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Here is a quick overview of becoming a delegate to the 2020 National Presidential Convention.

What is a Delegate to the National Convention?

A Delegate represents the Democrats from their Congressional District at the National Convention to be held in July of 2020 in Milwaukee, WI and your vote will help decide who will be the Democratic Nominee.

Why would I want to be a Delegate?

Not only would you be one of a couple thousand people with the honor of formally selecting our party's nominee, you get a front row seat to history in the making. Hear amazing speeches by people you probably have only seen on TV, attend political caucus meetings, and enjoy yourself at the numerous parties and dinners over 4 nights. It's been called Disney Land for political geeks...

How do I become a Delegate?

Most Delegates are elected at a Congressional District Caucus (a meeting of any interested Democrats) held by each campaign that won Delegates in the primary. Connecticut has 5 districts, and Presidential Campaigns that win delegates split them up proportionally. Each District only has 6 or 7 Delegate positions, and they are split equally between men and women. (There are also automatic Delegates like our Senators, and a small group of Delegates appointed by the State Party.)

If you want to be a delegate you have to win your seat at that convention. How do you do that? The best way is to volunteer for that campaign, and impress them with your dedication. The campaigns can endorse a slate if they choose to – or just leave it up to the caucus to vote. If you want to win bring your Democratic friends, family and neighbors along and ask them to support you! You can also ask the other Democrats who are there for their votes!

A few things to keep in mind...

1. You must be a registered Democrat residing in Connecticut.
2. District Delegates sign a pledge to support the Presidential Candidate they are representing.
3. The State Party is making every effort to have a Delegation that reflects Connecticut, so we are reaching out all over the state to encourage people from every community to run. But remember the District Delegates are elected, and we don't control the outcome.
4. This is an expensive trip. We'll have firm numbers later but assume it will cost you at least \$2,000. If you win, and don't have that much cash to spend you can consider asking friends and family to donate – or even set up a go fund me page! If you are involved in any Community Groups they might be willing to lend a hand. If there are any other sources of support the State Party will do their best to let you know.
5. For District Delegates, only 8 people from your entire Congressional District will be elected, and in the past at times more than 50 people have applied.

6. By May 4, 2020 you should fill out your application to be a delegate to which Presidential Campaign. **If the Campaign doesn't know you there's a chance they won't let you run – so MAKE SURE YOU VOLUNTEER and MEET PEOPLE!**

7. The caucus is on May 27, 2020. Make sure you and all your supporters show up on time! The caucuses for different Presidential Campaigns are all at the same time so that you can only attend one of them.

Here is the summary of the delegate selection plan, which has been approved by the DNC.

Section X Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Connecticut will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Presidential Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Connecticut’s delegate selection process will occur on April 28, 2020, with a Primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body Filing Requirements
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	40	0	May 27, 2020	Democratic Voters Filing a statement of candidacy (available at ctdems.org) by May 4, 2020, 5 pm to conventions@ctdems.org
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	15	0	N/A	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	6	0	June 10, 2020	State Party Committee Be an elected official or party leader & file a statement of candidacy (available at ctdems.org)

				by May 28, 2020, 5 pm to conventions@ctdems.org
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	14	5	June 10, 2020	State Party Committee Filing a statement of candidacy (available at ctdems.org) by May 28, 2020, 5 pm to conventions@ctdems.org
TOTAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES	75	5		

* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates.

B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements & Deadlines
2	6	June 17, 2020	Each Presidential Candidate or that candidate’s authorized representative must submit to State Democratic Chair by June 15, 2020

C. Selection of Temporary Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

Members per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements & Deadlines
2	6	January 23, 2020	<p>Must submit to the CT Democratic Party Chair their name, address, phone number, email address, why they are interested in being a temporary standing committee member and include the committee[s] for which they wish to be considered, by email to info@ctdems.org, or mail or personal delivery to Connecticut Democrats, 30 Arbor Street, Ste. 106A, Hartford, CT 06106, no later than 5 pm on January 9, 2020.</p>

D. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 17, 2020.

Two (2) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 17, 2020.

E. Selection of Presidential Electors

Seven (7) Presidential Electors will be nominated at the state convention on May 9, 2020.

F. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by March 7, 2020.

In accordance with Connecticut State Law, nationally recognized candidates for the Democratic nomination for President will be placed on the presidential preference primary ballot by Secretary of the State on February 14, 2020.

G. Timetable

- 03/01/2019 Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee Members are appointed by the State Chair.
- 03/25/2019 Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are open for public comment by the State Party Committee.
- 04/24/2019 Period for Public Comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the state party committee.
- 04/24/2019 State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action plans for submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
- 05/03/2019 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee
- 09/13/2019 State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Media packages, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan are sent out.
- 01/01/2020 Presidential candidates submit written statement to party on how they will encourage full participation in Connecticut's delegate selection process.
- 01/02/2020 District, PLEO and At-Large delegate applications available.
- 01/09/2020 Deadline to submit application to be a Temporary Standing Committee Member.
- 01/23/2020 Temporary Standing Committee Members selected by Connecticut Democratic State Central Committee.
- 01/28/2020 Deadline for enrolled party members to transfer enrollment from one party to the other for the presidential primary.
- 02/14/2020 Presidential candidate petition forms available for ballot access.

- 03/06/2020 DNC Secretary officially confirms the names of the Automatic delegates to State Party.
- Deadline for presidential candidate petition forms due to local Registrar of voters.
- 03/07/2020 Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing the name of their authorized representative to the State Democratic Chair.
- 03/10/2020 Deadline for Registrar of Voters to forward signed petition forms to the Secretary of the State.
- 03/13/2020 Deadline for Secretary of the State to tabulate qualifying signatures for presidential candidate petition forms.
- 04/23/2020 Registration Deadline for new voters and unaffiliated voters to register to vote as a Democrat in the presidential primary.
- 04/28/2020 Presidential Primary
- 04/30/2020 Deadline for Democratic State Central Rules Committee to draw up and the State Central Committee to approve detailed guidelines for the conduct of the delegate selection caucuses.
- 05/1/2020 Deadline for Presidential Electors to submit their application for nomination to convention@ctdems.org or 30 Arbor Street, Ste. 106A, Hartford, CT.
- 05/04/2020 Deadline for an individual to file a statement of candidacy for district-level delegate. Will be made available at ctdems.org and CT Dems Office, 30 Arbor Street, Ste. 106A, Hartford, CT.
- 05/09/2020 State Convention where Presidential Electors will be nominated by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting.
- 05/11/2020 State Party provides list of district-level delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
- 05/13/2020 Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Party.
- Deadline for State Chair to submit certified list of Presidential Electors to the Connecticut Secretary of the State.
- 05/27/2020 Congressional District Caucuses to select district-level delegate candidates.

- 05/28/2020 Deadline for PLEO and At-Large delegate candidates to file statement of candidacy to the state party.
- 05/31/2020 State Party sends list of PLEO delegate and At-Large delegate and alternate candidates to respective Presidential candidates.
- 06/03/2020 Presidential candidates provide list of approved PLEO delegate candidates to the State Party.
- 06/06/2020 Deadline for State Party Chair certify district-level delegates to the Secretary of the DNC.
- 06/10/2020 State Party Committee meets at 30 Arbor Street, Ste. 106A, Hartford.
Selection of PLEO delegates.
Presidential candidates provide list of approved At-Large delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
Selection of At-Large delegates and alternates.
- 06/15/2020 Presidential candidates provide list of approved delegates to be members of standing committees.
- 06/17/2020 National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
- 06/20/2020 State Democratic Chair certifies PLEO and AT-Large Delegates, the standing committee members, Delegation Chair and Connecticut's Convention Pages to the Secretary of the DNC.