Be Ready for the April 1 Election

Vote by Mail Do's and Don'ts



DuPage County Vote By Mail (VBM) Checklist

- Sign up for Vote by Mail (VBM): Complete online VBM application.
 Election Division begins mailing VBM ballots on March 17.
 Complete ballot as soon as possible and remember to vote both sides
 Place ballot in the postage-paid envelope, seal, date & sign the envelope with the signature you use to vote.
- Return ballot:
 - Mail ballot (must be postmarked by April 1) -OR-
 - Place ballot in DuPage County secure drop box by April 1 -OR-
 - Take ballot to any Early Voting or Election Day Site
- □ Track your Vote By Mail ballot sign up for <u>dupage.ballottrax.net/voter/</u>



Voting Your Vote By Mail Ballot

Follow the Election Division instructions enclosed with your ballot



VOTE YOUR BALLOT

Instructions for marking the ballot are located on the top of the ballot.

If you spoil or damage your ballot, contact the DuPage County Clerk Election Division at 630-407-5600 for instructions to obtain another ballot.

Write-in candidates may be voted by using the blank line immediately following the last printed candidate name for the chosen office.



FOLD YOUR BALLOT

Remove the perforated stub from the top of your ballot.

Fold your ballot in the same manner it was received, insert and seal it in the certification/return ballot envelope.



SIGN YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE



You must sign and date the return ballot envelope!

The election judges will reject your ballot if the certification/return ballot envelope is not signed. Your signature will be compared with your voter registration signature.

You should only complete the affidavit of delivery on the certification/return ballot envelope flap if/when your ballot is being hand delivered (by someone other than the United States Postal Service) to the DuPage County Clerk Election Division Office before election day or to a polling location



MAIL YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE

Mail the signed certification/return ballot envelope as soon as possible.

If your ballot is returned to you by the post office, please line out your address and deposit in a mail receptacle.

Your vote by mail ballot must be postmarked no later than election day.



BALLOT DROP OFF

You may also drop off your voted ballot at the DuPage County Clerk Election Division office, at drop boxes located at the parking lot and main entrance of the Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building, 421 County Farm Road, Wheaton, or at a DuPage County polling site.



Do's & Don'ts of Marking Your VBM Ballot

- Mark your ballot by filling in completely the rectangle box by your desired candidate using a black pen.
- DO NOT USE PENCIL or COLORED INKS.
- Avoid stray marks.
- O Neatness counts!

PAST PRESIDENT

EX PRESIDENTE

FOR FAVORITE PAST PRESIDENT

POR EL EX PRESIDENTE FAVORITO

(Vote for one)

(Vote por uno)

Thomas Jefferson

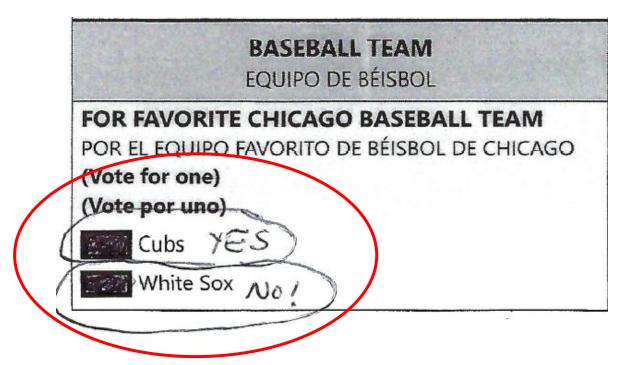
Abraham Lincoln

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dwight D. Eisenhower

John F. Kennedy

If you make a mistake, it is ok – but you MUST correct it so that your desired choice is clearly understood by VBM judges.



Marking Your VBM Ballot (con't)

Multiple Candidates per Office

- Read carefully.
- Don't confuse the TERM with HOW MANY TO VOTE FOR YOU as seen in this example.
- If you vote for more than the maximum allowed, this will result in an "over vote" and your votes for that office will not count

GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87 DISTRITO 87 DE ESCUELAS SECUNDARIAS DEL MUNICIPIO DE GLENBARD
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2 YEAR TERM PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN
PARA SERVIR EN UN PERIODO DE 2 AÑOS QUE AÚN NO HA
(Vote for one) (Vote por uno)
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4 YEAR TERM PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN
PARA SERVIR LIN PERIODO COMPLETO DE 4 AÑOS
(Vote for three) (Vote por tres)
Note per tresj



Marking Your VBM Ballot (con't)

Write-in Candidates

- ONLY use this line if your candidate of choice is not listed.
- Fill in the box and write in the candidate's name.
- If your candidate is listed, **DO NOT** add their name to the "write-in" line and **DO NOT** fill in that box.
 That's an 'overvote' and your vote for this office will NOT count.

CONGRESSIONAL CONGRESSIONAL FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PARA REPRESENTANTE EN EL CONGRESO TERCER DISTRITO DEL CONGRESO (Vote for ONE) (Vote por UNO) Write-in Escribir en

Review Ballot

- Complete both sides of the ballot.
- O Have you made any errors?
- o If errors, have you indicated your correct choice?
- Over votes = no vote correct those errors!!



Return Your VBM Ballot: Complete the Envelope

Vote by Mail Ballot Boleta de Voto por Correo

Voter: Seal ballot in this envelope and complete certification Elector: Sellar la boleta en esta sobre, y completar la certificación

Certification Ballot Envelope

Sobre de Certificación de Boleta

I state that I am a resident in the township, precinct, address, and city/village as listed, all in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois; that I have lived at said address for 30 days preceding this election; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election indicated. I further state that I personally marked the enclosed ballot In secret.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/29-10, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in the certification are true and correct

Yo afrmo ser residente del municipio, del distrito electoral, de la dirección y de la ciudad/ pueblo como indicado, todos pertenecientes al Condado de DuPage y al Estado de Illinois; haber vivido en dicha dirección por 30 días intes de celebrarse esta eleccion; tener plenamente el derecho de votar el dicho distrito electoral en la elección indicada. Yo además afirmo habel marcado personalmente en secreto la boleta adjunta.

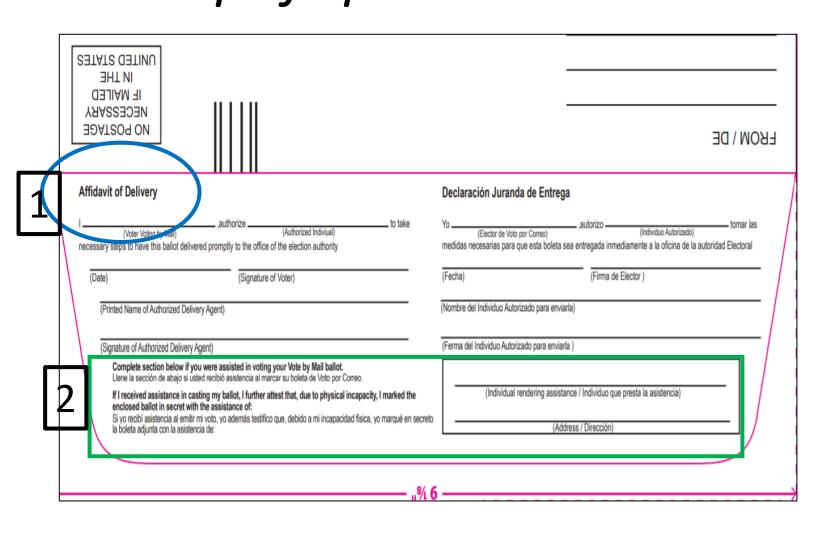
Bajo las penalidades estipuladas por ley conforme a la 10 ILCS 5/20-10, el abajo firmante certifica que las declaraciones expuestas en esta solicitud son verdaderas y correctas.

(Signature of Vote by Mail Voter Required) (Se Requiere la Firma del Elector Votando por Correo)

Date / Fachs

- SIGN and DATE the
 envelope this signature
 must match your signature
 on file with the DuPage
 County Clerk's office.
- Don't worry If they don't match, you will be contacted by the Election Division on how you can verify your signature.
- If you don't respond, only then will your ballot will be voided and your vote will not count.

Return Your VBM Ballot: When to complete the envelope flap

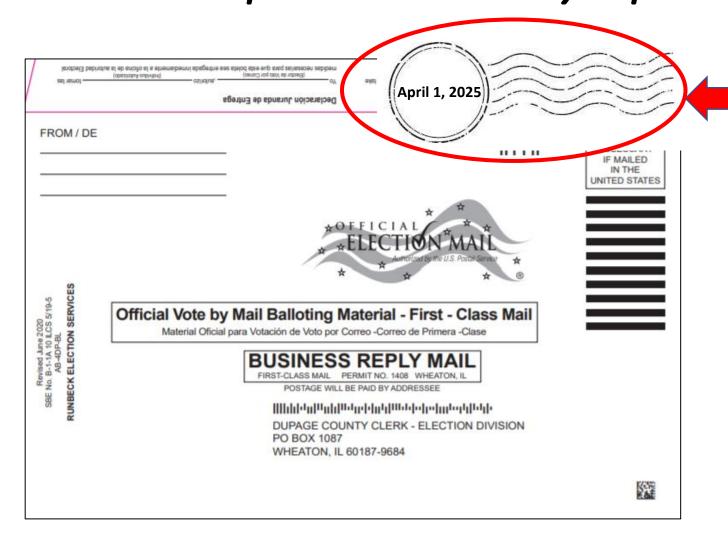


1. If someone is hand delivering your ballot. Have them complete this section.

2. If someone helped you mark your ballot, then have them complete this section with their name and address.



Return Your VBM Ballot by Mail: It must be postmarked by April 1, 2025



USPS Postmark is IMPORTANT

- Remember your mailed ballot must be postmarked by April 1, 2025.
- If your ballot is received AFTER Election Day, the envelope MUST have a postmark no later than April 1.



Still Have Questions...?



voterservice@wheatonlwvil.org.







vote411.org

