

Voting By Mail

[Click HERE for an Application for Ballot by Mail.](#) If you are unable to find an answer to your question on this page, please call or email our office: 903-893-8683 or votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us

All Ballot by Mail Applications EXPIRE each year on December 31st. Please reapply after January 1st to continue to receive mail-in ballots.

AM I QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY MAIL?

Voters who wish to vote by mail must elect at least one of the four eligibility requirements:

- A. 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- B. Disability or illness (defined as a sickness or a physical condition that prevents you from appearing at the polling place without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or injuring your health)
- C. Expect to be out of the county* during the hours that voting is conducted during early voting in person and on election day
 - Must provide an out of county address and the begin/end dates you will be receiving mail at this address.
 - This application is only good for one election and runoff.
- D. Confined in jail, but otherwise eligible to vote.
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* Voters who are absent from the county because they are active duty military or because they reside overseas please see [Military & Overseas Voting](#) or fvap.gov

I AM QUALIFIED! WHAT NEXT?

Voters who are 65 or older and/or disabled have the option of applying for an Annual Ballot by Mail. If you select "Annual Application," you will receive ballots for all the elections in which you are eligible for the remainder of the calendar year, including any runoffs. All annual applications expire December 31st.

Please **carefully review** the Application for Ballot by Mail, including the additional instructions on the back of the form, so that unnecessary delays are avoided.

If you wish to vote in a primary election and/or a primary runoff for a specific political party's candidates, you must select a party on the application so we can mail you the correct ballot. Your selection will not affect any election other than the primary or primary runoff of this calendar year.

IS THERE A DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION?

Submit an Application for Ballot by Mail to the Elections Department at any time during a calendar year (January 1st - December 31st) for any election held in that year.

The deadline for the November 2020 election is October 23rd; however, voters are encouraged to SUBMIT NOW to avoid mail delays.

Applications must be received prior to 11 days before an election to receive a ballot for that specific election. Mail ballot applications for a specific election can be hand-delivered to our main office until early voting begins for that election; once the hand-delivery deadline has passed, the application must be received in our office mail by the end of the 11th day prior to Election Day. If the 11th day falls on an observed holiday, the deadline for applying is the first day preceding it that is not a holiday.

WHAT IF I JUST MOVED TO GRAYSON COUNTY AND AM STILL REGISTERED IN MY PREVIOUS COUNTY?

If you are requesting a mail ballot AFTER the voter registration deadline for the election for which you're applying, then you will need to also print, fill out and mail a [Limited Ballot application](#) and send it in with your

Application for Ballot by Mail. A Limited Ballot will allow you to vote on all of the races that your previous county shares in common with Grayson County.

If you are requesting a mail ballot prior to the registration deadline for the election for which you're applying, you might want to make sure that you have re-registered in Grayson County either before or at the same time you're turning in a mail ballot application. This will help avoid any delays in processing your request.

WILL YOU LET ME KNOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED MY APPLICATION?

Due to the high volume of applications we process, we are not able to send a personal response upon receipt. If your application is incomplete or received after a deadline, we will send you a notice along with a new application. You can always call to verify whether we have received your application and/or your ballot.

Submitting an Application

Mail to

Grayson County Election Administration
115 W. Houston
Sherman, TX 75090

Hand Deliver to

Grayson County Election Administration
115 W. Houston
Sherman, TX 75090

Mail ballot applications can be placed in the drop box outside our office door, except during periods when in-person Early Voting is occurring.

Fax or Email The hard copy with your original signature on it **MUST** follow BY MAIL and be received not later than the 4th business day after the fax/email.

Fax: 903-891-4370

Email: votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us

Mailed Ballot

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY BALLOT?

Ballots for the November 2020 Election will be sent in the mail approximately one month prior to Election Day.

WHEN SHOULD I MAIL MY BALLOT BACK?

Ballots can be returned at any time after receipt. **SUBMIT TIMELY** to avoid mail delays. (Make sure you have signed the back of the envelope where marked with a bold X.)

Marked ballots must be received in our **mail by 5PM the day after Election Day as long as it is postmarked on or before Election Day** via the United States Postal Service or contract carrier (FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.). Marked ballots may also be hand-delivered to our main office by the voter of that ballot on Election Day between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. ***Please note that not all post offices put postmarks on the mail processed through their facilities. If you are mailing your ballot on or close to Election Day, you might want to consider requesting your local post office worker put a postmark on your ballot's outer envelope or you can request overnight service postage to make sure the ballot's outer envelope has the accurately timed postmark.***

Voters who are returning their ballots from outside of the United States must have their ballots postmarked on or before 7 pm on Election Day, and the ballot must be received in our office no later than five days after the election (if the 5th day falls on a Sunday or legal state or national holiday, the ballot must be received by the next business day).

CAN I RETURN MY MAIL BALLOT IN PERSON?

****For the November 2020 General Election ONLY: You may deliver your own personal ballot to the Grayson County Election Administration Office, 115 W. Houston, Sherman, Texas, 75090, during regular business hours any time after you receive and mark it. You will be asked to present an acceptable form of photo ID and sign a roster.

ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW?

Grayson County Election Administration is THE SOURCE for accurate answers. We are dedicated to assisting voters and providing safe and secure elections. Please contact us at (903) 893-8683 or votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us.

College Students Voting by Mail

College students can register to vote in either their home state/county **or** where they attend college, but they cannot vote in both locations at once. To receive a mail ballot by choosing “Expected absence from county”, the student must expect to be absent from the county (i.e. away at school) during Election Day and during the hours of early voting in person, or for the remainder of the early voting period after the student submits the application. The student will receive a ballot for the next upcoming election only and any resulting runoff. **The student’s ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county**; ballots cannot be mailed to a parent’s house in Grayson County for the student to pick up.

Important: students must include the complete and correct address (**including** any necessary dorm hall/building names AND suite/box/room number) at which they will be receiving their mail.

To request that a mail ballot be sent to the address where you are temporarily residing out of county (i.e. a school outside of Grayson County) during a voting period, you must fill out an [Application for Ballot by Mail](#) and return the form by the above-referenced procedures.

Students studying abroad, please see the [Military & Overseas Voting section](#).

[Texas Secretary of State - Ballot by Mail Instructions](#)