

ABSENTEE BALLOTING

Absentee Balloting is a means whereby a registered voter can cast a vote when they are unable to vote in-person at their assigned poll site. There are various justifications for a voter APPLYING for and then voting with an absentee ballot. They are enumerated in block 1 of the absentee ballot application. See: <https://www.yatescounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/753/Absentee-Ballot-Application-PDF>

Absentee Voting Expanded in 2020–2021:

Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Legislature and Governor have passed and signed into law language allowing more voters to apply for absentee ballots because they are “temporarily ill.” Expanded language allows voters “to request an absentee ballot if they are unable to appear personally at their polling place because there is a risk of contracting or spreading a disease (COVID-19) that may cause illness to the voter or to other members of the public.” When completing an application, in block 1, choose “temporarily illness or physical disability.”

Absentee Ballot Applications available by three means:

- Requesting a ballot in-person at the Board of Elections, County Office Building, room 1124, 417 Liberty Street, Penn Yan.
- Requesting an application off the State Board of Elections website: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/AbsenteeBallot-English.pdf>
- Requesting an application off the Yates County Board of Elections website: <https://www.yatescounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/753/Absentee-Ballot-Application-PDF>

Deadlines: Applications can be requested in person and submitted at any time up to the day before an election. If the ballot is to be sent and returned by mail, it must be requested on or before Monday, October 18th, 2021.

Permanently ill or disabled: If you are permanently ill or disabled, you have the right to receive an Absentee Ballot for each subsequent election without further application. Simply file an application with your county board of elections indicating permanent illness or physical disability.