



At this meeting you will learn more about being a delegate and the expectations of the convention.

RI is allotted 30 Delegates and 2 Alternates.

In order to run you need to run as if you are running for elected office. You will need to do the following:

1. A voter* who wishes to be a delegate to the Democratic National Convention must file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the Secretary of State, Elections Division on January 31 or February 1, 2024.
 1. * Must be registered to vote by January 1 or 2, 2024. before declaring candidacy to run as a delegate candidate from a different party
 1. Must be a Democrat to run as a Democratic Delegate
2. File Pledge of Support: A delegate candidate must also complete a Pledge of Support form prepared by their political party and file that form with the Declaration of Candidacy form. The forms are available at vote.ri.gov.
3. Pick Up Nomination Papers: The Department of State's Elections Division will prepare nomination papers for eligible delegate candidates by 4 p.m. on the day after receiving their Declaration of Candidacy.
4. Collect Signatures: Delegate candidates must obtain the signatures of at least 150 eligible voters in their congressional district. Persons signing nomination papers must be eligible voters at the time of signing. Delegate candidates must ensure that nomination papers are separated by city or town. Only registered voters in each city or town should sign the nomination papers for their city or town.
5. Submit Nomination Papers: On or before February 6, 2024, delegate candidates must submit the signed nomination papers to the local board of canvassers of each city or town where the signers are registered to vote.
6. Qualified Delegate Candidates Announced: The Secretary of State's Elections Division receives the certified nomination papers from the local boards of canvassers, totals the signatures, and announces the qualified delegate candidates.
7. Presidential Candidates must approve all Delegate Candidates.

Costs associated with attending the National Convention are the Delegates own responsibility.

Important Dates To remember



	Activity
2023	
March 1	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 29	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
Apr 3, 2023	The Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by the State Party Executive Committee.
Apr 4, 2023	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are distributed announcing the public comment period.
May 2	The RI Executive Committee voted to approve the 2024 Delegate Selection Plan.
May 3	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are distributed before announcing the approval of the Plan.
May 3, 2023	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 13	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
November 2nd and 3rd	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party no later than 30 days after their announcement.)
December 28th-30th	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters. Delegate 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 [e.g., www.democrats.org].
2024	
January 11	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 24	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party.
February 6	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
February 9	The State Party provides a list of district-level delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
February 13	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegates and alternate candidates to the State Party.
March 11	In-person voting begins for the Presidential preference primary.
March 12	First date on which vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters.



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April 2	Presidential preference primary.
April 4	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates and alternates are allocated according to presidential preference.
April 23	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
May 11	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
May 12	State Party provides a list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 14	Presidential candidates provide an approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to the State Party.
June 9,	State Convention convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide an approved list of at-large delegates and alternate candidates to the State Party. State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to the State Party.
June 14	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
June 20	Deadline for Presidential Approval of standing committee candidates.
June 21	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.
June 24	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
June 27	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
October TBD	State Party Convention meets and elects the Presidential Electors.