage-paid envelope. A postage-paid envelope is available on the [FVAP web site](#). (Note: postal delivery time to the United States varies by consulate. To determine by when you will need to submit your ballot, please write to the consular section at VoteKinshasa@state.gov.)
- 2) In addition, the embassy or consulate can notarize or witness voting materials (if required by the state) free of charge. There is no fee for this notarial service, for which the U.S. citizen voter [should make an appointment](#).
- 3) Many U.S. elections within the past ten years have been decided by a margin of victory of less than 0.1%. All states are required to count every absentee ballot as long as it is valid and reaches local election officials by the absentee ballot receipt deadline (differs by state).
- 4) Be an educated voter. Check out the FVAP links page for helpful resources that will aid your research of candidates and issues. You can also read national and hometown newspapers online, and search the Internet to locate articles and information.
- 5) To receive information by email about election dates and deadlines, subscribe to FVAP's Voting Alerts (vote@fvap.gov). FVAP also shares Voting Alerts via Facebook and Twitter.
- 6) Absentee Voting Week is October 1-8, 2022.
In some states voter registration and ballot request deadlines for the November 2022 election are as early as October 5th. Whether you are a first-time voter or have already received ballots and voted absentee in past elections, we recommend that you complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) each year to ensure you are able to participate in elections as an overseas absentee voter.
- 7) If you have already completed a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) in 2022 and requested electronic delivery of your ballot, you will be receiving your blank ballot or instructions for how to access your ballot soon if you have not already received it. If you are not sure about the status of your absentee ballot request you should contact your local election officials in the United States or check the status of your registration via your state's voter registration verification website.
- 8) You can get voting assistance from the embassy or drop off your completed voting forms and ballots, addressed to your local election officials, during the following hours:
 - U.S. EMBASSY KINSHASA's main visitor entrance at 310 Avenue des Aviateurs (not the consular entrance): Monday - Thursday 07:30 – 17:15 and Friday 07:30 – 13:00.
 - The ballot drop box is located inside the main visitor entrance at the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa.

- The U.S. citizen (while wearing a mask) will present their U.S. passport to the guards at the entrance.
 - The ballot will be scanned by the X-Ray in the citizen's presence before being handed back over for the citizen to place in the locked box.
- 9) If you have further questions about registering to vote overseas, how to vote in U.S. elections and primaries from DRC and would like assistance, please email the Embassy at VoteKinshasa@state.gov. We will respond to your email and will be happy to help.

GHANA

1. Detailed Vote From Abroad information is listed on the website of the US Embassy in Accra, Ghana.
2. If your state requires you to return paper voting forms or ballots to local election officials by mail, you can do so through international mail, professional courier service, or through U.S. Embassy Accra's diplomatic pouch.
 - The diplomatic pouch provides free mail service from embassies and consulates to a U.S. sorting facility.
 - You will need to place your ballots in postage paid return envelopes or in envelopes bearing sufficient U.S. postage, in order for them to be delivered to the proper local election authorities.
 - If using the diplomatic pouch, ballots can be dropped off to the American Citizens Services section located at **No. 24, Fourth Circular Rd., Cantonments, Accra, Ghana**.
3. If you have any further questions about registering to vote overseas, you may contact the U.S. Embassy Accra's consular section at **ACSAccra@state.gov**.

KENYA

1. Register to get overseas ballot
2. Complete ballot form.
3. Drop off at the embassy and they will ship off.
4. Come to US CITIZEN SERVICES AND PUT/DROP OFF BALLOT IN BOX.
5. Office Hours M-Th 7:15am to 4:30pm/ F 7:15 – 12:15pm
6. Voters can use Embassy Drop Off point until OCTOBER 8TH
7. If you do not have a ballot, Embassy can provide for you.
8. Come, complete ballot, and Embassy will ship it off in time.
9. Be sure to register at the SMART PROGRAM.

LESOTHO

MOROCCO

1. Completed ballots can be placed in the U.S. Consulate General Casablanca's diplomatic pouch.
2. Before bringing the ballot to the Consulate, you will need to place it in a postage-paid envelope or other envelope bearing sufficient U.S. postage for it to be delivered through the US Postal Service from Washington DC to your home state.
3. Ballots must be dropped off at the American Citizens Services section of the U.S. Consulate General in Casablanca, on **weekdays between 14:00 and 16:00**.
4. Friday, October 7, 2022, is the deadline for drop-off to be sure your ballot will arrive on time. Ballots submitted after that date will still be included in the pouch but they may arrive too late to be counted.

NIGERIA

RWANDA

1. The US Embassy in Kigali is accepting ballots and will return them to the US through the diplomatic pouch **weekly** and can guarantee they will be delivered up until 2 weeks before the election (mid October).
2. Your ballot must be fully prepared BEFORE you reach the embassy. You will enter through the Consular Service entrance (which is the one on the main circle) and see a Ballot Collection Box on the left-hand side. If you need assistance while at the Embassy, please ask to see the consular officer. Ballots are accepted during working hours.
3. If you have any issues preparing your ballot, printing your ballot, or understanding how to return it while in Kigali, please reach out to Marisa Grimes via email (marisalbgrimes@gmail.com) or reach her on Whatsapp (+250 789 818 902) and she will assist you promptly!

SENEGAL

SOUTH AFRICA

- For our [Voting from South Africa 2022](#) Guidance Doc - PLEASE CLICK HERE ([How to Vote from South Africa - Democrats Abroad](#))
- Consulate info is in this linked doc - they've warned that it can take several weeks via the Diplomatic Bag so we strongly suggest dropping off 6 wks before the election which is Tuesday 27 Sept...or use a courier.

NOTES GENERALLY APPLICABLE

Ballot envelopes must have US domestic postage. (Virginia envelopes received with the ballot already have it.)

You can download and print a FREE postage-paid envelope [HERE](#) on the FVAP website.

If you have to [FAX](#) your ballot, you can also do so for free using the FVAP website.

For ballots sent by Embassy pouch, embassies add a consular date stamp which shows it originated outside the US.