

Overview of National Delegate Costs

If you are elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at the Nevada State Democratic Party Convention, you are obligated to attend the 2024 Democratic National Convention from August 19th to 22nd, 2024, in Chicago, Illinois. 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 Nevada State Democratic Party does not furnish flights or hotels for the national convention nor does it provide financial assistance to offset the costs of attending. The costs of attending are estimated below:

Round Trip Flight to Chicago	\$400-800
Hotel for 5 Nights and Breakfasts	\$2,500
Additional Food and Incidentals	\$500 - \$650
Total Estimated Costs	\$3,400 - \$3,950

Airfare: Most major airlines, including Southwest, Delta, United, Spirit and American fly direct to Chicago from Harry Reid International Airport in Las Vegas. If you will be traveling from Reno-Tahoe Airport, there are no direct flights and a layover in Las Vegas, Denver or Phoenix is required.

Hotels: There are lots of hotels in Chicago to choose from and many are near the Convention. The cost of a room ranges from \$350 to \$750 per night depending on the vicinity of the hotel to the Convention. NV Dems WILL have a guaranteed room rate for the National Convention for the Nevada Delegation at the Chicago Westin on Michigan Ave. It is highly encouraged that you stay with the delegation but not required. However it is important to note that if you choose to stay elsewhere you must report to the Westin each morning to get your convention credentials (which change each day). The DNC also provides shuttle transportation between all of the official delegation hotels and the convention centers, but they will not make stops outside the 5 official hotels, including the Westin.

Food and Incidentals: In addition to travel costs, plan to spend at least \$50 on food and \$50 a day on incidentals like cab fare. The convention schedule will likely keep you at the arena, where food will be expensive. Getting away from the crowd requires transportation.

Book in Advance: We understand that these are significant costs and because of this, we recommend that you book your flight and hotel room as soon as possible to ensure that you get



the best price possible. Delegates will be confirmed no later than the State Convention Meeting on May 18, 2024 – a date that provides adequate time to book travel plans.

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 Democratic clubs and organizations facilitate members attending the convention by providing financial assistance through scholarships. Delegates are also encouraged to hold fundraisers to raise the necessary funds to attend. *Travel costs were estimated for a 5-night stay covering the entirety of the Convention events. Cost and availability can vary greatly.