

Assistance Agencies

A number of agencies, in all geographic areas of the Commonwealth, are authorized to assist individuals in applying to participate in the ACP. A list of those agencies is available online at sos.ky.gov, or you can call the Secretary of State's Office to find an agency near you.

Confidentiality of Records

In addition to names and addresses in voting records, the records in program participants' files are confidential. They will not be released except as required by a court of law or upon request by a law enforcement official.

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Are You a Victim of a Sex Crime or Domestic Violence?



Address Confidentiality Program Office of the Secretary of State

A Message from Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes

No voter should be discouraged from casting a ballot out of fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her children. By excluding their names and addresses from publicly available voter records and allowing them to vote via mail-in absentee ballot, the Kentucky Address Confidentiality Program ensures that victims of sex crimes or domestic violence no longer have to make the impossible choice between their security and exercising the fundamental right to vote.

What is the Kentucky Address Confidentiality Program?

The Kentucky Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) helps victims of certain crimes, including domestic violence, abuse and sex crimes, safely exercise their right to vote by:

- Keeping their names and addresses from appearing on publicly available voter records, and
- Allowing them to vote via mail-in absentee ballot.

The program is administered by the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office. There is no cost to apply or participate.

The ACP is only one component of a victim's overall safety plan. While the ACP alone can't keep a participant safe under all circumstances, it does enable participants to vote without fear for their or their children's safety.

Who is Eligible?

There are two categories of individuals eligible to participate in the ACP:

- Those who have a current emergency protective order or domestic violence order under KRS Chapter 403, and
- Victims of a specified offense (e.g., domestic violence and abuse, stalking, a sex crime, or a crime against a minor victim) in an ongoing criminal case or a criminal case that resulted in a conviction.

How Can a Victim Apply?

To become a participant, the eligible individual (or someone authorized on his/her behalf) must complete the ACP application, which is available online at sos.ky.gov. Hard copies are available from the Secretary of State and county clerks' offices, as



well as through authorized assistance agencies.

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of State's Office.

If you need help with the application process, please contact the Secretary of State's Office or an assistance agency.

How Does ACP Work?

If an applicant meets all the requirements, the Secretary of State will certify him/her as a program participant.

A participant is allowed to vote via mail-in absentee ballot, and his/her name and address will not be included on any publicly available voter records. In order to receive the full benefit of the ACP, a participant should vote via mail-in absentee ballot.

Certification lasts for two years, unless it is cancelled or the participant withdraws before the expiration date. A participant can apply for renewal prior to the expiration date.



Cancellation of Participation

The Secretary of State may cancel a program participant's certification if the participant:

- Fails to timely notify the Secretary of State of a change of name or address,
- Applies using false information, or
- Is required to register as a sex offender.