



Absentee Ballot Application for the 2011 Baltimore City Mayoral Elections

Please read the instructions before completing this form, and **print** your information.

I am requesting an absentee ballot for the: primary election general election both elections

Part 1 – Voter Information

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Street Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Party Affiliation _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____
(Used only if needed to process this request.) (Warning: spam filters might prevent receiving official election mail.)

Part 2 – Address Information for Absentee Ballot

I want my absentee ballot: mailed to the address printed in Part 1. Go to Part 3.
 mailed to a different address. Complete Parts 2 and 3.
 posted to the State Board of Elections' website for me to print. See Absentee Ballot Application Instructions (2nd bullet under #2) and go to Part 3.

Check only one

For the primary election, I want my absentee ballot mailed to:

Street Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check here if this is your new legal residence. If it is your new residence, did you change residences before or after August 23, 2011? If your new legal residence is in Maryland, your voter registration record will be updated with your new address. **Do not** check here if you are away from your Maryland residence for school, work or travel.

For the general election, I want my absentee ballot mailed to:

Street Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check here if this is your new legal residence. If it is your new legal residence, did you change residences before or after October 18, 2011? If your new legal residence is in Maryland, your voter registration record will be updated with your new address. **Do not** check here if you are away from your Maryland residence for school, work or travel.

Part 3 – Signature

X _____ Date _____

Part 4 – Certificate of Assistance (completed only if someone helped you complete this form – see instructions)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that the voter named above needed help completing this form because of a **disability or inability to read or write** and authorized me to complete this application. If the voter was unable to sign Part 3 of this application because of a disability or inability to read or write, I have printed the voter's name in Part 3 and written my initials.

Signature of Assistant _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Assistant _____

Absentee Ballot Application Instructions for the 2011 Baltimore City Mayoral Elections

Can I vote by absentee ballot? Yes, if you are a registered voter in Maryland and reside in Baltimore City. Only residents of Baltimore City may vote in the 2011 Baltimore City Mayoral Elections.

How do I get an absentee ballot?

1. Complete and **sign** the absentee ballot application and return it to the Baltimore City Board of Elections by the deadline. Your application must be **received** (not just mailed) by the deadline.
 - Primary Election – The deadline is Tuesday, September 6, 2011. It must be **received** by 8:00 pm if you mail or deliver the application or 11:59 pm if you fax or email it.
 - General Election – The deadline is Tuesday, November 1, 2011. It must be **received** by 8:00 pm if you mail or deliver the application or 11:59 pm if you fax or email it.

You may mail or deliver your completed application to:

Baltimore City Board of Elections
Benton Office Building, Room 129
417 E. Fayette Street
Baltimore, MD 21202-3432

You may fax your completed application to 410-727-1775 or email the completed application (as an attachment) to mildred.easterling@baltimorecity.gov. You may contact the Baltimore City Board of Elections at 410-396-5574.

2. If the Baltimore City Board of Elections receives your completed application by the deadline, the board of elections will issue you an absentee ballot. Ballots are typically available about 3 weeks before an election.
 - If you want your absentee ballot mailed to you, it will be mailed to the address you selected in Part 2.
 - If you want to print your absentee ballot from the State Board of Elections' website, you must provide your email address in Part 1. If you do not, your ballot will be mailed to you. When your absentee ballot is ready, election officials will send you an email telling you that your ballot is available and how to print it. The email will be from absentee@elections.state.md.us. You may wish to add this email address to your address book to ensure that the email is not blocked by spam filters or marked as junk.

Can someone help me with this form? Yes, if you have a disability or are unable to read or write. Any person can help you, except a candidate on your ballot, your employer or an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union. The person can help you with Parts 1, 2, and 3 and must complete Part 4. If you cannot sign this form, the person helping you should print your name in Part 3 and write his or her initials after your name.

Can someone pick up my absentee ballot and bring it to me? Yes, if you complete the *Designation of Agent* form (available at your county board of elections or at www.elections.state.md.us – "Absentee Voting"). The person you name must be at least 18 years old and not a candidate on your ballot. This person must sign, under penalty of perjury, that he or she gave you your ballot and if you wish, returned your voted ballot to the local board of elections.

Large type application is available upon request.