

General Election 2026

The General Election for 2026 is fast approaching. McLean County has been a Vote-by-Mail County since 2012 with four polling locations and this will continue for the 2026 General Election.

Absentee ballot applications were sent out to all active voters in McLean County who did not already request a November ballot on their June Primary Election ballot application. If you received one, you may fill it out and return it to our office. If you did not receive one in the mail, you can complete the application below; contact the Auditor's Office at (701) 462-8801 to have one mailed to you; or complete it online at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov/departments/election-information/vote-by-mail>. After you have completed your application, please return it to the McLean County Auditor's Office by mail, drop off in the secure drop box located outside the main entrance of the McLean County Courthouse, or in person.

***** Fill out the application completely, be sure to include name, phone number, date of birth, ID type used, ID number, residential address, mailing address and signature. *****

If you filled out an application for the June Primary Election and checked the box for the November (General) Election at the top of the application, a ballot will be mailed to you when they become available at the end of September. Remember to return your voted ballot by mail early or you can drop it off in the secure drop box located in front of the McLean County Courthouse at 712 5th Avenue in Washburn.

Signatures on ballot envelope affidavits will be compared to signatures on ballot applications. If the signatures do not appear to match, the ballot could be rejected. If the ballot is rejected the McLean County Auditor's office will do their best to contact you to provide you the opportunity to verify the authenticity of the signatures.

McLean County Polling Locations			
OPEN from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day			
Location	Type	Address	City
Washburn Memorial Building	Vote Center	805 Main Avenue	Washburn, ND
Turtle Lake City Hall	Vote Center	107 Eggert St.	Turtle Lake, ND
Garrison City Auditorium	Vote Center	15 Main Street S	Garrison, ND
Ralph Wells Community Center	Polling Location for Precinct 280402 ONLY	1104 Warrior St.	White Shield, ND

*** The SECURE DROP BOX located in front of the McLean County Courthouse will be open 24 hours a day, however it will close on Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m. ***

*** The McLean County Courthouse will be OPEN from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, and Saturday, October 31, for in-person absentee voting and votes ballot drop off. ***

Important change for 2026: To be counted, absentee ballots must be returned by 7:00 P.M. CST on November 3, 2026 – postmarked ballots will no longer be accepted after Election Day. Return your voted ballot by mail, delivering it in person, or drop off in the secure drop box located outside the main entrance of the McLean County Courthouse at 712 5th Avenue in Washburn.



ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION
SECRETARY OF STATE
SFN 51468 (10-2023)

For Office Use Only
Precinct Part

For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 16.1-07.

Application must be for at least one of the following elections: (check all that apply)

- ☐ June (Primary) election ☐ City or city special election ☐ State or county special election
☐ November (General) election ☐ School or school special election

Applicant Information: (ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)

Voter's name		Date of birth		Daytime telephone number	
North Dakota ID type used: (check one)					
☐ Driver's license ☐ Non-driver's ID ☐ Long-term care certificate (include with application) ☐ Tribal ID					
☐ Passport (only for voters living outside the United States) or military ID** ☐ Applicant without ID*					
ID number (required only if driver's license, non-driver's ID, tribal ID, passport, or military ID is selected above)					
Residential address		City	State	ZIP code	
Ballot delivery address (if different from residential address)		City	State	ZIP code	
I do solemnly affirm that I have resided or will reside in the precinct where my residential voting address is located for at least 30 days next preceding the election and will be a qualified elector of the precinct.					
Signature (required)				Date	

Applicant Unable to Sign:

If the applicant is unable to sign the applicant's name, the applicant shall mark ☒ or use the applicant's signature stamp on the application in the presence of a disinterested individual. The disinterested individual shall print the name of the individual marking the "X" or using the signature stamp below the "X" or signature and shall sign the disinterested individual's own name following the printed name together with the notation, "witness to the mark."

☐ Voter's Mark	Printed name of person making mark or voter's signature stamp
	Signature of "witness to the mark"

***Applicant Without ID:**

If the applicant does not possess or cannot secure an approved form of identification due to a disability with which the individual lives and which prevents the individual from traveling to obtain, another qualified elector of the state may attest that the applicant is a qualified elector of that precinct by signing below and providing his or her approved North Dakota identification number. **NOTE:** A qualified elector may not attest the qualifications of more than four applications in an election.

Printed name of attester	Driver's / non-driver's / tribal ID number	
Signature of attester	Date	Daytime telephone number

****Active Military and Overseas Voter:**

Check ONE (if applicable):	
☐ Citizen living outside of the United States	
☐ Uniformed service or family member living away from the voter's residence, yet within the United States	
☐ Uniformed service or family member living away from the voter's residence, yet outside the United States	
If one of the check boxes above applies to you, please indicate your preferred ballot delivery method:	
☐ Mail	☐ Email (provide email address): _____
	☐ Fax (provide fax number): _____

Mail or submit to the auditor of your county of residence or appropriate election officer

(The signature on this affidavit will be compared to the signature on the affidavit on the envelope in which the absentee ballot must be placed.)

(Sept. 17 & 24, 2026)