

## Online Mail-In Absentee Request Portal to Open This Weekend

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## Online Portal Opens on Saturday, April 6, 2024

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (4/4/2024): Jefferson County voters who qualify for mail-in absentee voting may apply to cast their ballot using the online portal starting April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jefferson County Clerk Bobbie Holsclaw emphasized the importance of utilizing the mail-in ballot portal for those who qualify. She stated, "I would like to encourage anyone who qualifies for a mail-in ballot to use the portal for your request. They will have from April 6th until May 7th to use the portal to exercise their right to vote by mail-in absentee ballot." Holsclaw reassured voters by affirming, "As always, the Jefferson County Clerk Election Center will ensure the Primary 2024 Election is free, fair, and secure."

Voters who receive their requested mail-in ballot have until polls close at 6 p.m. on Election Day, May 21, to return it by mail to the Jefferson County Clerk's Office or deliver it into an official secure Jefferson County Clerk's Office election drop box. A drop box will be located at the Jefferson County Clerk Election Center (1000 E. Liberty Street, Louisville, KY 40204) during office hours until polls close on May 21 at 6 p.m. Ballot drop boxes will also be available at all polling locations during in-person absentee voting days and hours. A list of those locations is available at <u>https://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/inhouse\_absentee/</u>

Requirements for voting by mail-in absentee are:

1. A resident of Kentucky who is a member of the Armed Forces and their dependents or voters residing overseas

- 2. A student who temporarily resides outside the county of his or her residence
- 3. A voter who is incarcerated in jail and charged with a crime, but has not been convicted
  - 4. A voter who is changing or has changed his or her place of residence to a different state while the registration books are closed in the new state of residence before an election of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, in which case the voter shall be permitted to cast a mail-in absentee ballot for electors for President and Vice President of the United States only
- 5. A voter who temporarily resides outside the state, but is still eligible to vote in this state
- 6. Prevented from voting in- person at the polls on election day and from casting an excused or no -excuse in-person absentee ballot on all days in-person absentee voting is conducted because he or she will be absent from the county of his or her residence all hours and all days excused or no excuse in- person absentee voting is conducted
  - 7. A participant in the Secretary of State's crime victim address confidentiality protection program
  - 8. A voter who is not able to appear at the polls on election day or the days inperson absentee voting is conducted on the account of age, disability, or illness, and who has not been declared mentally disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction.

If you qualify to cast a mail-in absentee ballot for one of the reasons above, you may access the online portal at <u>govote.ky.gov</u>. The absentee ballot tab will not be available until forty-five (45) days before the date of the Primary or General Election and closes fourteen (14) days preceding the Primary or General Election.

To learn more, visit <u>elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/mail-in-absentee-voting/</u>

For more information on elections and voting, call (502) 574-6100, or connect online by visiting the Jefferson County Clerk's election website at <u>elections.JeffersonCountyClerk.org</u> and on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/JCCOKY</u>

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