

Maryland Convention Delegate

Want to be a Delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention? Q&A below!

1. I want to become a Delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. What should I do?

If you are interested in serving as delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention the first thing you must do is get involved and work/support/volunteer for the Presidential candidate of your choice. Ultimately, the campaigns decide who they approve to be placed on the ballot for delegate.

2. What is the formal process for becoming a Delegate? Where do I file?

Any registered Democrat can qualify as a district-level Delegate and run in the Democratic Party primary by completing a:

- a. Candidate Information form
- b. Candidate pledge form whereby you designate your presidential preference and sign pledge to that candidate

These materials must be filed with the Maryland State Board of Elections between 8 AM - 5 PM on January 29 - Feb 8 (M-F) and 9 PM on February 9, 2024. The Board of Elections is located at 151 West St, Suite 200 in Annapolis. *You must make an appointment to file in person at the State Board of Election. Additionally the forms may be filed at the Frederick, Charles and Wicomico County Board of Elections from January 29 - February 9 2024. There is no filing fee.

3. Once I file, what happens next? Is my name automatically placed on the ballot for the May 14, 2024 primary?

No. The State Party Chair shall convey to each Presidential Candidate's campaign a list of all persons who have filed as a district-level Delegate. The campaign shall file with the State Party a list of all candidates they have approved that equal the number of Delegates allocated to each district. These persons will appear on the primary ballot. It is up to the Presidential Candidate who his/her Deletgates will be.

4. How many Delegates will be selected in the Primary?

The breakdown of Maryland's 63 district-level Delegates for 2024 by Congressional district will be assuming no gender non-binary Delegates:

District	Male	Female	Total
#1	3	3	6
#2	3	4	7
#3	4	4	8
#4	5	4	9
#5	4	5	9
#6	3	3	6
#7	4	4	8
#8	5	5	10
Total	31	32	63

5. Other than those who run in the primary, are there other Delegates to the Convention?

Yes, please see the chart below for a full breakdown of Maryland's delegation to the Convention

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Selecting Body and Date
			Filing requirements and Deadlines
District Level Delegates	63	0	Two-part primary on May 14, 2024
			*File with the SBE Jan 29 - Feb. 9, 2024
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Officials*	22	0	Automatics by virtue of respective public or Party office
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials	11	0	State Central Committee on June 8, 2024
			File with the State Party May 23 -May 31, 2024
At-Large Delegates and Alternates	21	8	State Central Committee on June 8, 2024
			File with the State Party May 23- May 31, 2024

6. Who are the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates?

They include Maryland's Democratic Members of Congress, Democratic Governor and DNC Members.

7. Who can run to be a Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegate?

Individuals who are eligible to be PLEO Delegates include big city mayors, county executives, statewide elected officials, state legislators, county and local elected officials, and party leaders. Eligible candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the State Party between May 23 and May 31, 2024, (M-F) 9:30 AM - 5 PM. The presidential campaigns shall approve a slate of candidates from all who have filed, and these persons will be elected by the State Central Committee on June 8, 2024.

8. If I'm not selected to run in the primary, can I run as an at-large Delegate and or At-large Alternate?

Yes, Maryland has been allocated 21 At-Large Delegates, and 8 At-Large Alternates, which any Democrat can run for by filing a statement of candidacy and designating their presidential preference with the Maryland Democratic Party between May 23 and May 31, 2024. The presidential campaigns shall approve a slate of candidates from all who have filed, and these persons will be elected by the State Central Committee on June 8, 2024.

9. What is the Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan?

In order to encourage full participation by all Democratic constituencies in the delegate selection process, the Maryland Democratic Party has set representation goals for African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, LGBT Americans, people with disabilities, and youth. Additionally, the Party will conduct outreach efforts to organized labor, veterans and military families, and new Americans.

10. What is the cost to attend the Convention as a Delegate?

Your costs will be transportation to Chicago, hotel accommodation, food, and other incidental expenses. All costs are the responsibility of the attendee. You can raise funds to cover costs as an individual.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Activity
February 9, 2024	District-level Delegate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Board of Elections.
May 14, 2024	Presidential preference primary.
May 31, 2024	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
June 8, 2024	State Committee convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, State Committee selects at-large delegates and alternates.

Important Links

*Link To make an appointment at the State Board of Elections to file for Delegate January 29- Feb 9, 2024
https://elections.maryland.gov/candidacy/schedule_appointment.html

Link to the 2024 Maryland Delegate Selection Plan: Get all the details in the Delegate Selection Plan.
<https://mddems.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Final-2024-Maryland-Delegate-Selection-Plan-8-31-23.docx-Google-Docs.pdf>

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