

What Does It Cost To Be A Delegate?



Delegates are obligated to attend the 2020 Democratic National Convention (The Week of August 17th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin). While there are no fees or dues required to become a delegate, there are costs associated with travel and accommodation for the national convention. Please note, these costs are not meant to preclude anyone from running as a delegate – in fact, the Democratic Party strictly prohibits discrimination on the basis of status. However, the Democratic Party of Oregon does not furnish flights or hotels for the national convention. The costs of attending are estimated below:

Airfare	\$400-\$900
Hotel	\$350-\$1650
Food and Incidentals	\$400+
Delegation Logistics Charge	\$125
Total Costs	\$1500-\$3100

Airfare: Most major airlines fly to Milwaukee. Be aware that direct flights to Milwaukee are difficult to find and more expensive than non-direct flights. You might also want to consider flying into other area airports and using public transit or shuttles to get to Milwaukee.

Hotels: The DPO was assigned a hotel by the Democratic National Convention Committee (DNCC). This hotel is chosen by the DNCC without consultation from the State Party. All rooms require a 4 night minimum reservation. Delegates are free to seek alternative accommodations, although the choices will be limited. If a delegate chooses an alternative arrangement, the cost of a room can range from \$300 to \$700 per night depending on the vicinity of the hotel to the Arena, and other costs (transportation, etc.) must be considered. Delegates must be present at the 7am Delegation Breakfast to be held at the Delegation Hotel each day to receive their credentials for the day, and Delegate transportation for our Delegation will only be provided from our Delegation hotel. We will provide opportunities for members of the Delegation to connect to try to find roommates for the convention to try to further offset these costs.

Transportation: The DNCC will provide ground transportation to and from our Delegation Hotel to the Convention Center for Caucus and Committee Meetings & The Floor Session. In 2016 they also provided limited transportation to and from the airport for all Delegation members. The DPO will coordinate transportation to our special evening hospitality events.

Food and Incidentals: In addition to travel costs, plan to spend at least \$50 on food and \$25 on incidentals like cab fare each day. The convention schedule will likely keep you at the arena, where food will be expensive. Getting away from the crowd requires transportation. The DNC provides bus transportation to and from the Delegation Hotel for Delegates.

Delegation Logistics Charge: This fee covers the cost of the daily delegation breakfast, evening hospitality events, delegation t-shirts, lanyards, printed resources, and offsetting staff travel and resources to support the delegation.

Guests: Please inform the DPO if you have the intention of bringing any guests. There will be a fee for guests who wish to attend delegation events, and it is highly unlikely that guests will be able to attend the evening convention sessions at Fiserv Forum, as State Parties are not issued any guest passes. At this time the guest fee is estimated to be \$250.

Financing Your Trip: If you are concerned about the costs associated with attending the convention, please don't let the price hold you back from attending. Many delegates are able to successfully fundraise to offset the cost of attendance using tools like CrowdPAC or GoFundMe.

**Travel costs above are estimated for a 5 night stay covering the entirety of the Convention events. Cost and availability can vary greatly*

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