UW-Madison students – requesting an absentee ballot for the April 7 Presidential Primary

Requesting an absentee ballot in Wisconsin
Voters who are registered in Wisconsin can request an absentee ballot for a specific election, or for any or all elections in a calendar year. Absentee ballots can be requested at MyVote.wi.gov, or through your municipal clerk. Contact information for your clerk can be found at https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyMunicipalClerk

If your voting address is in the city of Madison, you can request an absentee ballot by sending an email to voting@cityofmadison.com. Be sure to include your name, address at which you are registered to vote, the address to which the ballot should be sent, and a copy or picture of your voter ID.

Providing voter ID with your absentee request
Your first absentee ballot request must be accompanied by a copy of your photo ID. If you are requesting the ballot at MyVote.wi.gov, the website will prompt you to upload an image of your acceptable ID. If you are requesting the absentee ballot through your clerk, include an image of your ID with the request.

Subsequent absentee ballot requests will not require your voter ID. However, if you move, you must re-register to update your address, and you will need to include your ID with subsequent requests.

Acceptable ID’s are listed at https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/PhotoIDRequired, and include a Wisconsin driver license or a passport. The standard Wiscard and out-of-state driver licenses are NOT acceptable.

Student voter ID card
You can get a student voter ID card at the Wiscard office any time they are open. Simply present your Wiscard at the office.
If you are using the student voter ID, then you also need to include proof of enrollment, either with an absentee request, during early voting, or on Election Day. Examples of proof of enrollment are the document from go.wisc.edu/verify, a class list, or a fee receipt. The Madison clerk also accepts a copy of the ASM bus pass for the current semester. Send an image of the side that has your name.

Receiving the absentee ballot by mail
If you want to receive the ballot by U.S. mail, you can request an absentee ballot at MyVote.wi.gov or through your municipal clerk. If sent to a U.S. address, it comes with a postage-paid return envelope.

Receiving the absentee ballot by email
To receive your ballot by email, contact your municipal clerk. You will receive a pdf ballot. To return it, you will need to print the ballot, furnish an inner and outer envelope, and provide return postage.

Deadlines
Request your ballot soon enough so that there is time to mail it back. In order to be counted, it must be received by the election office by Election Day.

Voting in Person - Early voting and registration will be on campus from March 29 through April 3, at four locations. See go.wisc.edu/VoteEvents. For Election Day registration and voting, find your polling place at MyVote.wi.gov.

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