

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 voted 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.