



The West Virginia Democratic Party

2020 Delegate Selection Plan Starter Kit

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**** When approved our plan and updated press/ FAQ kit will be publicized accordingly.**

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Frequently Asked Questions/How to Become a Delegate

WHO CAN BECOME A DELEGATE?

Any registered Democratic Voter in West Virginia is eligible to file to run to be elected a delegate.

HOW MANY DELEGATES DOES WEST VIRGINIA HAVE?

West Virginia will have a total of 30 delegates** voting at the National Convention. The table below summarizes delegate types:

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District Level	16		June 12, 2020 State Convention	Elected at District Caucus at State Convention
				File with State Executive Committee by May 13, 2020
Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials PLEO Delegates	6	NA	NA	Automatic
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	0	June 13, 2020 State Executive Committee Meeting	Elected by WV State Executive Committee File with State Executive Committee by May 15, 2020
At-Large	5	2	June 13, 2020 State Executive Committee Meeting	File with WVSDEC by May 14, 2020
				Elected by WV State Executive Committee
Total	30	2		

How can I become a Delegate?

Beginning January 8, 2020 you can obtain a Notice of Candidacy form from the WVDP website (<http://www.wvdems.org/>), from the WVDP Headquarters, and at WVDP meetings and events. You may submit your Notice of Candidacy form in person, by mail, or by email convention2020@wvdemocrats.com.

Please refer to the dates on the table above for filing deadlines.

Once you have filed, your name will be added to the appropriate ballot for the delegate position to be voted on at the State Convention. Note that elected delegate names are submitted for approval by the Presidential candidate to whom they have pledged.

WVDP will be providing more details and information throughout the selection process and you are welcome to review the entire Delegate Selection Plan on our website (<http://www.wvdems.org/>) in the blog section.

What “kind “of Delegate can I be?

Candidates may only run to be a Pledged Delegate: District, At-Large, or PLEO.

Do I have to support a particular Presidential candidate?

YES: All elected delegates pledge their support to a candidate when they file a Notice of Candidacy.

What does it cost to be a Delegate?

There is no cost to file a Notice of Candidacy.

Why does the primary election matter?

The number of delegates each Presidential candidate receives is determined by the outcome. It is not winner take all.

For instance, if a Presidential candidate receives 75% of the vote, 75% of the delegates will be elected from among those who have pledged to that candidate. In addition, the vote allocation is determined at the district and statewide level so if a Presidential candidate gets 100% of the vote in a particular Congressional District, but just 50% of the statewide vote, then all delegates elected in the district and half of the at-large delegates will be pledged to that candidate.

Note that a Presidential candidate must get at least 15% of the vote to earn any delegates.

What are my duties if I am elected a National Convention Delegate?

First, you agree to attend a meeting of the West Virginia delegation right after the State Convention adjourns. Second, you will try to respond and participate in communication and planning for the National Convention (the DNC will want to know a lot about you and you'll want to know a lot about the convention.) Finally, you will represent West Virginia in Milwaukee, attend caucus and convention sessions and join your fellow delegates for informative and fun events throughout your stay.

Where will delegates stay in Milwaukee?

The DNC assigns a hotel based upon the size of our Delegation, other requirements and specific requests. The entire Delegation will be housed at one hotel and will share that facility with delegations from other states. West Virginia will be housed at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee West. Other states that will join us include Oregon and Maine.

West Virginia's Delegation to the 2020 National Convention

Candidates may only run to be a Pledged Delegate: District, At-Large, or PLEO. Candidates for National Delegate cannot file to be an unpledged delegate. The selection of all Pledged Delegates will take place at the West Virginia Democratic Party State Convention Jun 12, 13, 2020. Anyone who wishes to be selected as a National Delegate is encouraged to attend the State Convention.

District Delegates	16
At Large Delegates	5
At Large Alternates	2
PLEOs	3
Unpledged Delegates	6
WV's Total Delegation	32

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District Delegate: Each of West Virginia's 3 Congressional District is allocated District-Level Delegates based on population and presidential voting record from the 2016 Election. These delegates are elected during the District Meetings at the State Convention on June 12, 2020.

At-Large Delegates: These delegates are selected from a statewide pool. The selection of these delegates will be confirmed by the Executive Committee at the State Convention on June 13, 2020.

PLEO Delegates: Only current and former Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEO) can file to become PLEO Delegates Selection of these delegates will be confirmed at the State Convention by the Executive Committee on June 13, 2020.

Unpledged Delegates: Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials, PLEO Delegates.

Anyone interested in being a Delegate must file a completed form with the WVDP. Refer to the chart on previous page for requirements and deadlines.

Congressional District Map



Important Dates/Timeline

January 8	Candidate filing begins in the Secretary of State's office
January 8	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at [www.wvdemocrats.com].
January 28	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the certificate of announcement of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party
February 12	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
March 28	Pre-primary county convention to elect delegates to the state convention
May 12	Presidential preference primary.
May 13 & 14	District-level & alternate candidate (May 13 th), and at-large delegate (May 14 th) candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
May 15	PLEO candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party
May 15	State Party provides list of district-level, PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 22	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
May 25	Deadline for candidates to be placed on the ballot
June 1	Secretary of State certifies results of primary;
June 12-13	State Convention convenes.
June 12	District-level delegates elected in district caucuses. Following election of district-level delegates, presidential candidates provide approved lists of PLEO candidates to the State Party.
June 12	12:00 p.m., presidential candidates provide approved lists of PLEO candidates to the State Party. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to State Party. State Executive Committee elects at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party.
June 13	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.

June 13	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Standing Committee Members, Delegation Chair, and Convention Pages.
June 21	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
June 22	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), delegation chair, and convention pages.
June 22	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.
June 22	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.