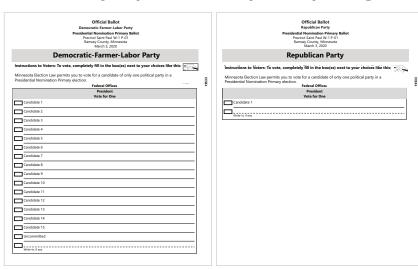# Presidential Nomination Primary Facts

What is a presidential primary?

The purpose of the presidential primary is for Minnesota voters to select the presidential candidate who they wish to be their party's presidential nominee on the Nov. 3, 2020 general election ballot.

Which major parties are participating in the presidential primary?

Party chairs submitted official candidates by *Dec. 31, 2019*

If a candidate suspends their race after this date, they still appear on the ballot.

Only the office of president is on the Mar. 3, 2020 presidential primary ballot. The primary for federal, state & county offices will be Aug. 11, 2020. You do not need to declare a party for the Aug. primary nor the Nov. general election.

Will parties have to abide by the primary results?

Yes. The winner of the primary race is the nominee for that party from Minnesota. Voters determine the number of delegates sent from Minnesota to each party's national convention. Delegates gather from each state then select their party's national presidential nominee.

Contact the parties below for more information on the delegation process.

Republican Party of Minnesota
7400 Metro Blvd, Suite 424
Edina, MN 55439
(651) 222-0022

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party
255 E Plato Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55107
(651) 293-1200

Will other people know which party's ballot I request?

The names of voters who voted within a party are provided to each major party's chairs.

How a voter voted on the ballot is secret.

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