

# **2021 YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA CONVENTION INDIANA YOUNG DEMOCRATS RULES FOR DELEGATE SELECTION**

## **Section 1: Delegate Selection Committee**

The Delegate Selection Committee shall be comprised of the IYD President, Vice President, Secretary, and the two (2) National Committee Representatives of the Indiana Young Democrats (IYD). The President, or their appointed representative, shall serve as the Chair of the Delegate Selection Committee.

## **Section 2: Delegate Applications**

The 2021 YDA Convention delegate application will be made available via Google Form and distributed via email to members of the Indiana Young Democrats through email, and social media. This form will be distributed on June 16, 2021. Individuals will provide self-certification using the categories outlined below to ensure that Indiana has ethnic, gender, and geographic balance and shall meet the diverse goals established in this plan according to Article X, Section C of the Bylaws of the Indiana Young Democrats.

## **Section 3: Application Deadline**

The deadline to apply to be a delegate to the YDA National Convention is July 5, 2021.

## **Section 4: Selection**

The Delegate Selection Committee shall select 33 IYD members in good standing to be delegates and 5 IYD members in good standing to be alternates to the 2021 Young Democrats of America National Convention.

All members of the Delegate Selection Committee and each voting member of the YDA National Committee residing in Indiana shall immediately be granted delegate status, should the member apply. The Delegate Selection Committee will convene on July 6, 2021 with delegates and alternates being notified on July 7, 2021. If applicable, applicants who were not selected as either a delegate or an alternate will also be informed on July 7, 2021.

The Delegate Selection Committee will strive to ensure that Indiana meets the diversity goals set below to ensure that our delegation is diverse and geographically balanced. These goals are based on the Indiana Democratic Party and DNC's delegate selection criteria, with the addition of a rural category to ensure geographical diversity and comply with Article X, Section C(3) of the Bylaws of the Indiana Young Democrats.

A member selected to be a delegate may meet multiple diversity categories.

<b>Diversity Category</b>	<b>Percent of Delegates</b>	<b>Delegate Goal</b>
Women	50%	17
African American	35%	12
LGBT	19%	7
Hispanic or Latino	12%	4
AAPI	2%	1
Disability	8%	3
Native American	4%	2

## Section 5: Financial Assistance

IYD will do its utmost to fundraise and create a plan to provide assistance to those who wish to attend but are financially struggling. The amount of financial assistance to be provided to the IYD delegation shall be determined at a later time by the IYD Executive Committee. To qualify for financial assistance, the delegate must indicate their need in the Delegate Application form.

## Section 6: Delegation Chair and Convention Committee Members

The President of the Indiana Young Democrats shall appoint the Delegation Chair. According to Section 385 of the YDA Charter, the President shall file with the YDA Convention Secretary, not later the seven (7) days before the first general session of the YDA National Convention, the name and contact information of the delegation chair. If for any reason the appointed Delegation Chair cannot attend the Convention, the President shall name an alternate to replace the Delegation Chair.

The Delegation Chair shall be responsible for issuing convention committee assignments to Indiana's delegates. According to Section 350(d) of the YDA Charter, the Delegation Chair shall certify, not later than seven (7) days before the first general session of the National Convention,

the name of each delegate to represent Indiana on a convention committee. Any delegate appointed to chair a convention committee shall not be eligible to represent Indiana on the same committee. The Delegation Chair will also be responsible for tallying and counting votes during the 2021 YDA Convention

## Section 7: Delegate Obligations

All Indiana delegates and alternates are expected to attend all plenary sessions and the YDA Great Lakes Regional Meeting. Each delegate and alternate will also be asked to attend at least one committee meeting and/or caucus meeting and/or training to ensure Indiana is well represented across the entire convention.

Delegates or alternates who consistently skip plenary sessions or assigned committee meetings will be given one (1) verbal warning by the Delegation Chair. If the problem persists, the Delegation Chair reserves the right to strip a delegate or alternate of their voting privileges for the duration of the convention.

In addition, persons selected to be delegates and alternates are expected to behave with decorum during the course of the convention. Delegates are also required to follow all YDA convention health protocols and procedures, including but not limited to the wearing of face masks during all sessions and practicing proper hand washing and sanitizing. Any delegate or alternate who misbehaves, violates the YDA convention health protocols and procedures, or otherwise violates any IYD or YDA governing rules including the YDA National Convention Rules during convention business will be given one (1) verbal warning by the Delegation Chair. If the problem persists the Delegation Chair reserves the right to strip a delegate or alternate of their voting privileges for the duration of the convention.

## Section 8: COVID Safety Policy

Our goal is to ensure the safety and health of all members of our delegation. For that reason, all members of the Indiana delegation will be required to certify that they have received a COVID vaccine, and be fully vaccinated by the definition of the Center for Disease Control by submission of their COVID Vaccine Card, or certified documentation from the State Department of Health. Procedures for confirming a delegate is fully vaccinated, or that for medical reasons the member has not received the vaccine, with YDA shall be determined by the YDA Convention Procedures Committee and will be shared with the delegation.

Those who wish to apply to attend that have not received the COVID vaccine will be required to certify that they were not able to receive the vaccine due to health or religious reasons. For the privacy of those who require this exemption, this will be a self-certification.

No record of vaccination status will be maintained, nor shall any vaccine card image. Members of the Delegate Selection Committee are expressly forbidden from disclosing vaccine status to any member, or non-member of the Indiana Young Democrats.

The Delegate Selection Committee shall update this section of the Delegation Selection Plan without prior approval of the IYD Executive Committee whenever YDA adds to or adjusts the health and safety rules for the convention.

## Section 9: Miscellaneous

### **Total Votes Cast**

For the 2021 Young Democrats of America National Convention, Indiana has a maximum total of 100 possible votes with each delegate having the ability to cast at least 3 votes. If for any reason Indiana is penalized, has its vote share reduced, or there is an “uneven” delegate vote allocation, the Delegation Chair shall have the authority to make the necessary alterations to the vote allocation process to ensure that the Indiana delegation is in compliance with the YDA Charter and Convention Rules.

### **Severability and Amendability**

If any portion of the Rules for Delegate Selection is rendered invalid, the remaining portions of the Rules for Delegate Selection shall remain in effect. In the event that any section or subsection of these rules is rendered invalid by the Young Democrats of America then the Delegation Selection Committee shall have the authority to amend the provisions of the plan.