



## **Instructions:**

### **Who may apply for an absentee ballot?**

Each person must apply for themselves. It is a felony to make a false statement in an application for an absentee ballot, to attempt to cast an illegal ballot, or to help anyone to cast an illegal ballot.

### **Information for military and overseas voters:**

If you are applying for an absentee ballot because you or your family are in the military or because you currently reside overseas, do not use this application. You are entitled to special legal provisions if you apply using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA). For more information about military/overseas voting, contact your local board of elections or refer to the Military & Overseas Voting section of the State Board of Elections' website at the following address:

<https://elections.ny.gov/military-and-overseas-federal-voting>

### **Where and when to return your application:**

Applications for an absentee ballot to be picked up by the voter or an agent of the voter must be submitted in-person at the county board of elections not later than the day before the election. All applications submitted by mail or those for an absentee ballot to be mailed to a voter must be received at the county board of elections no later than 10 days before the election. If the address of your county board of elections is not provided on this form, contact information for your local election office can be found on the New York State Board of Elections' website at following address:

<https://publicreporting.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoardRoster/CountyBoardRoster>

### **Options available to you if you have an illness or disability:**

If you check the box indicating your illness or disability is permanent, once your application is approved, you will automatically receive a ballot for each election in which you are eligible to vote, without having to apply again. You may sign the absentee ballot application yourself, or you may make your mark and have your mark witnessed in the spaces provided on the bottom of the application. Please note that a power of attorney or printed name stamp is not allowed for any voting purpose.

Voters with a print disability, which means any disability that interferes with the effective reading, writing, or use of printed material, and require a ballot with accessible features may apply for an Accessible Ballot on the New York State Board of Elections' website at the following address: <https://ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/accessible>

### **When your ballot will be sent:**

Your absentee ballot materials will be sent to you beginning 46 days before federal, state, county, city or town elections in which you are eligible to vote. If you applied after this date, your ballot will be sent immediately after your completed and signed application is received and processed by your local board of elections. If you provide dates in section 2, identifying the time frame within which you will be absent from your county or from the City of New York, you will be sent a ballot for any primary, general, special election or presidential primary election which might occur during the time frame you have specified. If you prefer, you may designate someone to pick up your ballot for you, by completing the required information in section 6 and/or section 7, as appropriate. Contact your local county board of elections if you have not received your ballot.

### **How long your application is good for:**

Unless you have indicated a permanent illness or disability, you will only receive an absentee ballot for the specific election event(s) indicated on your application, or during the dates of your stated absence, for a given calendar year. For all non-permanent applicants, you must submit a new application every year.