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## **Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2020 Delegate Selection Plan**

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### **I. General Information on the 2020 Democratic National Convention**

The 2020 Democratic National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 13 to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The convention is a major event in the life of a political party and convention delegates are at the heart of all decisions made. In addition to voting for the party's presidential and vice presidential nominee, delegates to the Democratic National Convention have an opportunity to vote on the party's platform and resolutions, as well as the rules that govern the party.

Wisconsin will select a total of 90 delegates and 6 alternates for the 2020 convention.

### **II. About the Delegate Selection Process**

Any qualified Wisconsin elector who subscribes to the beliefs of the Democratic Party is eligible to run for a spot as a convention delegate to the National Convention. There are four types of delegates:

- Congressional District Level Delegates
- Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates (PLEO)
- At-Large Delegates
- Automatic Delegates

In addition, the party will elect members to serve on the convention's three standing committees: Credentials, Platform and Rules.

#### **Types of Delegates**

##### **1) Congressional District Level Delegates**

Wisconsin has a total of 50 district-level delegates and 5 alternates. Each congressional district is allotted a percentage of those delegates based on the 2016 and 2018 Democratic performance in that district. The breakdown for the 2020 convention is as follows:

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District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#1	3	3	6	-	-	0
#2	4	5	9	1	-	1
#3	3	3	6	-	1	1
#4	4	4	8	-	1	1
#5	3	2	5	-	-	0
#6	3	2	5	-	1	1
#7	2	3	5	1	-	1
#8	3	3	6	-	-	0
Total	25	25	50	2	3	5

A map of each of these districts is included here for reference.





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## **2) Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates**

Wisconsin is allotted 10 Pledged Party Leader and Election Official (PLEO) delegates.

Individuals shall be eligible for the PLEO delegate positions according to the following priority:

- Large city mayors (Milwaukee and Madison) and state-wide elected officials
- State legislative leaders
- State legislators
- Other state, county, and local elected officials and party leaders

If persons eligible for PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference (or uncommitted status) as candidates for district-level or at-large delegate positions, their preference shall be ascertained through their statement of intent.

## **3) At-Large Delegates and Alternates**

Wisconsin is allotted 17 at-large delegates and one at-large alternate. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the Democratic Party of Wisconsin's Administrative Committee elects the at-large delegates, those persons not chosen for delegate will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing.

In the selection of the at-large delegation, priority consideration will be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans. Additionally, in order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs, priority consideration will also be given to other groups by virtue of age, sexual orientation/gender identity or disability.

## **4) Automatic Delegates**

Wisconsin has 13 automatic delegates. These individuals are automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules. Individuals in this category include members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state, all of Wisconsin's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and Wisconsin's Democratic Governor.



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**Convention Standing Committee Members**

Wisconsin will also send members to participate in the Democratic National Convention’s three standing committees: the Platform Committee, the Credentials Committee, and the Rules Committee.

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin is allotted three members per committee. Any Democrat who is a qualified elector (being 18 years of age on or before November 3, 2020) is eligible to apply for a committee position. One does not have to be a delegate to apply for this position.

Temporary committee members will be selected by a quorum of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin’s Administrative Committee at a meeting at 1:00pm CST on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Temporary committee members serve only in the event that the respective standing committee is called to meet prior to the selection of permanent standing committee members.

Permanent committee members will be selected by a quorum of Wisconsin’s delegation to the DNC convention on June 13, 2020, following the adjournment of the State Convention. Presidential candidates will be responsible for submitting names to be considered for those spots.

**Diversity Goals**

It is important to note that the party strongly invites all interested individuals to run for a position as convention delegate. To encourage the fullest participation, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin has established delegation goals for traditionally underrepresented groups. The party will make efforts to reach out to leaders in these communities and conduct trainings and provide other information necessary to encourage people of all backgrounds to participate in the process. Wisconsin hopes to send the most diverse delegation possible to Milwaukee in 2020. The chart below will show the delegation goals that have been set by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian/Pacific Americans	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth	Muslim Americans
% in Democratic Electorate	11.5%	6.5%	2.5%	3.7%	8.3%	14%	30%	2%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	11	6	2	4	8	13	29	2



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### **III. How to Run for Delegate**

In order to run for delegate, one must be:

- 18 years old on or before November 3, 2020
- A resident of Wisconsin and a citizen of the US
- A registered voter in the district in which he or she is running

#### **Step One: Statement of Intent**

In order to qualify as a district-level delegate or alternate, an individual must file a statement of candidacy designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party headquarters by **5:00p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020**. These forms will be available on February 10, 2020.

#### **Step Two: County Level Caucus**

Wisconsin operates on a two-tier caucus system. The first tier will take place at the county level on **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. One must register between 1:00p.m. and 2:00p.m. The caucus will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will choose delegates to represent the county at the congressional district caucus. The exact location of each caucus will be released by the county parties no later than March 13, 2020.

#### **Step Three: Congressional District Caucus**

The congressional district level caucuses will be on **Sunday, May 17, 2020**. One must register between 1:00p.m. and 2:00p.m., at which time the caucus will begin. The exact locations of the congressional district caucus will be released no later than March 27, 2020. Congressional district caucuses will select delegates and alternates, pending approval of the presidential campaigns.

To run as a PLEO or at-large delegate, one must submit the same statement of intent for this position to the state party by May 29, 2020.

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin's Administrative Committee will select the 10 PLEO delegates, 17 at-large delegates and one at-large alternate at its meeting on Friday, June 12, 2020. The Administrative Committee will be meeting in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin prior to the convening of the 2020 Democratic Party of Wisconsin State Convention.



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**IV. Summary of Deadlines**

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	50	5	5/17/2020	County candidate caucuses shall be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020 beginning at 1 PM. Congressional District candidate caucuses shall be held on Sunday, May 17, 2020 beginning at 1 PM.  District level statement of intent shall be filed with the Democratic Party of Wisconsin no later than April 17, 2020.
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	13	N/A	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)	10	**	6/12/2020	Selecting Body: The Democratic Party of Wisconsin's Administrative Committee.  PLEO statement of intent forms shall be filed with the Democratic Party of Wisconsin no later than May 29, 2020.
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	17	1	6/12/2020	Selecting Body: The Democratic Party of Wisconsin's Administrative Committee.  At-large statement of intent shall be filed with the Democratic Party of Wisconsin no later than May 29, 2020.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	90	6		

\* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates include 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 Congress, 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.