

Becoming A Permanent Absentee Voter-For The Permanently Disabled

*If you are a voter with a permanent disability you can apply to your Town Clerk for permanent absentee ballot status. This enables you to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary, and referendum in the municipality in which you are eligible to vote. To be eligible for the status, you must file an application together with a **doctor's certificate** stating that you have a permanent disability and cannot appear in person at your polling place. You do not need to have your disability recertified each year if you continue to reside in the same town. However, if you move to a different town, you will need to reapply for permanent status and provide a doctor's certificate to the Town Clerk of the new town. It is also important to be aware that each year in January the Registrars will send you a notice to confirm that you still reside at the address on your application. If you do not return the notice within 30 days or it is returned undeliverable, you will lose your permanent absentee voter status. You will not, however, be removed from the voter registration list.*

Please mail your completed application along with your doctor's certificate or note to:

***Stratford Town Clerk
2725 Main Street
Stratford, CT 06615***

Scroll down for Permanent Absentee Ballot Application.

Please call or email Susan M. Pawluk, Town Clerk for additional information.

spawluk@townofstratford.com, or by telephone: 203-385-4020

APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

(Español en otro lado)

PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS

ED-5 Rev. 2/09 You must complete a separate application for each election, primary and referendum. Instructions: All applicants must fill out sections I, II, III, IV, VI. If someone assists you in completing this application they must complete section VII. Members of armed forces and electors temporarily living overseas may also check one choice in section V, if applicable. Return completed application to your municipal clerk.

Section I. – Applicant’s Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address: _____ Zip Code _____
(Number, Street, Town)

Telephone No. _____ E-mail Address _____

Section II. – Delivery of Absentee BallotThe set of absentee voting forms shall be: *(check only one)*

- Given to me personally *(You must apply in person; forms will not be mailed to you.)*
- Mailed to me personally at the following address:
Mailing Address: _____

(Use only if the mailing address is different from the address above.)

- Supervised Ballot.** Check this box if you live in an institution where supervised balloting will be conducted.
- E-mailed to me at the following address _____ (Section V applicants only)**

Section III. - Purpose of Application

- A. This application is for *(check one)*: Election Primary Referendum
- B. Date of Election, Primary or Referendum: _____
- C. For PRIMARY only, specify party in which applicant is eligible to vote: _____

Section IV. – Statement of ApplicantI the undersigned applicant believe that I am, or will be, eligible to vote at the election, primary or referendum indicated above and that I expect to be unable to appear at the polling place during the hours of voting for the reason below: *(check only one)*

- My active service in the Armed Forces of the United States
- My absence from the town during all of the hours of voting
- My illness
- My religious tenets forbid secular activity on the day of the election, primary or referendum
- My duties as a primary, election or referendum official at a polling place other than my own during all of the hours of voting
- My physical disability

Section V. (This section to be used by Members of the Armed Forces and Electors Temporarily Residing Overseas only):

- I am a member of the armed forces or the spouse or dependent living where such member is stationed who due to military contingencies needs additional time to vote by absentee ballot. I therefore request that a blank absentee ballot be issued to me beginning 90 days before the regular election. I understand that if the military contingency ceases to exist, I may apply for an additional ballot with candidates printed on it.
- I am an elector of the above municipality who is (1) temporarily living or expects to be living or traveling outside the territorial limits of the United States before and on election day or (2) a member of the armed forces or the spouse or dependent living where such member is stationed, and request that a blank absentee ballot, together with a complete list of candidates and questions be issued to me (approximately 45 days before an election and 30 days before a primary). If this application reaches the municipal clerk after the time of availability of regular absentee ballots, I understand that I will be sent a regular ballot with candidates printed on it.

Section VI. – Applicant’s DeclarationI declare, under the penalties of false statement in absentee balloting, that the above statements are true and correct, and that I am the applicant named above. *(Sign your legal name in full. If you are unable to write, you may authorize someone to write your name and the date in the spaces provided, followed by the word “by” and the signature of the authorized person. Such person must also complete section VII below.)*

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date Signed: _____

Section VII. – Declaration of person providing assistance *(Completed by any person who assists with completion of application)*

I sign this application under penalties of false statement in absentee balloting.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Tel. No: _____

Residence Address: _____

Penalties for False Statements

A person is guilty of false statement in absentee balloting when he intentionally makes a false written statement in or on or signs the name of another person to the application for an absentee ballot or the inner envelope accompanying any such ballot, which he does not believe to be true and which statement or signature is intended to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official function. False statement in absentee balloting is a class D felony. The sentence for a class D felony shall be at least one year but may not exceed five years in prison. A fine for the conviction of a class D felony shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

This application is to be returned to municipal clerk of municipality in which you are a registered voter. Absentee ballot sets are to be provided by the municipal clerk beginning 31 days before an election, 21 days before a primary, or 19 days before a referendum, upon application properly made. Blank ballots may be sent out to certain military persons beginning 90 days before a regular election and to Connecticut electors temporarily residing outside the U.S. and all military persons beginning 45 days before a regular election, primary and special election.

Return this completed application to your municipal clerk. If your municipal clerk has a fax machine, you may fax this application to the clerk but must also mail this completed application with your original signature to the clerk, either separately or with your absentee ballot. If your application with your original signature is not received by the close of the polls on the day of the election, primary, or referendum, your absentee ballot will not be counted.

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