

How to Become a Delegate for Vermont to the 2012 Democratic National Convention

September 3-6 in Charlotte, NC

Vermont's delegation to the 2012 Democratic National Convention will include 27 delegates and 2 alternates. There are three types of national delegates: **district-level**, **at-large** and **PLEO**.

District-Level Delegates: Vermont is allowed 12 District-Level Delegates decided by election at the State Democratic Convention on May 26, 10 a.m., at the Barre Civic Center. Here are three simple steps for becoming a District-Level Delegate:

1. **Vote.** To be eligible to be a District-Level Delegate **you must cast a Democratic ballot in the 2012 Presidential Primary**. The deadline for voter registration in Vermont is 5pm EST on February 29. The Presidential Primary will be held on Town Meeting Day, March 6, 2012.
2. **Caucus. Show up with your supporters to vote at your local Post-Primary Presidential Town Caucus on March 24.** The Post-Primary Town Caucus is the first of two caucus elections that elect District-Level Delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Participants in the Post-Primary Town Caucus elect a group of town delegates who will attend the State Convention and vote to decide the District-Level Delegates. Only those elected at a Post-Primary Town Caucus will be allowed to vote at the State Convention.
3. **File.** District-Level Delegate candidates must complete and return a **Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support** form to the Vermont Democratic Party by 4 p.m. EST on May 3. These forms are available at www.vtdemocrats.org, our office at 209 Battery Street, Burlington, VT, our office at 29 Main Street, Suite 3, Montpelier, VT, or may be requested via phone at (802) 229-1783. Forms must be returned by mail to:

Jake Perkinson, Chair
RE: Letter of Intent
Vermont Democratic Party
PO Box 1220
Montpelier, VT 05601

4. **Caucus, again. Show up with your supporters to vote in the State Convention on Saturday, May 26, 10 a.m., at the Barre Civic Center.** Town delegates, elected at Post-Primary Town Caucuses, will then attend the State Convention to elect District-Level Delegates for the Democratic National Convention. The state party will provide a list of candidates for District-Level Delegate who correctly filed their forms and voted in the Primary (as noted above).

At-Large Delegates: Additionally, a committee consisting of a quorum (40%) of District Level Delegates selects **4 At-Large Delegates and 2 Alternates**, offering another way for Democrats to participate in the Democratic National Convention. Candidates for At-Large Delegate should complete a **Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support** form, specifying their "At-Large" status, and submit it to the VDP headquarters by 4 p.m. EST on May 10. At-Large Delegates and Alternates will be selected at the June 9 meeting of the District-Level Delegates in Montpelier. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to participate in both the District-Level and At-Large delegate process. Separate forms are required for each.

PLEO Delegates: The committee consisting of a quorum (40%) of District Level Delegates selects **2 Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates** from one of the following categories: big-city mayors and statewide elected officials; state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. PLEO Delegate candidates must file a **Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support** form with the VDP headquarters by 4 p.m. EST on May 20. PLEO Candidates not selected as a PLEO delegate may apply to be an At-Large Delegate by submitting a **Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support** form by 12 p.m. June 9.

THE ENTIRE DELEGATION WILL BE CERTIFIED BY THE VDP CHAIR ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19.

Diversity Goals: The VDP is committed to electing a delegation representative of our diverse electorate. Help us meet our diversity goals by encouraging Democrats in these groups to become a delegate:

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBT Americans	Young (18-34)	Persons with Disabilities
% In Democratic Electorate	1%	1.5%	.4%	1.3%	10%	18%	16%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	1	1	<1	1	2	2	2

For more information about the Delegate Selection process or our Diversity Goals, call (802) 229-1783.