

APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR AN ELECTION, PRIMARY OR REFERENDUM – ED-3

An applicant must meet one of the following requirements to apply and receive an absentee ballot:

- Active service in the Armed Forces of the United States
- Absence from the town during all of the hours of voting
- An illness
- Religious tenets forbid secular activity on the day of the election, primary or referendum
- Duties as a primary, election or referendum official at a polling place other than their own during all of the hours of voting
- A physical disability

Absentee Ballots are available from the Town Clerk's Office 31 days before an election, 21 days before a primary and 19 days before a referendum. You may fill out an application in person, by mail, or you may fax an application to the clerk (203-775-5231). If you fax your application you must also mail the completed application with your original signature to the clerk, either separately or with your absentee ballot by the close of the polls or your absentee ballot will not be counted. When your application is received, the town clerk will give you the ballot or mail the ballot as the case may be. When you receive your ballot the envelope will contain instructions, an inner envelope and the outer envelope. After you register your vote, insert your ballot into the inner envelope marked "B", seal, sign and date the envelope then insert envelope "B" into the outer envelope. If all these steps are not followed your vote will be rejected.

An elector who votes by absentee ballot may either (a) return the ballot in person by the day **before** the election, primary or referendum or (b) mail the ballot so that it is received by the close of the polls. Also, any member of the immediate family may deliver the ballot for a "family" absentee voter to the town clerk by the close of the polls. Immediate family is defined as spouse, parent, child or a relative residing in his/her household. The person delivering the ballot must present ID to the town clerk and sign the envelope when he delivers it.

To fill out your ballot:

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