

## How to help your college kid living out-of-state vote absentee:

If your child is registered to vote in Georgia, but is living out-of-state while attending college, you can help him or her vote absentee.

- 1) The student should request that an absentee ballot be sent to them at their college address. Or, they can have it sent to their home address in Georgia (i.e. your address), if they will be visiting home before the election. Request an absentee ballot online here: <https://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov/>
- 2) Once the student receives the ballot, he / she / they should fill it out as soon as possible, SIGN it, and call the Georgia Voter Protection Hotline to confirm they filled it out correctly. (Many people forget to sign their ballots, making them invalid!) Hotline number is: **888-730-5816**
- 3) There are two options for sending in ballots.
  - i. Your student can put two stamps on it, and mail it in from wherever they are in college. **PLEASE have them do so at least two weeks (14 days) before November 3, to ensure it arrives on time.**
  - ii. If they are coming home between now and November 3, or, if you are going to visit them between now and Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, **you can collect their ballot and take it to a ballot drop box for them.** By dropping the ballot off in a drop box, it is guaranteed to be picked up by an election official as long as it is dropped off by 7pm on Nov. 3. (But drop it off earlier!)

**Please note: Family members and caregivers ARE allowed to drop off each other's ballots.** (But you cannot drop off the ballot of, say, your neighbor, unless you are her immediate caregiver.) For a county-by-county ballot drop box locator, go here:

<https://www.georgiademocrat.org/voting-information-and-resources/find-my-county-ballot-drop-boxes/>

Or, here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2srgc4n>