





# Nebraska Secretary of State's Official By-Mail Early Voting Frequently Asked Questions

## General Questions

**What can I use the form for?** You can use this form to request a ballot to be mailed to you or delivered by agent.

**Where do I send this form?** Return the completed form to your county election office. You can find your county election official's contact information at: [sos.nebraska.gov/elections/election-officials-contact-information](https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/election-officials-contact-information)

**How can I send this form?** You can submit this application through the mail, by email or fax or by agent.

**When can I submit the form?** You can submit the form to your county election office starting 120 days before any election. The deadline to submit is the 2nd Friday before the election.

You can still vote early at your county election office after this deadline until the day before the election.

**What if I am unable to sign this form?** If you are unable to sign this form, any person may print your name in the signature section of the form and you may make a mark next to your printed name. This qualifies as a valid signature. The person providing assistance should indicate they assisted you with your signature by writing their name and address below the signature line.

**Is my early voting ballot application public record?** Nebraska revised statute [§32-948](#) requires the record of early voters and applications to be open to public inspection prior to an election. This includes the following:

- Applicant's name
- Residence address
- Precinct and precinct part
- The mailing address to which the ballots are to be sent
- Date on which the application was received
- Date ballots and related materials were sent to the voter or picked up in person
- Date on which the ballots were voted in person or the ballot was returned or received by the election official
- Information as to the reason why a ballot could not be issued or sent.

**Questions?** Contact your local election office or the Nebraska Secretary of State by phone at **402-471-2555** or toll free at **888-727-0007**; via our website: [sos.nebraska.gov](https://sos.nebraska.gov); or email [SOS.ELECT@nebraska.gov](mailto:SOS.ELECT@nebraska.gov)

## Voter ID Questions

### How do I provide photo ID with this form?

When you fill out this form, you will need to do **one** of the following:

- You can write your driver's license or state ID number on the application.
- **OR** You can attach a photocopy of your acceptable form of ID to this form.
  - The photocopy **must** be returned with the form, whether you return the documents in person, by mail, by email or by fax.
- **OR** You can attach your completed reasonable impediment certification to the application.
  - This is only to be used if you have a reasonable impediment preventing you from obtaining acceptable photo ID. Reasonable impediments are a disability or illness that prevents the voter from obtaining valid photographic identification; lack of birth certificate or other required documents and an inability to obtain a birth certificate or other required documents without significant difficulty or expense; or a religious objection to being photographed.

**What qualifies as acceptable photographic identification?** Acceptable photographic identification can include one of the following types of ID.

Acceptable ID must have name and photo.  
Acceptable ID can be expired.

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| • Nebraska Driver's License or State ID   | • Military ID  |
| • U.S. Passport   | • Tribal ID  |
| • Hospital, assisted-living facility, nursing home record, or intermediate care facility record | • Nebraska political subdivision (state, county, city, school, etc.) |
|   | • Nebraska college or university ID                                  |

### Do I need to photocopy both sides of my ID?

No, you only need to photocopy the side of the ID that has your name and photo. It has to be legible enough to read your name and see your photo. It does not have to be printed in color.

**What if I can't afford an ID?** You can get a free state ID for voting purposes at the Nebraska DMV. You will need to bring documents confirming your identify and your address when applying for a state ID.

If you're missing your Nebraska birth certificate in order to get a free state ID for voting purposes, you can get a free certified copy of your birth certificate from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: You cannot use your birth certificate to vote. DHHS is providing free certified copies of birth certificates for voters to obtain a state ID for voting purposes.

**What if I can't get an ID?** If you have a reasonable impediment that prevents you from obtaining valid photographic identification, you can complete a reasonable impediment certification. Reasonable impediments are:

- Inability to obtain an acceptable ID due to:
  - Disability or illness that prevents you from obtaining valid photographic identification.
  - Lack of birth certificate or other required documents and an inability to obtain a birth certificate or other required documents without significant difficulty or expense.
- Religious objection to being photographed

### Where can I get a Reasonable Impediment Certification form?

You can get a reasonable impediment certification form from your county election official or at: [VoterID.Nebraska.gov](https://VoterID.Nebraska.gov)

### What happens if I do not provide my driver's license or state ID number or a photocopy of acceptable ID or a reasonable impediment certification?

If you do not provide any of the required identification, a ballot will not be issued to you. You can re-submit this form with your identification information to have a ballot mailed to you.

**Questions?** Visit our website: [VoterID.Nebraska.gov](https://VoterID.Nebraska.gov). Or call Nebraska Secretary of State by phone at **402-471-2555** or toll free at **888-727-0007**; or email us at [SOS.ELECT@nebraska.gov](mailto:SOS.ELECT@nebraska.gov)