



If You Want To Be A Delegate to the National Convention...

The 2008 Democratic National Convention will be August 25-28 in Denver, Colorado. Oklahoma's **Presidential Primary will be held on February 5**, and will determine which presidential candidates are entitled to delegates from Oklahoma.

Any registered Democrat in Oklahoma can run to be a delegate to the DNC Convention. Anyone wishing to run for delegate must complete a filing form and return it to the Oklahoma Democratic Party by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2008.

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be elected by the delegates at the Oklahoma Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, February 23, 2008.

District level delegates are elected in Congressional district caucuses at the Oklahoma Democratic Party Convention. To vote in Congressional District caucuses, state convention delegates must pledge by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 4, to support a presidential candidate. At-Large and Party Leader and Elected Official delegates are elected by all delegates at the State Convention.

There will be **47 delegates** from Oklahoma, in several categories, plus **6 Alternates**:

- ◆ **8 Unpledged Delegates (automatic—not elected at the State Convention)**
 - Governor Henry, Congressman Boren, and Oklahoma's 6 members of the Democratic National Committee.
 - May commit to a candidate, but do not have to.
- ◆ **25 Congressional District Delegates**
 - Chosen at Congressional District caucuses at the State Convention during the morning session.
 - Awarded to presidential candidates based on their percentage of the primary vote in the District:
1st CD: 5 Delegates. 2 Males, 3 Females 2nd CD: 5 delegates. 3 Males, 2 Females
3rd CD: 5 Delegates. 2 Males, 3 Females 4th CD: 5 Delegates. 3 Males, 2 Females
5th CD: 5 Delegates. 2 Males, 3 Females
- ◆ **4 Congressional District Alternate Delegates: 1st CD: 1 Male Alternate
2nd CD: 1 Female Alternate 4th CD: 1 Female Alternate 5th CD: 1 Male Alternate**
 - Chosen at Congressional District caucuses at the State Convention during the morning session.
 - Awarded to presidential candidates based on their percentage of the primary vote in the District:
- ◆ **5 Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates**
 - Must be county or state Democratic Party officers or elected officials at any level.
 - Divided among presidential candidates based on their percentage of the statewide Primary vote.
 - Elected by all the state convention delegates
- ◆ **8 At-Large Delegates**
 - Divided among the presidential candidates based on their percentage of the statewide Primary vote.
 - Elected by all the state convention delegates pledged to each candidate.
- ◆ **One Unpledged Add-On Delegate**
 - Can be a supporter of any candidate, or may be uncommitted.
 - Nominated by the State Chair and elected by all the state convention delegates.
- ◆ **2 At-Large Alternates**, elected like the At-Large Delegates, divided among the candidates the same way and equally divided between men and women.

* Candidates must receive 15% of the vote in a Congressional District level or statewide to receive delegates from that level.

You also have to know:

- ❖ Delegates and Alternates must be **equally divided between men and women.**
- ❖ **The delegate selection process is open to all Democrats who are registered voters.** The Oklahoma Democratic Party encourages participation by members of groups that are underrepresented in party affairs.
- ❖ **Our goal** is to elect a delegation that has at least 9 African American, 3 Hispanic, 6 Native American, 2 GLBT, 1 person with physical disabilities, and 2 delegates who are under 36. The election of At-Large delegates may be used to reach this goal.
- ❖ To run for delegate (except for the Add-On slot), you **must file with the Oklahoma Democratic Party by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2008.**

Filing forms will be available from the State Party or on the web at www.okdemocrats.org .

- ❖ **Presidential candidates have the right to approve those running** for their delegate slots. This helps insure that a candidate's strongest supporters are chosen to go to the Convention.
- ❖ Delegates and alternates are responsible for their own expenses. The first meeting of the Delegation will be held immediately following the state convention on February 23.

This is a summary of the rules—some important technicalities are not covered.
If you plan to run, you *must* get and read a copy of the OK Delegate Selection Plan.

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OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY 2008 DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

DATES AND INFORMATION TO KNOW

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| January 4, 2008 | Presidential Candidates submit the name of their authorized representative to the state party |
| January 24, 2008 | Deadline for filing statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms for district level, PLEO and At-Large delegates and alternates with the state party. Forms must be filed by 5 p.m. |
| January 25, 2008 | State Party provides list of district level, PLEO and at –large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates. |
| February 4, 2008 | Deadline for delegates to the Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention who desire to participate in the selection of district level delegates to file a pledge of support form for a presidential candidate with the state party by 5 p.m. |
| February 5, 2008 | Presidential Preference Primary |
| February 20, 2008 | Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level and PLEO delegates to the state party |
| February 23, 2008 | Oklahoma Democratic Party Convention |
| February 23, 2008 | Presidential candidates provide a list of approved At-large and At-Large Alternate delegates to the State Party |
| February 23, 2008 | Following the adjournment of the State Convention, the National Convention Delegation will hold a meeting. Presidential Candidates submit list of approved candidates for standing committee members to the State Party prior to the start of the Delegation meeting. |
| February 23, 2008 | State Party Chair in consultation with Oklahoma’s members of the Democratic National Committee selects 2 pages to the Democratic National Convention. |
| February 26, 2008 | State Party Chair certifies in writing to the DNC Secretary the elected district level delegates, unpledged Add-on, PLEO, At-Large delegates, alternates, standing committee members, delegation chair and pages. |



2008 Declaration of Candidacy and Pledge of Support

All candidates seeking to fill a position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate should review the 2008 Delegate Selection Plan for Oklahoma to ensure that they fully comply with the requirements, especially noting the filing deadlines.

I, _____, declare myself to be a candidate for the position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate for the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

I will be a candidate for the position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate committed to the candidacy of _____, and I do hereby pledge my support and vote to that presidential candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home)_____ (work)_____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	(H) _____ (W) _____ © _____
Email:	
Signature:	Date: _____
Affirmative Action Information:	Male___ Female___ Age 18-35___ Age 36-64 ___ Age over 65___
Circle as Applicable:	African American Asian/Pacific Islander Native American Hispanic Caucasian Gay/Lesbian Physically Disabled Youth

Verification

Subscribed and sworn before me, the undersigned authority, by the person known to me to be the
aforementioned candidate for Delegate or Alternate Delegate.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

**Mail or deliver to 4100 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.
Forms must be received by close of business on January 24, 2008.**



2008 ODP Convention Delegate Pledge of Support for Presidential Candidate

All delegates to the Congressional District and State Conventions, in order to vote for Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, shall complete the following pledge of support and file it with the Oklahoma Democratic Party, 4100 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, by February 4, 2008.

I, _____, am a delegate to the State Convention
from _____ County in the _____ Congressional District. I am
committed to the candidacy of _____ and do hereby pledge
my support and vote to him/her for the Democratic nomination for President.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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