

# The Pennsylvania Mail-In Ballot and Your Mailbox "Annual Mail-in Request"



Here's a guide to the documents you may receive, and what to do with them.

There are several ways to apply for a Mail-in **BALLOT** in Pennsylvania. Many people apply on line at [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov). You may also receive paper **APPLICATIONS** in the mail from the County Election Office, and from outside groups.

**WHEN YOU APPLY** for a Mail-in Ballot, you can opt in to the "Annual Mail-in Request" list.

This list is often referred to as the "Permanent Voter List" and/or the "Annual List."  
So which is it? **ANNUAL** or **PERMANENT**? Well, both -- sort of...



## Annual mail-in request

See "What is an annual mail-in ballot request?" for more information.

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If you would like to apply to receive mail-in ballots for the remainder of this year and if you would like to automatically receive an annual application for mail-in ballots each year, please indicate below.

☐ I would like to receive mail-in **ballots this year** and receive annual applications for mail-in ballots each year.

The **PERMANENT** part: You will receive a mail-in ballot **APPLICATION** every February...  
...permanently. (or until you ask to be removed from the list, [here](#).)

The **ANNUAL** part: But, you still must **apply** for the mail-in **BALLOTS** once every year.

☒ If you **OPT IN** to the "Annual Mail-in Request", the Allegheny County Election Office will mail you one **BALLOT** for each election in the upcoming year, including:

the May Primary **B**, November General Election, **B** (and any Special Elections **B** that may occur.)

You will also receive a new Mail-in Ballot **APPLICATION** in February of the next year **App**, so you can opt in to the "Annual Mail-in Request" for the upcoming year.

If you do not want or need to apply, you can throw the **APPLICATION** out, but **NEVER** throw away a **BALLOT**. You will need to save it, even if you decide to vote in person.



☐ If you **OPT OUT** when you apply, the County Elections Office will mail you a **BALLOT** for only the next election. **B** You will have to **apply again** for any other elections in the upcoming year.

Your County Election Office **MAY** mail **APPLICATIONS** for mail-in ballots to all registered voters in the county before each election. (Not all Pennsylvania counties do this.)

If you do not want a Mail-in **BALLOT**, or prefer to apply online, you can throw these out.



You may also receive ballot **APPLICATIONS** from other groups, including political parties, candidates' campaigns and other groups who want to increase voter turnout.

The County Elections Office does not send or control this mail.



Q: Is it legal for outside groups to mail me a ballot **APPLICATION**?

A: Yes, anyone may copy and distribute **APPLICATIONS** for a Pennsylvania Mail-In Ballot.

Q: How do they know my voting history?

A: Some parts of your voting record are public information.

Q: I already applied for a mail-in ballot. Does this mean I was rejected?

A: No. Many groups send applications without knowing whether you have already applied.

