



Becoming a New Hampshire Delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention

Being a delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention is an exciting and memorable adventure and well worth the work it takes to get there!

In preparation for the Democratic National Convention every four years, the New Hampshire Democratic Party (NHDP) and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) work together to involve grassroots activists to ensure a diverse delegation that is representative of New Hampshire Democrats.

The Democratic Party is a welcoming organization at every level that encourages all people to participate. Therefore, the NHDP Affirmative Action Committee has established a goal of recruiting Democrats from each of the historically under-represented groups (African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, people who experience disabilities, Hispanic/Latinx, LGBTQ+, Native American, Youth) to participate in this process.

What is a delegate?

A delegate represents New Hampshire at the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 13th - 17th, 2020. Delegates vote for the nominees for president and vice president, adopt a national party platform and hear from national leaders. Most delegates are grassroots activists like you!

The Granite State has a total of 33 delegates and 2 alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention – 16 are selected at meetings prior to the February 2020 Primary, 8 more are elected in April 2020 and there are 9 automatic delegates. To ensure gender balance, delegates are equally divided between men and women, which shall include gender non-binary people as well.

How do I become a delegate?

The following steps describe the process to become a district-level delegate:

1. File a statement of candidacy with the NH Democratic Party between 9AM on January 6th, 2020 and 5PM on January 10th, 2020. Forms may be completed in person at the NHDP or mailed to 105 N. State Street, Concord, NH. If mailed, all statements of candidacy must be received by 5PM on January 10th, 2020; forms postmarked by but arriving after 5PM on January 10th, 2020 will not be considered. Each form must include the presidential candidate you support or marked as uncommitted.
2. On January 25th, 2020 at 10 AM, there will be a meeting in both of New Hampshire's two congressional districts for each of the Democratic candidates for president. A slate of 16 district-level delegates will be selected (8 per congressional district) per Presidential candidate. Each delegate candidate will work to get as many friends, family, and anyone else they can to attend the meeting to support their delegate candidacy. In order to vote at the meeting each person must be eligible to vote in the Primary, must live in the same congressional district as the delegate candidate, and must promise to support that presidential candidate in the Primary. Delegate candidates are given an opportunity to make a brief speech on why they should be selected and often create homemade flyers to hand out. It's a campaign!
3. Following the NH Presidential Primary on February 11, 2020 (assumed date), these slates of delegates will be allocated based on the percentage of the Primary vote won by each presidential candidate. A presidential candidate must obtain at least 15% of the vote to be eligible for a delegate.
4. The certified district-level delegates will meet at a 10AM meeting on April 25th, 2020 at the NHDP Headquarters (105 N. State Street, Concord, NH) to select NH's 8 additional delegates, the convention standing committee members, and the Delegation Chair. Information on how to file to be one of these final 8 delegates will be posted on www.nhdp.org at a later date.

To read more detailed information on this process, you can find the long version of this delegate selection plan at www.nhdp.org/2020delegateselectionplan.

For any questions relating to any information described above, what a delegate is, or how the delegate selection process works, please email dsp@nhdp.org with the subject line "Delegate Selection Questions."