

**CHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARLY MAIL VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION**

(for School District Elections, Budget Votes and Referenda)

Please print clearly. See detailed instructions

This application may only be used for school district votes by qualified voters who reside in a school district that provides for personal registration of voters. If the application requests the early mail voter ballot be mailed, the application must be received by the **District Clerk, Chester Union Free School District, 64 Hambletonian Ave, Chester, NY 10918**, not later than 7 days before the election for which the early mail ballot is sought. Otherwise, the application may be personally delivered to the District Clerk not later than the day before the election. Applications may not be submitted more than 30 days prior to the election. If you are qualified for early mail voting and issued an early mail ballot, the ballot itself must be received by the District Clerk by 5 PM on the day of the election in order to be canvassed.

1	Early mail ballot(s) requested for the following election(s): ☐ Annual election and budget vote ☐ Budget re-vote ☐ Special district election or referendum
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2	You must complete the following information
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3	Last name or surname	First name	M. Initial	Suffix
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4	Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY ____/____/____	School district where you reside	Phone number	Email
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5	Address where you are registered: STREET APT. CITY STATE ZIP				
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6	Delivery of Absentee Ballot (check one) ☐ Deliver to me in person at Office of School District Clerk. ☐ I authorize (give name) : _____ to pick up my ballot at Office of School District Clerk. ☐ Mail ballot to me at this address: _____ Street no. Street name Apt. City State Zip
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APPLICANT MUST SIGN BELOW

7	I certify that I am a qualified and registered voter. I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material false statement in the foregoing statement of application for early mail voter ballot, I shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF VOTER _____
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If applicant is unable to sign because of illness, physical disability or inability to read, the following statement must be executed: By my mark, duly witnessed hereunder, I hereby state that I am unable to sign my application for an early mail ballot without assistance because I am unable to write by reason of my illness or physical disability or because I am unable to read. I have made, or had assistance in making, my mark in lieu of my signature. (No power of attorney or preprinted name stamps allowed.)

DATE: _____ **NAME OF VOTER:** _____ **MARK:** _____

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above-named voter affixed their mark to this application in my presence and I know the voter to be the person who affixed their mark to said application and understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

_____ (Print name of witness to mark)	_____ (Signature of witness to mark)
	_____ (Address of witness to mark)

Instructions

Who may use this application for a school district early mail ballot?

You may use this application if you are a qualified voter participating in a school election for which early vote by mail is authorized by law. You may only apply for an early mail ballot on your own behalf. A voter who applies for and is issued an early mail ballot will not be eligible for an absentee ballot for the same election.

If you are unsure whether the election you are applying for permits early vote by mail, please contact your district clerk.

Who is a qualified voter?

You are qualified to vote in your school district if you are:

- a citizen of the United States;
- at least 18 years of age; and
- a resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days preceding the meeting or election at which you seek to vote.

No person shall have the right to register for or vote at any school meeting or election who would not be qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of Election Law §5-106.

Information for military voters:

Do **not** use this application if you are:

- a qualified voter who will be absent from your school district on the day of the election as a result of actual military service;
- a qualified voter who has been discharged from actual military service within 30 days of the election in which you seek to vote; or
- the spouse, parent, child, or dependent of a military voter as set forth above who is accompanying such military voter and who is qualified to vote in the same school district as the military voter.

If you meet any of the above criteria, you are entitled to special provisions if you apply for a military ballot. Please contact your school district to receive the appropriate application form.

Information for voters with an illness or disability:

You may sign the early mail ballot application yourself, or you may make your mark and have your mark witnessed in the spaces provided on the bottom of the application. Please note that a power of attorney or printed name stamp is not allowed for any voting purpose.

Where and when to return this application:

If you request that the early mail ballot be mailed to you, your application must be received by the district clerk for your school district no later than 7 days before the election for which you seek an early mail ballot. Otherwise, you may personally deliver your application to the district clerk no later than the day before the election. You may not submit your application more than 30 days prior to the election.

When your early mail ballot will be sent to you:

If you request that the early mail ballot be mailed to you, the district clerk will mail your ballot by regular mail no later than 6 days prior to the election. Otherwise, the district clerk will deliver your ballot to you or your agent, as designated on your application, when you or your agent appears in the district clerk's office. For your ballot to be canvassed, it must be received by the school district clerk by 5 p.m. on the day of the election.