

2008 DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN FACT SHEET

Below is a summary of the New York State Democratic Committee's plan for the election of delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado on August 25-28, 2008:

- New York's delegation, the second largest, consists of 280 delegates and 39 alternates.
- Governor Spitzer, U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, all Democratic Members of U.S. House of Representatives, State Chair June O'Neill and all New York members of the Democratic National Committee, and former President Bill Clinton are automatically members of the delegation.
- 151 district delegates and 25 alternates are to be chosen in the Primary Election on February 5, 2008.
- 5,000 signatures are required to place the name of a presidential candidate on the statewide ballot.
- Fewer than 500 signatures are required to place the names of delegates and alternates on the ballot in each of the State's 29 Congressional Districts.
- Petitions may be circulated no sooner than October 30, 2007 and filed with the Local Board or State Board no earlier than December 3, 2007 and no later than December 6, 2007.
- Candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to a presidential candidate are subject to approval by that candidate's authorized New York representative.
- 85 delegates and 14 alternates are to be chosen by the Democratic State Committee sitting in Convention on or around May 15, 2008.
- Of the delegates to be chosen by the State Committee, 30 delegate positions are reserved for Democratic Party leaders and Democratic elected officials in the State.
- The State Committee is engaged in an extensive outreach program to assure maximum participation in the delegate selection process. All enrolled Democrats are encouraged to participate.
- There is no fee to participate.
- Special efforts are underway to attract interest among traditionally underrepresented Party members such as women, African Americans, Latinos, Asian/Pacific Americans, persons with disabilities, persons below 30 years of age, persons over 65 years of age, gays, lesbians and transgender persons, and persons of low and moderate income.