



# **RIDP 2012 DELEGATE ACADEMY: HOW TO RUN FOR DELEGATE**





Hello fellow Democrat!

Thank you for your interest in running for delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention to represent Rhode Island and nominate President Obama for re-election.

This is a crucial election and we need RI Dems fired up and ready to work! President Obama said in his State of the Union speech:

“Think about the America within our reach: A country that leads the world in educating its people. An America that attracts a new generation of high-tech manufacturing and high-paying jobs. A future where we’re in control of our own energy, and our security and prosperity aren’t so tied to unstable parts of the world. An economy built to last, where hard work pays off, and responsibility is rewarded.”

That’s what we are working toward and it is our job to ensure the President is given four more years to make it happen.

I hope you find the details you need to prepare for your campaign in these pages. If you have any questions at all, feel free to call me at the Democratic Party Headquarters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie DeSilva', written in a cursive style.

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## **What's a Delegate Anyway?**

Each state is allowed a certain number of delegates to send to the National Convention to nominate the Democratic presidential candidate – President Obama.

Rhode Island is allotted 47 delegates.

22 of those delegates are elected – 11 from each of our two congressional districts.

## **Requirements**

You must be a registered Rhode Island voter

And a Democrat!

# How It Works/Deadlines to Know

- **February 22 – 23, 2012**
  - On one of these two days, candidates file a [declaration of candidacy](#) form and [pledge of support](#) at the Secretary of State's office (148 West River Street, Providence)
  - If you are unable to file in person, you can send a representative in your place. You will need to supply them with your signed declaration, signed pledge of support, and a signed letter indicating you give them permission to file on your behalf.
  - Return the following day to pick up nomination papers, they'll be ready at 8:30 a.m. (we recommend filing on February 22, it will give you the extra day to collect signatures)
  - Gather signatures in your congressional district
    - Remember to use separate sheets for different cities/towns!
    - You need 150 **VALID** signatures so collect more than what you need!
    - For a list of cities/towns by Congressional District, turn to Pg. 6
  
- **February 28, 2012**
  - Return your nomination papers by 4 p.m. on this date to each city/town hall that corresponds to the signatures (Narragansett sheets to the Narragansett Board of Canvassers, for example)
  - You can return your papers UP TO this date, so feel free to return as you go to get those signatures verified!
  
- **March 2, 2012**
  - This is the deadline for the city/town boards of canvassers to send verified signatures to the Secretary of State's office for certification
  
- **March 6, 2012**
  - This is the deadline for President Obama's RI representatives to approve delegate candidates

- **March 7, 2012**
  - Ballot placement lottery – The Secretary of State’s office conducts a lottery to determine where your name will be placed on the ballot
  - It will be held at 5 p.m. in the State Room at the State House
- **CAMPAIGN!**
  - Talk to your friends, family and neighbors and let them know to vote for you in the Democratic Primary on Presidential Preference Primary Day!
  
- **April 24, 2012**
  - PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY DAY – GOOD LUCK!

## **The Convention**

- **Week of September 3, 2012**
  - 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina
  
- **Cost – Delegates are responsible for the following costs:**
  - Travel
  - Lodging: The RIDP has a block of hotel rooms reserved. Room rates will be discounted, but delegates are responsible for the cost associated.
  - Meals other than breakfast (breakfast will be provided by the RIDP – and it’s a great chance to regroup with your fellow RI Delegates!)

# Convention Snapshot

- An expected 35,000 visitors will descend on the Charlotte area, including:
  - 15,000 media
  - 7,000 delegates
  - Members of both the U.S. House and Senate
  - Other significant figures in public life from around the world.
- For three days, delegates will have the opportunity to attend speeches from distinguished Democratic notables
- Culminates with acceptance speech by President Obama at Bank of America Stadium on the final day, September 6.

## Discover Charlotte!

- Follow on Facebook: [Charlotte in 2012](#)
- Twitter: [@Charlottein2012](#)
- <http://charlottein2012.com/>
- <http://demconvention.com/>
- <http://www.charlottesgotalot.com/>

## Need More Information?

- The full 2012 Rhode Island Democratic Party Delegate Selection Plan:
  - Available <http://ridemocrats.org/about-the-party/convention.html>
- Email Us [info@ridemocrats.org](mailto:info@ridemocrats.org)
- Call Us (401) 272-3367
- Follow us on Facebook: [RI Democrats](#)
- Follow us on Twitter: [@RIDemParty](#)
- Are you on our email list? **Text RIDEMPARTY to 22828** right now and get signed up!

## Congressional District 1

Barrington  
Bristol  
Burrillville  
Central Falls  
Cumberland  
East Providence  
Jamestown  
Lincoln  
Little Compton  
Middletown  
Newport  
North Providence  
North Smithfield  
Pawtucket  
Portsmouth  
Providence\*  
Smithfield  
Tiverton  
Warren  
Woonsocket

## Congressional District 2

Charlestown  
Cranston  
Coventry  
East Greenwich  
Exeter  
Foster  
Glocester  
Hopkinton  
Johnston  
Narragansett  
New Shoreham  
North Kingstown  
Providence\*  
Richmond  
Scituate  
South Kingstown  
Warwick  
West Greenwich  
West Warwick  
Westerly

\*Congressional Districts are split in the City of Providence. Please be aware of where you are, as signatures will be marked invalid if they are not residents of your district. Go to the Secretary of State's Website to check streets for location: <https://sos.ri.gov/vic/>