

**Massachusetts Democratic Party
2018 Democratic State Convention
June 2, 2018 at the DCU Center in Worcester
Youth Add-On Selection Procedure**

Local Ward and Town Caucuses: February 3rd, 2018 to March 4th, 2018

Add On Application Deadline: Friday, March 23, 2018

Add On Selected: April 28, 2018

Add-On Delegate Fee Due: May, 31, 2018

Online Application Link

Only registered or preregistered Democrats, who will be at least age 18 on or before September 18, 2018 are eligible to apply and be selected as a Youth Add On Delegate.

Ward and town committees shall make every effort to encourage full participation by all Democrats with particular concern for each of the designated target groups: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian-Pacific Americans, Native Americans and Cape Verdeans; and outreach programs to person with disabilities, lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender, workers, youth, low and moderate income people, and senior citizens in the delegate selection process.

All Ward and Town Chairs are required to inform the participants that any candidate who is not elected as a delegate or alternate by the caucus and meet the requirements will be eligible to apply to the Democratic State Committee for selection as an add-on delegate.

No town or ward committee member shall discourage any Democrat under the age of 36 from running as a delegate or alternate at said caucus based on their eligibility to apply for a youth add-on delegate seat.

Applications shall be made available at each caucus by the caucus chair. An online form at www.massdems.com/convention will also be available throughout the application window.

Eligibility

Democrats eligible to apply for a youth add-on seat should be:

1. A registered or pre-registered Democrat
2. At least age 18 on or before September 18, 2018
3. Under the age of 36 on September 18, 2018

Preference

In the event that more applicants apply than add-on seats available, preference will be given to applicants who:

1. Run to be a delegate or alternate at their local caucus.
2. “Young” Democrats residing in towns or wards that failed to hold a caucus.
3. Members of a partisan Democratic organization. This includes members of the Young Democrats of Massachusetts, College Democrats of Massachusetts, or any chapter thereof; Bay State Stonewall Democrats, and regional Democratic organizations such as The Greater Blackstone Valley Democrats, 3rd Middlesex Area Democrats, etc.

Although we encourage all young Democrats to be involved in campaigns, preference will not be given to staff, interns, or volunteers for candidate or issue campaigns.

Selection

The Youth Services Subcommittee shall make their recommendations to the State Committee by April 16th, 2018 for full State Committee approval on April 28, 2018

The registration fee of \$75.00 per delegate must be completed by the Delegate online by April 30, 2018 if they would like their credential mailed. Add-On Delegates may submit their fee between April, 28, 2018 and May, 31, 2018 without a late penalty.

Delegates seeking a low-income waiver of the registration fee must complete and file a an application, using the appropriate form via mail or the online form available at www.massdems.org/2018-convention/2018-convention. Only completed forms will be considered by the Waiver Review Committee which may require additional written documentation relating to the delegate’s financial circumstances.

More information at:

www.facebook.com/MassDemsYouthServices and
www.massdems.org/2018-convention/2018-convention