



# Washington State Democrats

## 2026 Delegate Selection Plan

Welcome to the 2026 Delegate Selection Process! Every two years the State Party holds a State Convention for delegates across the state to come together to vote on amendments to our Platform, Resolutions, and Charter and Bylaw Amendments. Any Democrat in Washington State can be elected as a delegate to the State Convention.

### Process to Run for Delegate

- **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026** Online Delegate Self-Nomination Opens
- **February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM** Deadline to Self-Nominate Closes
- **February 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>** Delegate Candidate Forums
- **March 1<sup>st</sup> 10 AM - 7 PM** State Delegate Elections

### Convention Timeline

- **March 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Delegation Meetings hosted by your Delegation Chair
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Amendments to the Charter, Bylaws, Proposed Platform and Convention Rules
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>** Final Committee Reports are Distributed to Delegates
- **June 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** State Convention in Spokane



## Why Should I Run for State Delegate?

### Impact



Have an Impact on State Democratic Party's official positions that affect today's biggest policy issues across the state!

### Represent



Ensure that your community's needs and values are represented in the Democratic Party, by having a voice and vote on our party platform and resolutions

### Connect



Meet Leaders, both elected officials and grassroots organizers, from across the state and connect with other Democrats!

### Teach + Learn



Become informed and learn more about Democratic party policy issues alongside other activists and party members.

## Delegate FAQs

- **What is a State Delegate?**
  - A state delegate is a person chosen by their Legislative District Party Organization (LPO) to represent their district at the 2026 Washington State Democratic Convention.
- **How many state delegates are elected to go to the Washington State Democratic convention?**
  - 1171 state delegates from Washington's 49 Legislative Districts (LD)
  - 490 Alternates
- **Who can run for delegate in Washington?**
  - Anyone willing to publicly identify as a Democrat, no age limit. Must reside in the legislative district you are running to be a delegate in.



# Trainings and Deadlines

## Trainings

- **How to Run for State Delegate Trainings**
- **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**
  - January 8th, 2026
  - January 15th, 2026
  - January 22nd, 2026
  - January 29th, 2026
  - February 5th, 2026
  - February 12th, 2026
  - February 19th, 2026

- **State Delegate Office Hours**
- **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**
  - January 10th, 2026
  - January 17th, 2026
  - January 24th, 2026
  - January 31st, 2026
  - February 7th, 2026

## Deadlines

### Delegates

- **February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM** – Self-Nomination Closes
- **February 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – Participate in your LD Delegate Candidate Forum
- **March 1<sup>st</sup> 10 AM - 7 PM** – State Delegate Elections administered by the State Party
- **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Review Initial Committee Reports
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – All Amendments to Committee Reports Due

### Delegation Chairs

- **February 16<sup>th</sup>** – LD membership Rosters must be received by the State Party
- **February 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – LDs must hold a Delegate Candidate Forum
- **March 1<sup>st</sup> 10 AM - 7 PM** – State Delegate Elections administered by the State Party
- **March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Hold First Delegation Meeting and Elect Standing Committee Members



## Want to Stay Up to Date on State Delegate Events?

Subscribe to our 2026 State Delegate Google Calendar so you never miss a training or event from the Washington State Democrats!

Have Questions? Email [Partyaffairs@wa-democrats.org](mailto:Partyaffairs@wa-democrats.org)



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