

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 in '23 and going forward

- With the pandemic behind us, “fear of get or spreading a virus” is no longer a reason that allows an absentee ballot. Now a voter needs one of the following:
- Absence from the county on Election Day
- Temporary illness or physical disability
- Permanent illness or physical disability
- Duties related to care of one or more individuals with physical disabilities

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 15 days prior to the Election: eg: October 23rd, 2023.

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.”