



How to Run for Delegate to Represent DC at the 2020 Democratic National Convention

This is an overview of the delegate selection process in the District of Columbia.

What is a delegate?

Delegates are individuals chosen to represent their state at their party's national nominating convention. They are typically party activists, local political leaders, or early supporters who express their presidential candidate preference.

How much does it cost to run for a delegate position?

The amount you spend on your campaign for delegate is up to you. However, here are some important notes to consider:

- National delegates are responsible for the cost of attending the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee from July 13-16. Delegates should expect to spend at least \$2500 to participate in the Convention.
- The DNC usually partners with an airline to offer discounts, and hotel rooms are booked in blocks for each state delegation to reduce the expense.
- If cost is a barrier for you, many national delegates have been able to fundraise to cover the cost of attendance.

How many delegates will be elected?

A total of 13 delegates and one alternate will be elected. For convention purposes, DC has two congressional districts equally divided by wards. Where you live matters.

District of Columbia Congressional Districts	Delegates			Alternates		
	Male*	Female*	Total	Male*	Female*	Total
District 1 (Wards 1, 2, 6, 8)	4	3	7	0	0	0
District 2 (Wards 3, 4, 5, 7)	3	3	6	0	1	1
Total	7	6	13	0	1	1

** Assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected*

Representation Goals

Our goal is to make sure the District's delegation looks as much like the DC Democratic Party as possible. Candidates for national delegate who meet one or more of these goals may list as many as apply to them in their [Statement of Candidacy form](#):

	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian American/ Pacific Islander	LGBTQ+	Persons with a Disability	Youth (< 36 years)
% of Democratic Electorate	47%	11%	0.7%	5.5%	13%	15%	36.4%
Convention Delegation Goal*	21	4	1	2	5	6	13

**These are goals, not quotas. We do our best to meet or exceed these goals to bring a diverse delegation to Milwaukee.*

How to Run: Step by Step

1. Confirm you are a registered Democrat in DC. Not sure? [Find out here](#). If you aren't registered, you can [register here](#).
2. Decide who you are supporting to be the Democratic Presidential Nominee and contact their campaign to let them know you intend to run for delegate.
3. Declare your candidacy by **March 21, 2020**, by completing the [Statement of Candidacy form](#).
4. In the past, many candidates running for delegate decided to form an unofficial slate with other candidates in their congressional district in order to pool resources and increase voter turnout. You may choose to do the same.
5. CAMPAIGN, CAMPAIGN, CAMPAIGN.

Election Day is April 18, 2020.

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