

Voting by Mail as a College Student

If you're a college student who has a permanent address in Harris County and attends school elsewhere, **you can still cast your ballot in Harris County!** Don't let this be a barrier to casting your vote. Voting by mail is easier than you think!

In fact, you can vote by mail in Texas if you are:

- 65 years or older
- sick or disabled
- out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting
- expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day; or
- confined in jail, but otherwise eligible

Request your Ballot

Print and fill out the Mail Ballot Application provided by the Harris County Clerk's Office. It can be found by visiting harrisvotes.com/Voter/Vote-By-Mail.

Box 1: Provide the address where you are registered to vote, your driver's license number (if you have one) AND your social security number. We highly recommend that you fill out the "optional information."

Box 2: Ask that your ballot be mailed to "Other Address." Provide your college address and be sure to indicate that it is an "Address Outside the County (voters absent from the county)."

Box 3: As your reason for voting by mail, select: "Expected Absence from the County."

Box 4: Annual Applications to receive a ballot for elections year-round are only available for voters 65 and older and voters with disabilities. College students are considered voters who are absent from the county and they may only apply for one election and its resulting runoff. To request your ballot for the 2024 Presidential Election, check the box that says "November Election" on the right side of the page.

Box 5: Finally, simply sign and date your application.

If someone helped you mail, email, or fax this form, they must fill out Section 6.

Mail your Application

Once filled out, you must mail your application to:

**Harris County Elections Administrator
PO Box 1148
Houston, TX 77251-1148**

This address is also pre-filled on the back of the application.

Mailing Options:

- Bring the application to your nearest post office and have them assist you.
- Bring the application to your nearest mail carrier store (UPS, FedEx) and have them assist you.
- Place the application in your own envelope and add postage. Then drop off your envelope at your nearest blue box or post office.
- You can buy stamps at supermarkets, drugstores, convenience stores, etc.

If you are mailing your application on or close to the deadline, you may fax the application or submit a scanned copy of the completed application via email. **You must also physically mail the original hard copy of the application which must be received within four business days of the email or fax.**

2024 Deadlines

Ballots must be returned to Texas by mail, so REQUEST YOUR BALLOT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Your Mail Ballot Application must be received by **Friday, October 25, 2024**
(11 days before Election Day)

Ballots are mailed out **30 to 45 days before an election** or **7 days after the county election office receives an application**

Mark and Mail your Completed Ballot

- Mark your ballot using a **black or blue pen only**
- Place your marked ballot in the envelope marked **“Ballot Envelope”** and seal it
- Place the **“Ballot Envelope”** in the **“Carrier Envelope”**
- Before sealing, **complete ALL information UNDER THE FLAP of the “Carrier Envelope,”** including the **number of your Driver’s License AND the last four digits of your social security number** OR a statement that you have not been issued a Driver’s License or SSN.
- Finally, seal it, and **sign your name OVER THE FLAP of the carrier envelope.**

Your ballot must be postmarked **by 7 PM on November 5th** and must be received in the Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department **by 5 PM on the next business day after Election Day.** We suggest Marking and mailing your ballot ASAP to ensure that your vote is counted.



Congratulations!
You successfully voted by mail!

You can Track your Ballot on harrisvotes.com/Voter/Vote-by-Mail