

## 2024 Republican National Convention Delegate and Alternate Interest Packet

Dear Fellow Republican,

Thank you for your interest in running to serve in West Virginia's Delegation as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please read through this full packet to learn more about the process of becoming a delegate or alternate, the estimated costs associated and expectations of all that serve in West Virginia's delegation.

We are excited at your interest and look forward to being as helpful as we can throughout the process.

Sincerely,



Elgine McArdle  
Chairman  
West Virginia Republican Party

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### **West Virginia's 2024 Delegation**

For the 2024 election cycle West Virginia will likely be allocated the following spots to the RNC Convention for National Delegates and National Delegate Alternates:

**National Delegates: 32**

**National Delegate Alternates: 29**

Three of the national delegate spots are automatically filled by the West Virginia Republican Party State Party Chair, West Virginia's National Committeeman and National Committeewoman.

### **RNC 2024 Dates:**

- Sunday, July 14, 2024: Arrive in Milwaukee, WI
- Monday, July 15 – Thursday, July 18: Republican National Convention
- Friday, July 19: Likely Departure from Milwaukee, WI

**National Delegates and Alternates are allocated in the following manner:**

	<b>Delegates Elected</b>	<b>Alternates Elected</b>
First Congressional District	3	3
Second Congressional District	3	3
State At-Large	23	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>

### **Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates:**

1. In order to be considered, an applicant must submit a letter to Republican State Party Headquarters at the following address: **PO Box 2711, Charleston, WV, 25330** or by e-mailing the letter to Republican State Party Headquarters at [info@wvgop.org](mailto:info@wvgop.org). The letter should reflect the applicant's desire to be elected as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention and should provide background information about the applicant, including their history of service to the Republican Party and Republican candidates.
2. The window to submit letters to be considered for election by the State Executive Committee will be March 15, 2024 until April 1, 2024. No letters that are submitted before 12:00 AM on March 15, 2024 and after 11:59 PM on April 1, 2024, shall be considered. It is important to note that letters must be ***received*** by the State Republican Party by April 1, 2024, ***not postmarked***. Please do not assume that sending via FAX or USPS on April 1<sup>st</sup> will deliver to the State Party Headquarters before the deadline. ***This is a hard deadline, and there are no exceptions.***
3. There will be a \$20 filing fee for anyone who applies to be a Delegate to the 2024 Republican National Convention (West Virginia Code §3-5-8(5)(A); Rule 16(d)(6) of *The Rules of The Republican Party*). The filing fee must be paid by the applicant by 11:59 PM on April 1, 2024.
4. The Steering Committee will be given all of the timely filed letters that were submitted to Republican State Party Headquarters.
5. On Tuesday May 14, 2024, the State of West Virginia will hold a Presidential Preference Primary Election in which all registered Republican voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote for who they would like to be the 2024 Republican Nominee for President of the United States. The candidate who receives the ***most*** votes will be allocated ***all*** of the Delegates from West Virginia.
6. At the Summer 2024 Meeting held on May 18, 2024, the West Virginia Republican State Executive Committee will be presented with a slate of Delegates and Alternate Delegates nominated by the Steering Committee. The slate will be composed only of those who submitted letters to Republican State Party Headquarters. The State Executive Committee will vote to elect or reject the slate that is nominated by the Steering Committee. If the slate is rejected by the State Executive Committee, the Steering Committee will reconvene and nominate a new slate. The Executive Committee will then consider the new slate. This process will continue indefinitely until a slate of Delegates and Alternate Delegates is elected by the West Virginia Republican State Executive Committee with a majority of votes cast.

### **Organization of the National Convention Delegation:**

1. After the Delegates and Alternate Delegates are elected by the West Virginia Republican State Executive Committee, the State Chairman will call a meeting of the National Convention Delegation. In 2024, this meeting will occur on the same day and in the same location as the Summer Meeting of the State Executive Committee.
2. The National Convention Delegation will meet and elect a Delegation Chairman and one man and one woman who will serve on each of the National Convention Committees: Credentials, Rules and Order of Business, Permanent Organization, and Platform.

### **Summary of National Convention Committees:**

Each State Delegation elects One (1) man and One (1) woman to serve on each of the National Convention Committees. These individuals must be ***Delegates*** from the state they represent.

**Platform:** The Platform Committee is the most well-known committee and this committee prepares the official 2024 Republican Party platform, which states where the Republican Party stands on issues such as taxes, abortion, and national defense. The Republican Platform Committee has a long and esteemed history, beginning with the adoption of our very first platform in 1856, which called for an end to slavery.

This committee meets one week before the Convention, so any person seeking to serve on this committee should be advised that they will spend an extra 4-5 days in Milwaukee and will have to pay for the lodging and meals that accompany that.

**Credentials Committee:** The Credentials Committee reviews the proceedings of conventions, committees, and primary elections which elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates from the several states and prepares a Temporary Roll of Delegates and Alternate Delegates, which is given to each Delegate on the first day of the Convention. Once the Temporary Roll of Delegates and Alternate Delegates is adopted by the Convention, each Delegate receives a Permanent Roll of Delegates and Alternate Delegates. The Credentials Committee also hears contests that were appealed to it after a ruling from the Republican National Committee Standing Committee on Contests.

**Rules and Order of Business:** The Committee on Rules and Order of Business considers amendments to the document which governs the Republican National Convention and Republican National Committee, *The Rules of the Republican Party*. This committee meets one week before the Convention, so any person seeking to serve on this committee should be advised that they will spend an extra 2-3 days in Milwaukee and will have to pay for the lodging and meals that accompany that.

**Permanent Organization:** The Committee on Permanent Organization nominates a Permanent Chairman of the Republican National Convention. By tradition, the Senate Republican Leader (Sen. Mitch McConnell) is the Temporary Chairman of the Convention and the House Republican Speaker/Leader (Speaker Kevin McCarthy) is the Permanent Chairman of the Convention.

### **Presidential Electors:**

At the same meeting of the West Virginia Republican State Executive Committee in which Delegates and Alternate Delegates are elected, the State Chairman will present to the State Executive Committee a slate of four (4) Presidential Electors from the Republican Party, which will be nominated by the Steering Committee. The Executive Committee will ratify the nominations at this meeting. Anyone interested in serving as a Presidential Elector should call Republican State Party Headquarters at (304) 768-0493 or e-mail us at [info@wvgop.org](mailto:info@wvgop.org) before May 11, 2024.

Once a candidate for President and Vice President is nominated by the 2024 Republican National Convention, a certificate of nomination will be signed by the Permanent Chairman and Permanent Secretary of the Republican National Convention. That certificate of nomination will be given to each State Party. The West Virginia Republican Party shall then file such certificate of nomination along with a letter naming the four (4) Republican Presidential Electors who will serve in the Electoral College *when* the Republican Nominee wins the state of West Virginia.

### **West Virginia Republican Party Platform:**

The Standing Committee on Resolutions is responsible for preparing and drafting the West Virginia Republican Party's 2024 Platform. The Platform Committee will hold hearings and deliberate over the West Virginia Republican Party Platform and submit such document for consideration at the Summer meeting of the State Executive Committee on May 18, 2024.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**QUESTION:** What if I run to be a delegate or alternate, but something personal or life-changing comes up and I can no longer attend the convention?

**ANSWER:** *You will lose your place, and the fee is non-refundable once paid.*

**QUESTION:** What is the administrative fee?

**Answer:** *The administrative fee covers the cost of your participation in West Virginia’s Delegation. This fee will include the following hospitality services during the national convention:*

- *Ground transportation from the hotel to the RNC Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 14, 2024*
- *Ground transportation from the hotel to the convention and from the convention back to the hotel each day of to the convention: Monday, July 15, 2024 – Thursday, July 18, 2024*
- *Ground transportation from the hotel to all West Virginia Delegation off-site planned events*
- *West Virginia Delegation Breakfasts: Monday, July 15, 2024 – Thursday, July 18, 2024*
- *West Virginia Delegation Special Events: TBD*
- *West Virginia Delegation Credential Support and Delegation Management*

*Note: This fee is **not required** in order to be elected as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate or to serve as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, but these services are **not guaranteed** to those who do not pay the administrative fee.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE FEE:** *The Administrative Fee for the West Virginia 2024 Delegation to the Republican National Convention will be \$500 for each Delegate and Alternate Delegate, and \$250 for each guest.*

**QUESTION:** What other expenses should I budget for as a delegate or alternate?

**Answer:** *Going to the convention is no different than budgeting for a personal vacation. This just happens to be a vacation experience around politics and the 2024 election cycle and allows you to be a part of history in nominating the Republican candidate for President of the United States.*

Below are the estimated expenses we think you should plan for:

Travel:	\$400
Ground transfers (airport to hotel and back):	\$80
Hotel (five nights required):	\$2,000
Administrative Fee:	\$500
Other:	\$300
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,280</b>

**Regardless of if you fly or drive, you will want to arrive in Milwaukee by early afternoon on Sunday, July 14, 2024 and plan not to depart until Friday morning, July 19, 2024.**

- *Sunday evening, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the RNC will host a VIP Welcome Reception.*
- *Thursday evening, July 18<sup>th</sup>, is the final night of the RNC Convention and is when the Presidential nominee will speak.*

**Hotel**

The Milwaukee Host Committee and RNC Committee on Arrangements require all attendees to pay in full for five (5) nights at our delegation’s selected hotel. Even if you do not stay at the hotel all five nights, you are responsible to pay for all five nights. The hotel prices per night range for hotels in Milwaukee is \$250 - \$800. We have not yet been assigned our West Virginia Delegation Hotel, so we are estimating \$400 per night (including taxes) for the hotel cost.

In the past, several people have chosen to share rooms and split the cost of the hotel which has provided cost savings on the overall convention week.

**Question:** Can I choose to stay at the lodging of my own choosing?

**Answer:** No.

### Delegation Notes

**PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST CONSIDERATION to be elected as a delegate or an alternate if the dates of the convention conflict with your schedule.**

**West Virginia is allotted a limited number of delegates and alternate spots.**

**It is important that if you run to be a delegate or an alternate you commit to attending the convention.**

### Code of Conduct Guidelines

1. All those in attendance at the convention will be on an international stage, with thousands of media from around the world attending to cover the convention. We respectfully ask that you put your best foot forward and represent West Virginia positively. We don't want to see anyone in our delegation on the front pages for unruly behavior, over-intoxication and or some other negative activity or action. We already know the 'fake news' looks for any reason to make Republicans look bad to the world – let's not give them one!
2. Our team works hard to manage, coordinate and operate a positive and memorable experience for our delegation. Prior to the convention, we will email out a day-by-day agenda full of great activities, hosted events and unique experiences. We ask for 100% participation with the great schedule we will have for you!
3. Have fun and make new friends! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many of us and we are all here because of our love for our country. Take the time to make new friends in West Virginia's delegation and from across the country. Enjoy the experience and take it all in! It's one you will never forget.

### Guest Policy

Each Delegate and Alternate Delegate will be provided one guest pass. The election for Delegates and Alternate Delegates will occur on May 18, 2024. Please submit the name of your guest to the State Party Headquarters by June 10, 2024. If you are elected and you do not wish to bring a guest, please inform the State Party Headquarters by June 10, 2024.