



Delegate Selection Plan

For the 2017 Young Democrats of America National Convention

Section 1. Delegate Application and Selection

Subsection 1. Delegation Selection Committee

The delegate selection committee will be comprised of the President, the National Committeewoman and National Committeeman of the Ohio Young Democrats (OYD). The President shall serve as the Chair of the Delegate Selection Committee.

Subsection 2. Delegate Applications

The Delegate Selection Committee will create a Google form for interested applicants to apply. This form will be distributed via email to all members of the Ohio Young Democrats. This form will also be promoted through the official OYD social media account(s). This form will be released at least 15 days before the application deadline. The form will have an option for individuals to self-identify, using affirmative action categories approved by the Democratic National Committee, to ensure that the Ohio delegation has ethnic, gender, and geographic balance.

Subsection 3. Application Deadline

Delegate Selection Committee will set an application deadline. This deadline must occur on or before July 31, 2017.

Subsection 4. Selection

If the President, the National Committeewoman, or the National Committeeman submit delegate applications, they will be immediately granted delegate status. Once the deadline for application has passed, the Delegate Selection Committee will convene to select delegates and alternates. The Delegate Selection Committee must strive to ensure that the Ohio delegation meets these state diversity goals (in line with Ohio's affirmative action goals from the 2016 Democratic National Convention):

Group	Percentage of delegation	# of delegates
Women	50%	15
African American	23.13%	7
LGBT	6.75 %	3
Hispanic	3.31%	1
AAPI	2.45%	1
People w/ Disabilities	N/A	1

Subsection 5. Financial Assistance

The Delegate Selection Committee, along with members of the Ohio Young Democrats Executive Committee, will work with delegates to help them finance and fundraise for the costs associated with attending the convention.

Section 2. Delegation Chair

Subsection 1. Delegation Chair

The President of the Ohio Young Democrats will serve as the Delegation Chair. If for some reason the President cannot attend the Convention, the Delegation Selection Committee Chair may nominate one (1) delegate to serve as Delegation Chair (with the nomination approved by a simple majority). Once these selections are made, the contact information of this delegate will be sent to Young Democrats of America. The Delegation Chair will be responsible for issuing convention committee assignments to Ohio's delegates. The Delegation Chair will also be responsible for tallying and counting votes during the convention

Section 3. Delegate Obligations

Subsection 1. Convention Requirement

Persons selected to be delegates and alternates are expected to attend all plenary sessions and assigned committee/caucus meetings. Delegates or alternates who consistently skip plenary sessions or assigned committee meetings will be given one (1) verbal warning by the Delegation Chair. If the problem persists, the Delegation Chair reserves the right to strip a delegate or alternate of their voting privileges for duration of the convention.

Subsection 2. Behavioral

Persons selected to be delegates and alternates are expected to behave with decorum during the course of the convention. Delegates or alternates who consistently misbehave during convention business will be given one (1) verbal warning by the Delegation Chair; if the problem persists the Delegation Chair reserves the right to strip a delegate or alternate of their voting privileges for duration of the convention.

Section 4. Miscellaneous

Subsection 1. Total Votes Cast

For the 2017 Young Democrats of America National Convention Ohio has a maximum total of 120 possible votes with each delegate having the ability to cast up to 4 votes. If for some reason Ohio is penalized, has its vote share reduced, or the total number of delegates possible is below 30 and there is an "uneven" delegate vote allocation, the Delegation Chair shall have the authority to make the necessary alterations to the vote allocation process to ensure that the Ohio delegation is in compliance with the YDA Charter and Convention Rules.

Section 2. Severability and Amendability

If any portion of the Rules for Delegate Selection are rendered invalid, the remaining portions of the Rules for Delegate Selection shall remain. In the event that any section or subsection of these rules is rendered invalid by the Young Democrats of America then the Delegation Selection Committee shall have unilateral authority to rewrite these provisions.