

# Applying for an Absentee Ballot

When an election is held, any eligible registered voter may apply for an Absentee Ballot via our online portal. Applications can only be accepted between 78 and 11 days before an election. You may submit an absentee ballot application through the secure absentee ballot portal at the following link: [Secure My Absentee Ballot](https://securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov/s/) at <https://securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov/s/>. Download the [Absentee Ballot Application](#) or access one through the Absentee Ballot Portal web address above.

Complete all applicable and required fields, print, and sign.  
You **MUST** provide a pen and ink signature in Section Eight (8).

You may apply for a ballot for a relative who is disabled or out of town, but that ballot will be mailed directly to the voter. The person providing assistance should provide a signature in Section Ten (10) and Section Eleven (11).

If you are unable to print an application, please feel free to contact our office at 706-769-3958 and we will mail one out to you.

## **Return your application through:**

The [Secure My Absentee Ballot Portal](https://securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov/s/) at <https://securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov/s/> or by:

EMAIL: [absentee@oconee.ga.us](mailto:absentee@oconee.ga.us) (send as attachment; pen and ink signatures required)

FAX: (706) 310-3486

HAND DELIVER or USPS MAIL to:

Oconee County Board of Elections | 7635 Macon Highway, Ste. 200 | Watkinsville, GA 30677

# Returning Your Absentee Ballot

Your ballot may be returned either by mail, in person, or drop box. In order to be counted, we must receive your ballot by 7 pm on Election Day. We urge voters to mail their ballots back at least a week before Election Day.

## **OFFICE LOCATION AND HOURS:**

**Oconee County Board of Elections**  
**7635 Macon Highway, Ste. 200 | Watkinsville, GA 30677**  
**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Weekdays**

**DROP BOX:** The drop box is located inside our office and is available only during the hours of advance voting.

**Note:** Only roommates, immediate family members, or caregivers can return absentee ballots that do not belong to them.

*Changed your mind and want to vote in person? No problem. Bring your absentee ballot with you to your polling location and you may vote in person instead.*

*If you need to cancel your absentee ballot due to it being lost in the mail, damaged, voter error or incorrect ballot received, you will need to complete an [Affidavit of Cancelled Ballot](#) and submit it to our office to receive a replacement ballot or to state that you wish to vote in person. Please click the link, print the form and return to our office or to [absentee@oconee.ga.us](mailto:absentee@oconee.ga.us).*

# Checking the Status of Your Absentee Ballot

Check the status of your application or your ballot at [My Voter Page](#). Contact our office at (706) 769-3958 or [absentee@oconee.ga.us](mailto:absentee@oconee.ga.us) if you have not received your ballot 10 days after it was issued, or if your ballot has not been accepted 10 days after you have returned it to us.