

How to be a
Delegate to the
2024 Democratic
National Convention

August 19-22
Chicago, IL

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DNC 2024



What is the Democratic National Convention?

- Held every four years
- Delegates from all 50 states and American territories
- Nominate and confirm a candidate for President and Vice President
- Adopt a Party Platform
- Unify and celebrate the Democratic Party



The Experience



Wisconsin delegates at the Democratic National Convention at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, PA. on July 28, 2016.



What is the Role of a Convention Delegate?

- Attend the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago on August 19-22
- Vote for the Presidential and Vice Presidential Nominee
- Adopt the 2024 DNC Platform and Resolutions
- Establish the Rules to Govern the Democratic Party



Who Can be a Delegate?

- Anyone 18 years or older on or before November 5, 2024
- A resident of Wisconsin and citizen of the United States
- A registered voter in the district which they are running
- Someone who supports the values of the Democratic Party

Note: Democratic Party of Wisconsin Membership is not required, but is suggested.



Wisconsin delegates at the Democratic National Convention at the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, NC. on September 15, 2012.



The Four Delegate Types

1. District-level

Elected by a two-tier caucus system: The first tier caucuses will be held at the county level and second tier caucuses will be held at the CD level

2. Automatic

Members of the Democratic National Committee, Wisconsin's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and Democratic Governor

3. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO)

Statewide elected officials, Milwaukee and Madison mayors, state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders

4. At-Large

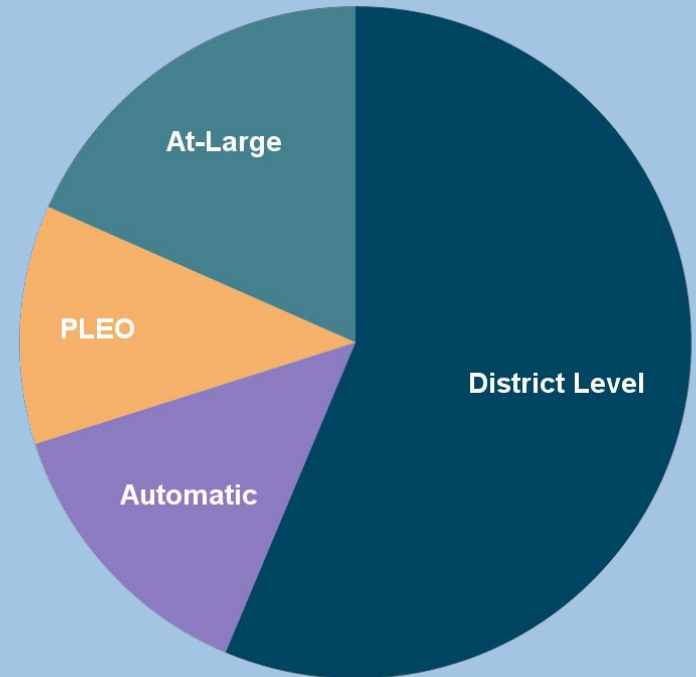
Elected by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin's Administrative Committee
Priority consideration may be used to help achieve representation goals



Delegation Overview

Wisconsin has a total of 95 delegates and 7 alternates

- 1. District-level**
54 Delegates
- 2. Automatic**
13 Delegates
- 3. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO)**
10 Delegates
- 4. At-Large**
18 Delegates, 7 Alternates



District-Level Filing Requirements

- Forms to be made available starting on February 13, 2024
- Must file a Statement of Candidacy form with the State Party by **5:00 PM on Friday, April 19th**
- May run for election only within the district in which you are registered to vote

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STATEMENT OF INTENT AND PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE
TO THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

1 (Please print or type)
Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Legal Residence (if different from mailing address) _____
Telephone: (Cell) _____ (Home) _____ (Office) _____
Email _____

2 Demographic Information: Male African American LGBTQ+
 Female AAPI Mexican American
 Non-Binary Caucasian Person with Disability
 Hispanic Veterans & Military Families
 Jewish American Youth (Under 36)
 Native American Labor
Tribal Affiliation _____ Labor Affiliation _____
Officially Enrolled: Yes No Other: _____

3 Title _____
(Please Print Title or Party Leader - Not Required)
Occupation _____

4 County _____ Congressional District _____

5 I hereby notify the Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin that I wish to be a candidate for delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention and I pledge to support _____ for President.

6 I wish to qualify as a candidate for delegate in the following category:
 District Level * If I am not elected as a delegate, I do not wish to be considered as an alternate candidate.
 Pledged Party Leader/Elected Official (PLEO) **
 At-Large **

7 I am duly registered to vote and consider myself a Democrat.
Date: _____ Signature: _____

* If filing for a District Level position, your application must be received no later than 5:00 PM CST on Friday, April 19, 2024.
** If filing for a Pledged Party Leader/Elected Official or At-Large position, your application must be received no later than 5:00 PM CST on Friday, May 14, 2024.

This form can be submitted by mail to 15 N. Finkney Street, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53703 or by email to DNCdelegates@wisdeems.org

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PARTY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN, 800 N. WALDEN DRIVE
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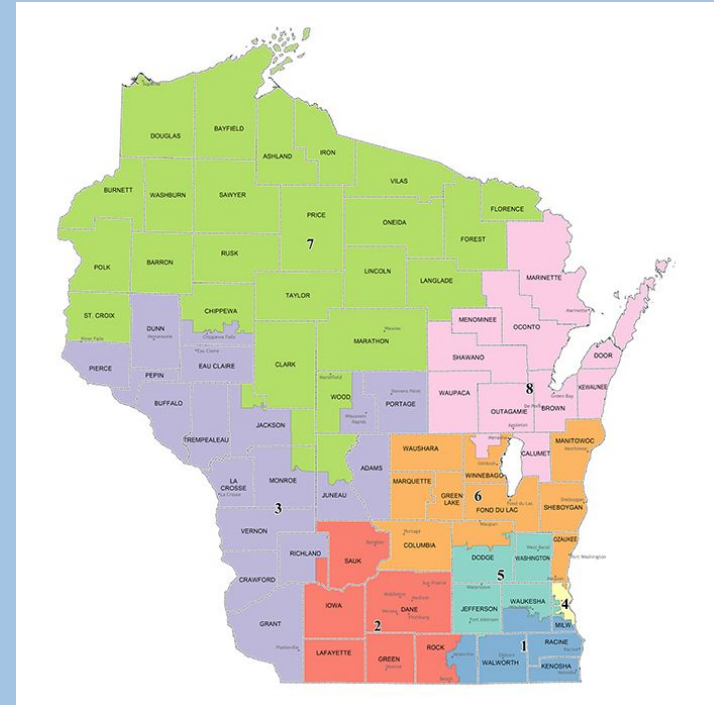
1st Tier Caucuses: County Caucus

- Registration opens at 1:00PM CST on **Sunday, April 28th** and closes at 2:00PM CST when the caucuses begin
- Open to anyone who wishes to participate as a Democrat
- The order of business is as follows:
 - Election of a chair
 - Election of the allocated number of delegates (based upon presidential candidate 2024 primary performance in that given county)
 - Adjournment



2nd Tier Caucuses: CD Caucus

- Registration opens at 1:00PM CST on **Sunday, May 19th** and closes at 2:00PM CST when the caucuses begin
- Only those elected at the county level caucuses are eligible to vote at the CD level caucuses
- The order of business is as follows:
 - Election of a chair
 - Election of the allocated number of delegates (based upon presidential candidate 2024 primary performance in that given CD)
 - Adjournment



District-Level Delegates by CD

District	Delegates		
	Males*	Females*	Total
#1	3	3	6
#2	6	5	11
#3	3	3	6
#4	4	4	8
#5	3	3	6
#6	3	3	6
#7	2	3	5
#8	3	3	6
Total	27	27	54

Apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 presidential election and the 2022 gubernatorial election.

**Assumes no gender non-binary delegates are elected.*



How Delegates are Determined for Each Candidate

- Wisconsin's primary election is a "binding primary"
- Delegates are awarded proportionally based on the results of the April 2nd Presidential Primary at both the county and CD level
- Candidates or uncommitted need to get 15% to qualify for delegates
- Ex: In 2016 if Sanders received 60% of the vote in a District X, which had 10 allotted delegates, and Clinton received 40% of the vote in that district, the delegates for District X would be allocated: 6 for Sanders, 4 for Clinton



Caucus Strategy

- **Bring as many friends as you can to support you!**
- **Ask your friends to attend the County Caucus on April 28 and get elected**
- **Ask same friends to attend CD Caucus on May 19 and vote for you**
- **Form relationships with people from the other Counties within your CD**



Note: The Statement of Candidacy Form is only required for those who wish to go to the National Convention in Chicago

What a County Caucus Looks Like

- **Registration from 1:00 - 2:00pm**
 - Registration closes promptly at 2pm
- **General Caucus**
 - Announcements and general information
- **Break into candidate sub caucuses**
- **Nominations taken from the floor**
- **Balloting**



OFFICIAL BALLOT For
1st Tier County Caucus
Candidate: Joe Biden

Voter Name (Please Print First and Last)

(Note: DNC rules do not allow for secret ballots. If a legible voter name is not present, your vote cannot be counted.)

County: Green
Congressional District: 2nd
Number of Delegates: 10

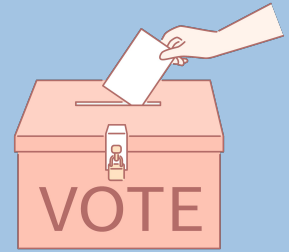
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

County Caucus Ballot Example

- Has required voter name line
- Will have blank lines, to allow for nominations from the floor
- Will have same number of lines as allowable delegate spots/ how many votes participants can cast in first round
- If needed to go to multiple rounds of balloting, convener will announce how many votes folks are allowed to cast in subsequent rounds (depending on how many delegate spots are remaining)



District-Level Delegates – County Caucus Balloting Example



Scenario:

- Green County has 10 total delegates to be elected.
- 100 folks are present and voting.
- Majority vote = 51 votes required to be elected.
- Top vote getters are elected. No gender balance at county level.

Votes:

R. Swanson - 92	Haverford - 44
Newport - 83	Perkins - 38
Knobe - 75	ML Saperstine - 25
Gergich - 70	Traeger - 12
Wyatt - 68	Middlebrooks - 10
Ludgate - 66	JR Saperstine - 6
Meagle - 55	T. Swanson - 4
Dwyer - 52	Jamm - 1

Results:

- R. Swanson, Newport, Knobe, Gergich, Wyatt, Ludgate, Meagle, and Dwyer received 51 votes or more and are elected.
- 8 of the 10 spots are filled. A second round of balloting is needed.
- Leave twice the number of spots remaining for number of eligible candidates in second round
 - 2 spots remaining = 4 names can receive votes
- Haverford, Perkins, ML Saperstine, Traeger remain and can receive votes in second round of balloting.
- Continue rounds of balloting until a majority vote is reached for all 10 spots.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT for 2nd Tier
Congressional District Caucus**

Candidate: Joe Biden

Voter Name

(Please Print First and Last)

(Note: DNC rules do not allow for secret ballots. If a legible voter name
is not present, your vote cannot be counted.)

Congressional District: 1st

Total Number of Delegates to Elect: 6

Number of Male Delegates to Elect: 3*

Number of Female Delegates to Elect: 3*

**Except if nonbinary delegates elected*

Delegate Candidates:

- Andy Dwyer (M)
- Jerry Gergich (M)
- Tom Haverford (M)
- Jeremy Jamm (M)
- Leslie Knope (F)
- April Ludgate (F)
- Donna Meagle (F)
- Craig Middlebrooks (M)

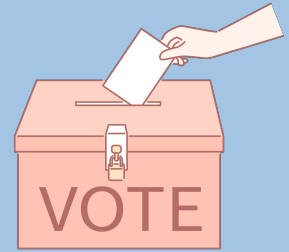
- Bobby Newport (M)
- Ann Perkins (F)
- Jean-Ralphio Saperstein (M)
- Mona-Lisa Saperstein (NB)
- Ron Swanson (M)
- Tammy Swanson (F)
- Chris Traeger (M)
- Ben Wyatt (M)

CD Caucus Ballot Example

- Will have all eligible delegate candidate names. Those who:
 - Filed statement of candidacy by deadline
 - Were successfully elected at their county caucus
- Per rules, will indicate delegate candidate's preferred gender (to allow for balanced delegation)



District-Level Delegates – CD Caucus Balloting Example



Scenario:

- 1st CD has 6 total delegates to be elected (max of 3 Female & 3 Male)
- 100 Delegates who moved on from the 1st Tier (County Level) attend the CD caucus and cast ballots
- Majority vote = 51 votes required to be elected

Votes:

R. Swanson (M) - 92	Dwyer (M) - 52
Newport (M) - 83	Haverford (M) - 44
Knope (F) - 75	Perkins (F) - 38
ML Saperstine (NB) - 74	Traeger (M) - 12
Gergich (M) - 70	Middlebrooks (M) - 10
Wyatt (M) - 68	JR Saperstine (M) - 6
Ludgate (F) - 66	T. Swanson (F) - 4
Meagle (F) - 55	Jamm (M) - 1

Results:

- More than enough people received a majority vote on the first round in order to be elected
- R. Swanson and Newport, receive the most votes to be elected to the first two male spots.
- Knope receives the third most votes and is elected to fill the first female spot.
- NB Delegate ML Saperstine receives the fourth highest amount of votes and is elected.
 - It will depend on remaining top vote getters as to how many spots are filled in each gender category
- Gergich has the next most votes and fills the final male spot.
- Ludgate will fill the final female spot.

Recap: District Level Delegate Election Process Recap

In order to run as a District Level Delegate to the National Convention, you must:

1. File a statement of candidacy with the State Party by 5:00pm CST on April 19th
2. Attend 1st Tier (County) Caucus on Sunday, April 28th and get elected
3. Attend 2nd Tier (CD) Caucus on Sunday, May 19th and get elected



Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates

- Selection occurs at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 8th at the Democratic Party of Wisconsin's Administrative Committee meeting to be held prior to the State Party Convention in Milwaukee.
- Must file Statement of Candidacy form with the State Party no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, May 24th



*Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
in Milwaukee, WI*

At-Large Delegates

- Selection occurs at 2:00 PM on **Saturday, June 8** at the Democratic Party of Wisconsin's Administrative Committee meeting in Milwaukee
- Priority of consideration may be given to historically underrepresented groups
- May be used to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and to achieve representation goals
- Must file Statement of Candidacy form with the State Party no later than 5:00 PM on **Friday, May 24th**



Presidential Candidate Right of Review

District-Level Delegates

- Delegates submitted to campaign on April 22nd
- Campaign has two weeks to make changes, by May 6th
- Three times the number of delegates and alternates must remain

Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- Delegates submitted to campaign on May 28th
- Campaign has six days to make changes, by June 3rd
- Two times the number of delegates must remain

At-Large Delegates & Alternates

- Delegates submitted to campaign on June 8th
- Campaign must submit any changes same day
- Two times the number of delegates and alternates must remain



Affirmative Action Plan

- Consistent with the Democratic Party's commitment to including historically under-represented groups in the Democratic Party's affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Wisconsin has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education, and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all level of Party affairs for 2024.
- All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Wisconsin should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability
- The Affirmative Action Committee is responsible for:
 - Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair
 - Developing and implementing an outreach and inclusion program
 - Setting delegation representation goals
 - Helping develop the delegate financial assistance program



2024 Wisconsin Delegation Representation Goals

	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian/Pacific American	LGBTQ+	People with Disabilities	Youth (Under 36)	Muslim American	Jewish American	Veterans and Military Families
% in Democratic Electorate	11%	4.7%	2.5%	2%	8.2%	9.9%	21.9%	0.4%	0.7%	7.6%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	10	4	2	2	8	9	21	1	1	7

- Goals for African Americans, Hispanic, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, LGBTQ+, People with Disabilities, and Youth are required by the Democratic National Committee
- The Democratic Party of Wisconsin also created goals for Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans, and Veterans and Military Families
- Goals reflect *minimums*
- Calculated by multiplying total # of delegates x % in democratic electorate



What is the Typical Schedule for Convention?

Sunday, August 18:

- State Party Welcome Parties hosted by Host Committee

Monday – Thursday Mornings:

- State delegation breakfasts

Monday – Thursday Afternoons:

- Caucus and Council Meetings at McCormick Place

Monday – Thursday Evenings:

- Official Convention proceedings at the United Center



What are the Convention Costs?

- Delegates and Alternates are responsible for cost of travel and hotel
- Hotel rooms can be shared. The Wisconsin Delegation will be housed at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk
- Breakfast will be provided by the State Party
- Ground transportation between hotel and events is provided
- Can fundraise for yourself!
- Wisdems will have a financial assistance program that provides a limited number of grants to low-income delegates, who can apply for support to cover hotel costs



Fundraising Ideas

- Send a fundraising letter to your family members and friends
- Use crowdfunding websites like gofundme
- Use social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter
- Work with your local County Party to hold a fundraising event
- Ask your employer to sponsor you



Reminder of Important Dates

February 13th – Statement of Candidacy Forms Available

March 8th - County Caucus Locations available

March 29th - CD Caucus Locations available

April 19th – Statement of Candidacy Due (District Level Delegates)

April 28th – County Caucuses

May 19th – Congressional District Caucuses

May 24th – Statement of Candidacy Due (At Large & PLEO Delegates)

June 8th – At Large & PLEO Delegate Selection

Aug 19th - 22nd – Democratic National Convention in Chicago



For More Information

- **Forms and more information are available:**
 - Online at www.wisdems.org/2024DNC
 - By email at DNCdelegates@wisdems.org
 - Or by calling DPW at (608) 336-3217

- **More info about the 2024 Convention**
 - www.democrats.org
 - www.chicago2024.com



