

## Presidential Preference

I am pledged to support the following presidential candidate:

\_\_\_\_\_

uncommitted

In the event my candidacy is not approved by the presidential candidate of my choice, I wish to run in the uncommitted category.

## Please check all options which apply to you:

I wish to run for delegate/alternate at the district convention (deadline: 4/25/08 at 5pm).

I wish to run for a delegate/alternate at the state convention (deadline: 5/30/08 at 5pm)

I wish to run for delegate at a Party Leader/Elected Official (deadline: 5/30/2008 at 5pm). The party/elected office(s) I currently hold is/are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 I also pledge, if elected as a delegate or alternate to attend the mandatory meeting of the North Carolina Delegation to be held immediately following the adjournment of the State Convention on June 21, 2008.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

Must be received  
 By April 25, 2008  
 (congressional district level)

or May 30, 2008  
 (At-large, Party-Leader/Elected Official)

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(you are advised to call and confirm receipt)

# How to Become A North Carolina Delegate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention

August 25-28, 2008  
 Pepsi Center, Denver, CO

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*This pamphlet summarizes the procedures by which North Carolina's delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention will be chosen and explains the steps necessary for you to become a delegate, including the appropriate application form.*

## THE DELEGATE SELECTION CALENDAR

The first step in the North Carolina delegate selection process takes place at the Democratic precinct meetings to be held statewide on March 11, 2008. Any registered Democrat residing within the precinct may attend and actively participate in the meeting. During this meeting, the precinct chair will outline the steps in the National Convention delegate selection process, and delegates will be elected to represent the precinct at the Democratic County Convention. The number of votes each precinct has at the County Convention is one (1) for each 100 votes cast by that precinct for the Democratic Governor in the 2004 General Election. The precinct may elect up to two (2) delegates for each vote; However, if a precinct elects fewer than one (1) delegate for each vote to which it is entitled, it will be allowed only a number of votes equal to the number of delegates elected. Any active Democrat may be chosen as a delegate to the County Convention, regardless of whether he or she is present at the precinct meeting.

At the County Conventions on Saturday, April 19, 2008, delegates will be elected to the District and State Conventions, both of which select National Convention delegates. The 2008 Democratic National Convention will be held in Denver, CO on August 25-28, 2008.

Key dates in the delegate selection process are:

February 12	Deadline for Presidential candidates to certify their authorized representatives to the State Party
March 11	Statewide Precinct Meetings
March 15	Make-up Precinct Meetings
April 19	County Conventions
April 25	Deadline for filing Notice of Candidacy forms for district-level delegate or alternate
May 17	District Conventions
May 30	Deadline for filing Notice of Candidacy forms for At-large and/or Party-Leader Elected Official delegate or alternate positions
June 21	State Convention Mandatory meeting of all elected national delegates and alternates immediately following the State Convention
August 25-28	Democratic National Convention, Pepsi Center, Denver, CO

## THE NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION

North Carolina Democrats will select 134 delegates and 19 alternates to the Democratic National Convention. 77 delegates and 12 alternates will be elected at the District Conventions on Saturday, May 17, 2008. In addition, 26 delegates and 7 alternates as well as 12 Party Leader/Elected Official (PL/EO) delegates and 2 "Add-on" unpledged delegates will be elected At-large during the State Convention. Delegates and alternates are apportioned among the congressional districts according to the district's Democratic performance in the last presidential and gubernatorial elections. The following table denotes the number of delegates and alternates to be elected at the 2008 district conventions:

District Delegate/Alternate Allocation

District	Delegates		Alternates		Totals	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Delegates	Alternates
First	3	3	1		6	1
Second	3	3		1	6	1
Third	2	2			4	0
Fourth	4	5	1		9	1
Fifth	3	2		1	5	1
Sixth	2	3	1		5	1
Seventh	3	3		1	6	1
Eighth	3	2		1	5	1
Ninth	3	3	1		6	1
Tenth	2	3	1		5	1
Eleventh	3	3		1	6	1
Twelfth	4	3		1	7	1
Thirteenth	3	4	1		7	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>12</b>

*The North Carolina Democratic Party is pledged to send an equal number of men and women to the National Convention and to work for representation from traditionally underrepresented groups within the Party. This effort will be coordinated and encouraged by the Party's Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee.*

## HOW TO RUN FOR DELEGATE

The first step to becoming a delegate candidate for the Democratic National Convention is to complete the "Notice of Candidacy" form found in this pamphlet and return it to Democratic Party State Headquarters. Notice of Candidacy forms for persons wishing to run at the congressional district level must be received no later than 5 pm on April 25, 2008. Notice of Candidacy forms for persons wishing to run for At-large or Party Leader/Elected Official (PL/EO) positions must be received no later than 5 pm on May 30, 2008. **Forms received after the deadlines will not be valid.**

Any active Democrat registered in North Carolina may run for delegate at his or her Congressional District Convention and/or At-large at the State Convention. You are not required to be a delegate to the District or State Convention to run for National Convention delegate, but being a member of your county's delegation to these conventions will strengthen your candidacy.

To be eligible to run for a Party Leader delegate position, you must currently hold an appointed or elected party office at the precinct, county, district or state level, or be a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee or Executive Council. To run as a candidate for an Elected Official delegate position, you must currently hold an elective public office. Public officials elected in non-partisan elections (e.g. mayors, city council members, school board members) are eligible to file in this category. Persons wishing to run in the PL/EO category may also run as a district-level or At-large delegate or alternate if they so choose.

Candidates for delegate and alternate positions must indicate their presidential preference or register a preference of "uncommitted." Each presidential candidate will approve a list of delegate candidates pledged to him or her for each District Convention and for the State Convention. The presidential candidates are required to approve at least three persons for each district-level delegate or alternate to which they are entitled and at least two candidates for each At-large

or PL/EO slot. In addition, the Affirmative Action and Delegate Selection Committee must certify to the State Party Chair a list of at least two persons for each At-large level delegate (or alternate) and PL/EO slot.

If the candidate for whom you indicate a preference does not approve your candidacy, you may still run on the uncommitted slate.

## OBTAINING SUPPORT

As a prospective delegate to the National Convention, you should begin immediately to secure the support of active Democrats in your precinct and county organizations. Make certain your supporters run for the District and State Convention delegate positions from your county. Additionally, you should begin to contact prospective supporters in the other counties in your congressional district.

Because the presidential candidates must approve those candidates for delegate who indicate a preference for them, it is advantageous to contact your candidate's national or state headquarters and authorized representative to indicate your interest and support. It also helps to have worked for the candidate in the state's presidential primary.

## THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The North Carolina presidential primary will be held on May 6, 2008. Delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention will be apportioned among presidential candidates according to the primary vote they receive. The North Carolina ballot permits voters to register a vote of "uncommitted." Therefore, the voting option "uncommitted" in the North Carolina presidential primary will be treated as a candidate for the purposes of delegate allocation. A candidate must receive a threshold vote of 15% in the district to be eligible for any district-level delegates. The At-large and PL/EO delegates selected at the State Convention will be apportioned among the presidential candidates

according to the statewide primary result. A candidate must receive a threshold vote of 15% statewide to be awarded an At-large or PL/EO delegates.

## DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

Delegates to the District Conventions (elected at the County Conventions) will be asked to declare their presidential or uncommitted preference upon registration. Only delegates pledged to a given preference will vote for National Convention Delegates pledged to that preference. Delegates to the State Convention (also elected at the County Conventions) are not required to declare their presidential (or uncommitted) preference at the State Convention, and the entire body of delegates votes for the state's 12 PL/EO delegates, 26 At-large delegates, 7 alternates and 2 Add-on delegates.

## COST

No fee will be assessed at any stage of the delegate selection process. Delegates and alternates are required to pay for all expenses incurred while attending the National Convention. The financial assistance subcommittee of the Affirmative Action Committee will attempt to help with fund assistance for delegates and alternates who otherwise would find it financially impossible to attend the National Convention.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

This pamphlet contains only a summary of the delegate selection process. For further information and/or the full text of North Carolina's Delegate Selection Plan, see our website at [www.ncdp.org](http://www.ncdp.org) or write to: North Carolina Democratic Party, 220 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27603 or call toll free: 1-800-229-3367.

## 2008 National Convention Notice of Candidacy

I intend to seek election as a delegate or alternate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention to be held from August 25-28, 2008 in Denver, CO. I am a Democrat registered to vote in the precinct, county and congressional district indicated below.

## Demographic Information

*(please print)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: (H) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(O) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Fax) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Male

Female

Please check any that apply for affirmative action purposes:

- Caucasian
- African-American
- Native American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Asian American
- Gay or Lesbian
- 35 years or under
- 65 years or older
- Disabled
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_