



How to Run as a District-Level Delegate Candidate

If you want to run to be one of Florida's 146 District-Level delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention to be held August 19-22 in Chicago, Illinois, here are some tips to help you get started.

- You must be a registered Democrat and you must run in the Congressional District (CD) in which you vote.
- Know how many delegates will be elected in your CD. Each CD is allocated between 4-6 District-Level delegate positions, based on the CD's Democratic vote performance. The CD allocation of delegates is available online at www.floridadems.org.
- Support a presidential candidate. To run, you must pledge to support one presidential candidate.
- Sign up to help your presidential candidate. The campaign needs to know you support the candidate and are working to help get them elected.
- File to run as a District-Level delegate candidate. The delegate filing form will be available from the Florida Democratic Party (www.floridadems.org or call 850-222-3411). Candidates must file between February 5 and **12:00 noon (Eastern Time), March 25**. Filing is done directly with the State Party online or by mail at 201 South Monroe Street, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301.
- Make sure you qualify. Each presidential campaign gets to review the list of folks who want to be one of their delegates. They have until **5:00 pm, April 8** to approve names on the list. Check to be sure you're on the list.
- Get ready for your CD caucus on **Saturday, April 20**. This is an election and you need to get out the vote! Ask everyone you know who is a Democratic voter in your CD who also supports your presidential candidate to come to the CD caucus to vote for you. Your CD may also be holding an early voting CD Caucus on **Thursday, April 18** to accommodate religious observations or to otherwise increase opportunity for participation.
- Want to team up? Some delegate candidates run as a group or "slate" and work collectively to get their friends to show up and vote for the slate. It's okay to run together as a slate, but there are no "official" or party-designated slates.
- Show up early at the CD Caucus on **April 20**. Greet your supporters and other voters who support your presidential candidate. The caucus is a Democratic Party-run election held between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Voters show up, sign-in, declare which presidential candidate they support, and receive a ballot for that candidate's District-Level delegate candidates.
- If you live in a CD that provides for early voting on April 18, you will also want to be there at that time to campaign among the Democrats who show up to vote.
- Some CDs will have multiple voting locations. In February, the State Party will announce the locations and you will know if you need to recruit "poll workers" to cover additional voting sites on your behalf. The locations will be available online at www.floridadems.org.
- You can bring signs and pass out literature, buttons, etc. Have your quick "campaign speech" ready to quickly tell voters who don't know you about why you want to be a delegate.
- Once the caucus voting has concluded, the votes will be tallied and the District-Level delegates for your CD will be announced. The CD Chair will notify the State Party about the election results and the Party will certify the delegates to the Democratic National Committee.
- The elected District-Level delegates will meet on **Saturday, June 1** to select 29 Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates, and 49 At-Large delegates and 19 alternates. Individuals must file to run for these positions between February 12 and noon (ET) on May 13. The campaign will be very involved in recruiting and determining who will fill these allocated statewide delegate positions.
- All elected delegates will meet on **Saturday, June 1** to select Florida's 30 standing committee members (10 members each on the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees), and a Delegation Chair. Standing committee member positions are allocated to the presidential campaigns and the members (who do not need to be delegates) are nominated by the presidential campaign.
- Members of Florida's delegation will join the other delegates from across the nation and around the world to be a part of history at the 49th quadrennial Democratic National Convention **August 19-22** in Chicago.
- For more information please view the Florida Democratic Party website at www.floridadems.org.

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