

ABSENTEE VOTING IN MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO

PRIMARY ELECTION- May 8, 2018

OPTION 1: VOTE BY MAIL

PROCESS:

Step 1: Print Application for Absentee Voter's Ballot below.

*(*please see an important note about completing your application below).*

Step 2: Mail completed Application for Absentee Voter's Ballot to Muskingum County Board of Elections (627 Market St, Zanesville, OH 43701). To avoid delays- be sure to include date of birth, one form of ID, and signature on application in appropriate places. Application for Absent Voter's Ballot must be received no later than **May 5, 2018**.

Step 3: Upon receiving your completed application, Muskingum County Board of Elections will mail your ballot to address indicated on application, beginning **April 10, 2018**.

Step 4: Instructions for voting and returning your ballot will be included in the envelope you receive. Once your ballot is voted- return by mail to the Board of Elections. Return envelopes must be postmarked by **May 7, 2018**. ***Please note:** Voted ballots may also be returned in person to the Board of Elections office and must be received by **7:30 pm on May 8, 2018**.

OPTION 2: VOTE EARLY IN-OFFICE

Beginning **April 10, 2018**, in-office Absentee voting is available at the Muskingum County Board of Elections office (627 Market St, Zanesville). Please have driver's license, state ID, or utility bill ready to present for identification. In-office voting is available during the following hours:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 10 thru Friday, April 13

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Monday, April 16 thru Friday, April 20

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Monday, April 23 thru Friday, April 27

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Monday, April 30 thru Friday, May 4

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Saturday, May 5

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, May 6

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Monday, May 7

****In-office early voting is available with our new paper method!****

- Ballot can be voted same day or taken home by voter.
- Only the voter present may request a ballot. **YOU MAY NOT REQUEST OR CARRY ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR OTHER VOTERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD.**
- Voter completes and signs Absentee Application and Identification Envelope (application can be printed and filled in by voter prior to arriving at office).
- Voted ballots must be received by the Board of Elections office by **7:30 pm on May 8, 2018**.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A BALLOT TYPE IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS:

1. The **only** time you can update your party affiliation is during a *Primary Election*.
2. If you choose a party ballot (i.e. - Republican, Democratic, etc.), your party affiliation will be *updated* to reflect your chosen party.
3. If you are currently affiliated with one party, and you wish to be affiliated with a *different* party- choose your new desired party ballot in this Primary.
4. **If you are currently affiliated with one party, and you wish to no longer be affiliated with ANY party, then choose an ISSUES ONLY ballot this election (if available in your precinct).**

If you are unable to locate your voter registration information but think you are registered to vote and you have not moved outside of your county of prior registration, you may be eligible to cast a provisional ballot during in-person absentee voting period at an appropriate early voting location or the county board of elections, or on Election Day at the correct polling place for your current address that may be counted. We encourage you to check your registration status by contacting your local county board of elections. To find your polling place, please [click here](#) or call your county board of elections. [Click here](#) for a full listing of Boards of Elections.

Absentee Ballot Application

R.C. 3509.03

Please Print Clearly

Board Use Only	Precinct _____	Ballot Number _____
	Date _____	App Number _____

Voter Name
Required

1 First _____ Middle _____
Last _____ Suffix _____

Date of Birth
Required

2 Date of Birth (do not write today's date here) _____

Address at Which you are Registered to Vote
Required

3 Street Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ County _____
City/Village _____ ZIP _____

Mailing Address
Required only if you wish to have your ballot mailed to a different address than the address at which you're registered to vote.

4 Street Address (or P.O. box) _____
City/Village _____
State _____ ZIP _____

Identification
Required

You must provide **ONE** of the following.

5 Your Ohio driver's license number (2 letters followed by 6 numbers) _____ **OR**
 Last four digits of your Social Security number _____ **OR**
 Copy of a current and valid photo identification, military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that contains your name and current address.

Election
Required

You must complete a separate application for each election.

6 Date of Election (do not write today's date here) _____
 General Election **Special Election**
 Primary Election For a PARTISAN primary election only, you must choose the type of ballot:
 Political party ballot Name of Political Party _____ Issues only ballot

Affirmation
Required

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- I wish to have an absentee ballot mailed to me at the address listed above.
- I understand this request must be received by my board of elections no later than noon on the Saturday before Election Day if by mail or by 2 p.m. the day before the election if in person.
- I understand that if an absentee ballot is mailed to me and I change my mind and go to my polling place to vote on Election Day, I will be required to vote a provisional ballot that cannot be counted until at least 11 days after Election Day.
- I understand that, if I do not provide the required information, my application cannot be processed.
- **I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, that I am a qualified elector and the statements above are true.**

Signature X _____

Today's Date _____

To assist the board of election in contacting you in a timely manner if your application is incomplete, please provide the following information.

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.