

ABSENTEE: POSTAL VOTING

Voters may request a postal absentee ballot for the immediate upcoming election at any time. Ballots, however, are not mailed earlier than 60 days for general elections, 30 days for municipal elections and 50 days for the primary and any other elections. After a postal absentee ballot request is received, processed and approved, the absentee ballot is mailed to the voter. **Regardless of the method used to request them, absentee ballots are required by state law to be mailed.**

HOW DO I REQUEST A POSTAL ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Voters may apply for and request a postal absentee ballot by one of the following four ways:

1. **In person** at the Brunswick County Board of Elections office, 75 Stamp Act Dr., NE, Bldg. H at the Government complex, Bolivia, NC 8:30am-5:00pm, M-F.
2. **Via an “Absentee Request Form”** The voter submits a completed and signed “Absentee Request Form” that is available **ONLY** from the Brunswick County Board of Elections office. This form may be mailed from our office to only the voter or his/her near relative or legal guardian.
3. **In Writing** The voter submits a **handwritten** request that states the following:
 - a. The election for which he/she would like an absentee ballot.
(i.e. the 2010 General Election)
 - b. The voter’s name. Please Print.
 - c. The Voter’s date of birth
 - d. The voter’s physical address in Brunswick County
 - e. The address to which the voter would like the absentee ballot mailed
 - f.. A daytime phone number
 - g. The voter’s signature.
4. **Via a legal guardian or near relative.** The voter may direct a verifiable legal guardian or a near relative to do **ONE** of the following:
 - A. Complete an “absentee request form” on his/her behalf.
 - B. Submit a **handwritten** request on his/her behalf which includes:
 - a. items A-G in #3 above
 - b. the guardian/near relative’s printed name
 - c. the guardian/near relative’s relationship to the voter
 - d. the guardian/near relative’s physical address in Brunswick County
 - e. the guardian/near relative’s signature.

****NCGS 163-230.1 (F)** defines a near relative as one of the following: spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, stepparent, stepchild, parent-in-law, daughter-in-law, or son-in-laws.

Postal Absentee Voting Deadlines

**For the 2010 General election postal absentee voting deadlines see section:
2010 Election Calendar**