



## Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots for any election can be obtained from the Local Clerk's Office and are generally available 20 days prior to the election. Registered voters are eligible to receive an absentee ballot if they:

- Expect to be absent from the Township on Election Day
- Are physically unable to attend the polls
- Are 60 years of age or older

To obtain an Absentee Ballot, a registered voter must first complete an Absentee Voter Application. Applications are available approximately 60 days before an election. You can request an application by phone, written request or in person. After filling out the application, return it to the Local Clerk's Office either in person or by mail to be issued an absentee ballot.

The State of Michigan requires a voter who is receiving his or her own ballot in person at the Local Clerk's Office to present a valid photo ID or sign and affidavit. Valid forms of ID are the same as required at the polls on Election Day and include:

- Driver's License or personal identification card
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- US passport
- Military identification cards with photo
- Student identification from a high school or accredited institution of higher learning with photo
- Tribal identification with photo

If a voter does not have a valid photo ID, the voter will be asked to sign an affidavit stating that he or she is not in possession of a valid ID. If the affidavit is signed, the voter will be issued a ballot.

State law does not allow one person to pick up a ballot for another person. If an individual returns an application for an absentee ballot on behalf of another, that ballot will be mailed to the voter.

When returning an absentee ballot by US Mail, please use the inside envelope provided and place FIRST CLASS POSTAGE on that envelope.

There are additional requirements for first time voters requesting to vote by Absentee Ballot. To apply for an absentee ballot, ALL Allendale Township registered voters under the age of 60 who have not voted in any previous election must:

Register in person with the Local Clerk, County Clerk, or at a Secretary of State's Office 30 days prior to the election in which they want to vote, OR

Pick up the absentee ballot application in person at the Local Clerk's office. Voter must present a valid photo ID or sign and affidavit to obtain the absentee ballot.

You may check if you are currently registered to vote at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

All Voters: The last day to register to vote for any election is 30 days prior to that election.

Allendale has 3 elections scheduled for 2016. To be eligible to vote in Allendale, a citizen must be registered at their Allendale address at least 30 days prior to the first election in which they want to vote.

DATE	ELECTION	LAST DAY to REGISTER TO VOTE
Tuesday, March 8, 2016	Presidential Primary	Monday, February 8, 2016 5pm
Tuesday, August 2, 2016	State and Local Primary	Tuesday, July 5, 2016 5pm
Tuesday, November 8, 2016	Presidential General Election	Tuesday, October 11, 2016 5pm