

# How To Become A Delegate

2024 Presidential Primary Election  
Democratic Party of Illinois



# The City of Chicago has been selected by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to host the 2024 Democratic National Convention!

This is a major event in US politics that only happens once every four years - drawing Democrats and delegates from all corners of the country and bringing an enormous influx of volunteer power and resources to the host state.



The convention will be held August 19-22, 2024 at Chicago's United Center & McCormick Place



# The convention serves to:

- Nominate the presidential and vice presidential nominees
- Determine the Party's platform and resolutions
- Determine the rules that govern the Party



# Who Can Be A Delegate?

- Registered voters who wish to participate as Democrats.
- File nominating petitions, a Statement of Candidacy, and a Presidential Preference form with Illinois State Board of Elections.
- Signed Pledge of Support with the State Democratic Party.
- Must be 18 years of age by the date of the General Election.



# What is a delegate and what is their role?

- Delegates represent voters from their states and cast votes to select the Party's presidential nominee. Chosen through primaries or caucuses, they play a vital role in the nomination process.
- Aside from the presidential nominee, delegates also vote on resolutions brought forward at the convention and party platform initiatives.

Illinois will send  
178 delegates &  
12 alternates to  
the 2024 convention  
next year



# “Presidential Candidate Right of Review”

Presidential candidates have a right to review and strike names from the list of persons who have filed to be a delegate for the candidate. This allows presidential candidates to ensure delegates who are pledged to them are actively engaged with their campaign.

Each presidential candidate must file with the Chair by January 10th 2024, prior to the primary ballot certification by ISBE, a list of all candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to a number of delegate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates allocated to the district.

How can I become a delegate?



# District-Level Delegate Petitions

- First date to circulate nominating petitions is October 7, 2023
- Filing period begins January 4, 2024 and ends on January 5, 2024
- Minimum .5% of primary electors or 500 signatures (the lesser of the two)
- Petitions will be available at party offices in Chicago or Springfield on September 13, 2023





# Sample Petition

10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-10.2 Suggested  
Revised August 2017  
SBE No. P-23

X...BIND HERE...X

**DELEGATE  
PRIMARY PETITION**

PREFERRING \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the Democratic Party and qualified primary electors of the Democratic Party, in the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District of the State of Illinois, do hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_, Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male (mandated for Democratic Party) who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the Democratic Party for election for **DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION** for the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District, State of Illinois, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on March 19, 2024.

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)  
FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.				IL
2.				IL
3.				IL
4.				IL
5.				IL
6.				IL
7.				IL
8.				IL
9.				IL
10.				IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ City/Village/Unincorporated Area of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)(Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified voters of the Democratic Party in the political division in which the candidates is seeking nomination/elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Available  
at DPI  
Offices on  
September  
13th, 2023



# Apportionment of District-Level by Congressional District

*In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender (Rule 6.C)*

District	Delegates		
	Males*	Females*	Total
#1	4	3	7
#2	3	3	6
#3	3	3	6
#4	2	3	5
#5	4	4	8
#6	3	3	6
#7	4	4	8
#8	3	2	5
#9	3	4	7
#10	3	3	6
#11	3	2	5
#12	1	2	3
#13	3	3	6
#14	3	2	5
#15	2	2	4
#16	2	2	4
#17	2	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>96</b>

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

# District-Level Delegates

Elected at the March 19, 2024 primary election

- District-level delegates are the first group of delegates elected
- Any Democrat in the district may submit nomination papers, but are still subject to Presidential Candidate Right of Review
- Voters can vote for president and district-level delegate candidates

Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body	Filing Requirements
96	0	March 19th, 2024	Elected at Presidential Preference Primary	Petitions, Statement of Candidacy due January 4-5, 2024



# Pledged PLEO Delegates

## Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- Elected only through a quorum of district-level delegates
- Allocated to presidential candidates based on statewide results

PLEOs are considered in priority order:

1. Big city mayors and statewide elected officials
2. State legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders

Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body	Filing Requirements
19	0	April 29th, 2024	Quorum of state's district-level delegates	Statement of Candidacy & Pledge of Support with DPI by April 12th, 2024

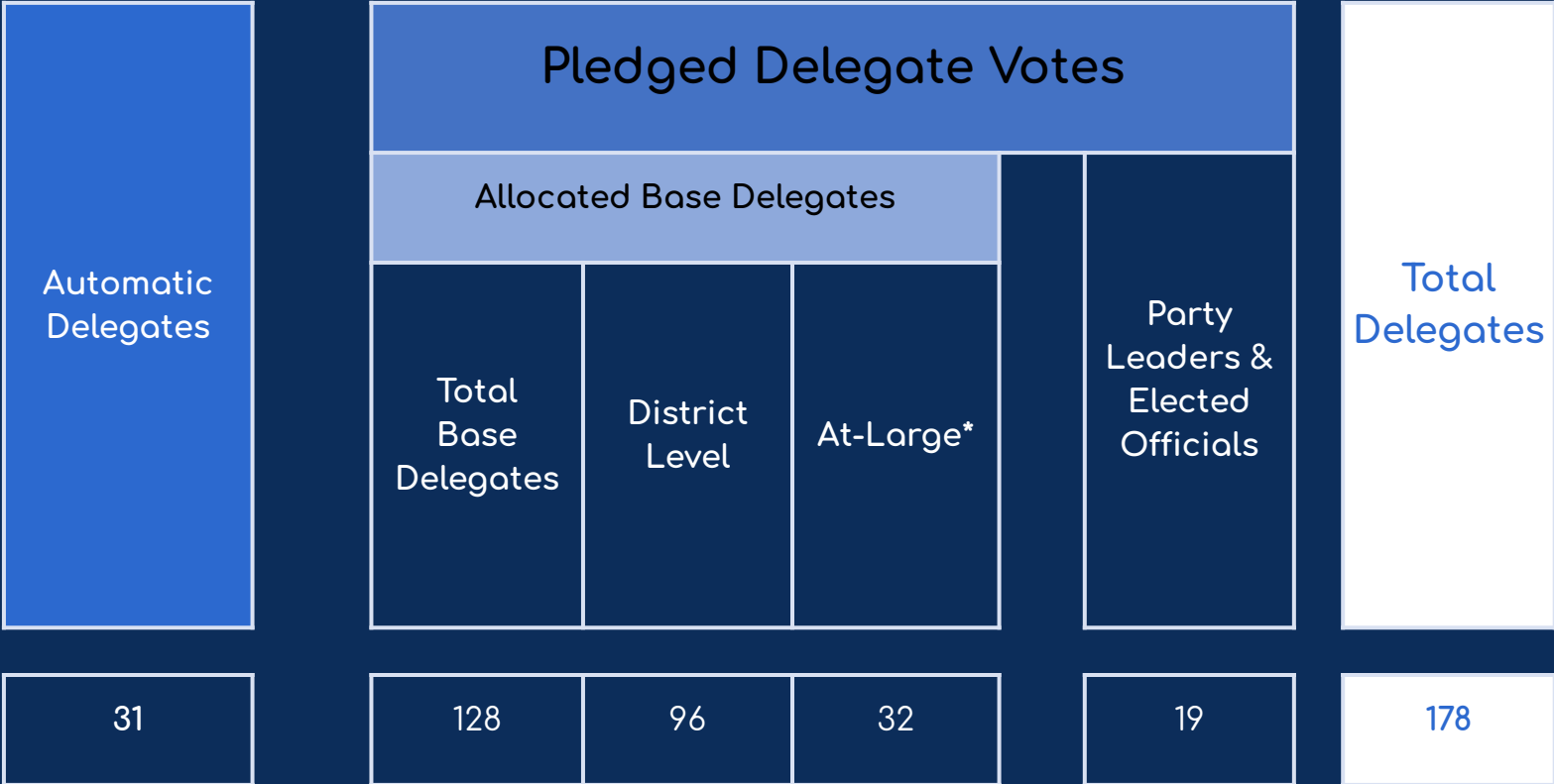


# At-Large Delegates

- Elected after the PLEO delegates
- Final group of delegates to be selected, also through a quorum of district-level delegates
- Pledged delegates subject to Presidential Candidate Right to Review
- Used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division and representation goals set forth in the plan
- Alternates (permanent & temporary replacements) are also elected “at-large” and equally divided to reflect state’s representation goals

Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body	Filing Requirements
32	12	April 29th, 2024	Quorum of the State’s district-level delegates	Statement of Candidacy and Pledge to DPI by April 12th, 2024

# Allocation of Delegates



\*12 Additional Alternates



# Key 2023 - 2024 Dates

	District Level Delegates	At-Large Delegates	PLEOs
Candidate/Delegate Petitions Available from State Party	September 13, 2023		
First Day to Circulate Petitions	October 7, 2023		
Filing Dates	January 4-5, 2024	April 12, 2024	April 12, 2024
Presidential Right of Review (names turned over to Presidential Candidates)	January 8, 2024	April 15, 2024	April 15, 2024
Presidential Candidates Review/Approve Delegates	January 10, 2024	April 29, 2024	April 17, 2024
Election Date	March 19, 2024	April 29, 2024 1:00PM	April 29, 2024 12:00PM
State Party Certifies Names to DNC	April 25, 2024	May 1, 2024	May 1, 2024

# Goal Percentages for Illinois' Delegation

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
*Party Increased Percent in Democratic Electorate	26.45%	20.7%	.5%	5.75%	6.9%	14.95%	36.80%
Numeric Goals for Delegates	47	36	1	10	12	26	65
DNC Goals	40	32	0	9	11	23	56

DPI will push its diversity goals by an additional 15% over National Party recommendations





How can I be part of the convention  
if I am not a delegate?



# Other Ways to Be a Part of the Convention

- Host Committee needs 12,000 volunteers to run the Convention
- Sign up to express interest in volunteering at: [ildems.com/convention](http://ildems.com/convention)
- Become a DPI Ambassador to receive special preference & exclusive access to Convention related events
- Join your local party to stay up to date on the latest happenings & events



# Volunteer Interest Form for the 2024 Democratic National Convention

**Calling all Illinois Democrats!** DPI needs your help to deliver a momentous National Convention that will help carry Democrats to victory in 2024. Please fill out the form to indicate your interest in volunteering at the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

*This form does not guarantee a volunteer assignment. Staff will be in contact with you about possible opportunities.*

First Name

Last Name

Address

Email

Phone Number

protected by reCAPTCHA

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# Volunteering at the Convention

## Why should I volunteer?

- Join a history-making team that delivers a positive experience to visitors and showcases Chicago and Illinois to the world.

## When can I volunteer?

- Months leading up to the convention and the big event itself in August.

## Types of Volunteering

- Administrative Support
- Hospitality & Hotel
- Operations & Logistics
- Press & Communications
- Social Media
- Tech & IT
- Venue & Event Support
- Volunteer Management
- Many More



# Thank you

Visit us at:

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# Volunteer



# Delegate Interest Form

