

What Does It Cost To Be A Delegate?



Delegates are obligated to attend the 2020 Democratic National Convention (July 13-16 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 Idaho Democratic Party does not furnish flights or hotels for the national convention. The costs of attending are estimated below:

Airfare (roundtrip to Chicago O’Hare)	\$400–\$550
Hotel	\$373–\$1495
Food and Incidentals	\$400+
Delegation Logistics Charge	\$200
Total Estimated Costs	\$1,323–\$2,595

Airfare: Our hotel is located in Zion, Illinois and the closest airport to us is O’Hare in Chicago. All major airlines fly there. There are direct flights from Boise, Spokane and Salt Lake, but all other flights will be non-direct. *If you choose to fly into an airport besides O’Hare, you will need to arrange your own transportation— free transportation from O’Hare will be provided.*

Hotels: The IDP was assigned a hotel by the Democratic National Convention Committee (DNCC). This hotel is chosen by the DNCC without consultation from the State Party. The IDP will be staying at the Inn at Market Square in Zion, IL. The estimated price per room is \$299 per night, and all rooms require a 4 night minimum reservation, but we suggest a five-night reservation. Room cost can be split among other delegates and can be shared by up to four delegates to help reduce cost. Delegates are free to seek alternative accommodations, although the choices will be limited and expensive. If a delegate chooses an alternative arrangement, the delegate(s) will be responsible for increased costs of transportation and other costs that will be covered by IDP and DNCC if you stay at our provided hotel. Delegates must be present at the 7am Delegate Check-in each day to receive their credentials for the day— if a Delegate is not present, credentials will be given away and the Delegate cannot attend the convention for that day.

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. As mentioned in the airfare section, the DNCC will provide transportation to and from the airport for all Delegation members. The IDP will coordinate transportation to IDP arranged hospitality events. Delegates must arrange their own transportation to other events.

Food and Incidentals: In addition to travel costs, plan to spend at least \$50 on food and on incidentals like cab/rideshare around the city \$25. 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. **Cab/Rideshare fares to Milwaukee from our hotel will be approximately \$90 each way, but will only be necessary if a Delegate misses provided transportation.**

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

Guests: Please inform the IDP 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.