

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICANTS**

- STEP 1.** After completely filling out the application, sign and date the application in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the application or you will not receive an absent voter ballot.
- STEP 2.** Deliver the application by one of the following methods:
- (a) Place the application in an envelope addressed to the appropriate clerk and deposit it in the United States mail or with another public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier. Proper postage is required.
  - (b) Deliver the application personally to the clerk's office, to the clerk, or to the clerk's authorized assistant.
  - (c) In either (a) or (b), a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild or a person residing in the voter's household may mail or deliver the application to the clerk for the applicant.
  - (d) If an applicant cannot return the application in any of the above methods, the applicant may select any registered elector to return the application. The person returning the application must sign and return the certificate below.

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**FILL OUT THIS BOTTOM PORTION ONLY IF ASSISTING  
A VOTER WITH RETURN OF APPLICATION**

**Certificate of Authorized Registered Elector Returning Absent Voter Ballot Application**

I certify that my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my address is \_\_\_\_\_, my date of birth is \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_;

that I am delivering the absent voter ballot application of \_\_\_\_\_ at his or her request; that I did not solicit or request to return the application; that I have not made any markings on the application; that I have not altered the application in any way; that I have not influenced the applicant; and that I am aware that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

X \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PERSON ASSISTING THE VOTER

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

DATE

**WARNING**

*You must be a United States citizen to vote. If you are not a United States citizen, you will not be issued an absent voter ballot. A person making a false statement in this absent voter ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the above instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return your absent voter ballot application to the clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absent voter ballot applications at a location other than the clerk's office must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or her credentials before entrusting your application with a person claiming to have the clerk's authorization to return your application.*