

Michigan's 2016 DNC Delegate Selection Process

Michigan will be represented by 148 delegates and 11 alternates at the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. The Michigan Democratic Party, in a commitment to promote the broadest participation possible, has put together this simple guide to help members understand and navigate the delegate selection process. For further information, please review the Michigan Delegate Selection Plan on our website (www.michigandems.com) under the Our Party tab.

Overview

In Michigan, delegates to the national convention are elected in one of two ways:

- 1.) By a congressional district convention on Saturday, May 21st.
- 2.) By the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee (MDSCC) on Saturday, June 11.

Candidates for statewide and district level positions must pledge their support to a candidate. Each presidential campaign will have right of review over all pledged candidates and may choose to approve or disapprove prospective candidates.

The allocation of delegates to each presidential candidate will be determined by the results of the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary. Each candidate receiving more than 15% of the vote in any given congressional district will be entitled to representation on the delegation.

2016 Democratic National Convention Calendar

<i>January 11</i>	Delegate application and pledge form available through the MDP. Visit www.michigandems.com and download under the Our Party tab.
<i>February 8</i>	Last day to register to vote.
<i>March 8</i>	Democratic Presidential Primary.
<i>April 25</i>	District candidate (Delegate, Alternate) applications due by 5:00 PM EST. All applicants must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party. Faxed and emailed applications will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions.
<i>May 21</i>	Congressional District Conventions.
<i>May 25</i>	Statewide candidate (At-Large, PLEO) applications due by 5:00 PM EST. All applicants must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party. Faxed and emailed applications will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions.
<i>June 11</i>	MDSCC Meeting.
<i>June 11</i>	DNC Delegate Meeting.
<i>July 25-28</i>	DNC in Philadelphia.

Michigan By The Numbers

Delegate Positions	Number	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
District Level Delegate	85	May 21 2016	District Convention
At-Large Delegates	28	June 11 2016	State Central Committee
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials	17	June 11 2016	State Central Committee
Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials	18	n/a	DNC
Alternate Positions	Number	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
District Level Alternate	11	May 21 2016	District Convention

Affirmative Action Plan and Inclusion Programs

Diversity defines the modern Democratic Party. It's reflected in our message, our values, and our candidates. Which is exactly why the MDP, in an effort to address historical underrepresentation amongst convention delegates, has established an Affirmative Action Committee. Based on a detailed analysis of Michigan's Democratic electorate, the Committee has established goals for Michigan's delegates and alternates and will work to make them a reality.

	African American	Arab American	Hispanics	Native Americans	APIA (Asian Pacific Islander)	LGBT	Persons with Disabilities	Youth (18-35)
% in Democratic Electorate	24	4	6	1	3	6	6	23
Goals for Delegates/ Alternates	37/4	8/1	9/1	2/0	5/0	9/1	9/1	30/3

Gear Up for 2016 DNC



- 1.) All candidates for DNC delegate must **be registered and qualified electors** in the state of Michigan. Be sure to register by February 9th to participate in the March 8th Presidential Primary.
- 2.) **Volunteer** for your presidential campaign of choice and get involved in your local Party. Democrats need all hands on deck to defend the White House.
- 3.) Candidates will be awarded delegates based on their performance in the March 8th Presidential Primary. Be sure to **vote** for your favorite Democrat. Visit www.michigan.gov/vote to confirm your registration status and polling location.
- 4.) Return the application and pledge form by April 25th (District Delegates and Alternates) or May 25th (At-Large, PLEO) to the MDP (606 Townsend St, Lansing MI 48933).



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