

EARLY VOTING

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO VOTE EARLY!

One Stop:

Beginning the third Thursday before an election a voter can vote in person at an early voting location. Early voting locations may vary for each election. Please call 828-894-8181 for details about the early voting location nearest you.

Written Request:

Send a written request to Polk Board of Elections, PO Box 253, Columbus, NC 28722. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, date of birth and the address where the ballot should be mailed if different from your residential address. The written request must be signed by the voter in order to receive a ballot.

Requests may be submitted annually for all elections within the calendar year. The desire for an annual request must be notated and on the written request.

Absentee Request Form:

Do you need to help a near relative get a ballot who is away at college or is housebound and is unable to travel?

Request it now by sending an email to: polk.boe@ncmail.net

Near Relative Request

You can request an absentee ballot if you are the voter's spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, or verifiable legal guardian.

Note: No one with Power of Attorney is allowed to request an absentee ballot for a voter unless he or she is the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian.

1. All requests for absentee ballots must be received by the Polk County Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.
2. Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2009. A voted ballot must be returned by mail, hand-delivered by the voter or hand-delivered by the voter's near relative as defined above.

Military and Overseas:

The following websites can provide information regarding military voting and overseas voting:

<https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/>

<https://military.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>

<http://www.fvap.gov/>