

How to Join the Michigan Democratic Party (And Remain a Member)

If you're 16 years old or more, and you're a resident of Michigan, you have the right to join and vote in the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP).

There are a few different ways to join, depending on how much convenience you can afford or are willing to pay for.

MDP Rules do not allow any unit of the MDP to require a fee or donation or other exchange of value in order to join, remain a member, or vote.

The easiest way to join isn't through the MDP website. The easiest way to join is at reformmidems.com.

It's entirely free. Your membership takes 1 - 2 weeks to become valid. Because Ryan has to print out and hand deliver all the forms to MDP HQ in Lansing. Thanks, Ryan!

After you join at reformmidems.com, you can head over to the MDP website and make a donation if you'd like - it's fast and easy. Here's a direct link to the [donation form](#).

You can join for free using the MDP website, but the process is more... complicated.

1. Find the the pdf membership form, and download it.
As of this writing, you have to hunt for it on the MDP site. Here's a [clean copy](#).
2. Figure out how to join for free.
The form lists many membership levels, the lowest is "Grassroots".
It costs \$10 to join at the Grassroots level.
The next option after "Grassroots" is "Other".
If you choose to join as an "Other", you can join for free.
3. Write "\$0" or "no fee" in the blank space provided.
Here's an [annotated copy](#), with "Other" selected and "\$0" written in.
4. Print the form.
5. Fill it out.

6. Put it in an envelope.
7. Put a stamp on it.
8. Mail it to:

MDP HQ
606 Townsend
Lansing, MI 48933

9. Your membership is valid the date of your postmark.

Alternately, you may hand deliver your membership form to MDP HQ at the address noted, Monday through Friday during normal business hours, except holidays.

To join through the MDP website, be sure to have your credit or debit card handy. A minimum donation of \$1 is required in order to join through michigandems.com. Here's the [direct link to join the MDP](#) at the MDP website. The lowest cost shown is \$4, but you can donate as little as \$1 by filling in the "Other" box provided. Fill out your credit card details, click the button, and you've instantly joined the MDP.

!WARNING!

You cannot vote for 30 days.

No matter how you join.

No same day registration in the MDP.

If you donate money when you join, you have the option of paying for two years at a time, in which case you renew at the end of the second year. This option is *only* available to paying members.

!WARNING!

You must renew your membership every year.

If you forget, you *risk losing your voting rights* in MDP meetings and elections.

If your membership expires before you renew, you are penalized 30 days of voting rights.

The above information, summarized:

	Free Convenient	Semi-Convenient Almost Free	Convenient Not Free
Where to go:	Reform MI Dems	MDP PDF FORM	Donate/Join Form
What to do:	Fill it out. Hit the button.	Print and fill out form. Mail or hand deliver to: MDP HQ 606 Townsend Lansing, MI 48933	Donate \$1 or more. Fill out the form, including Credit/Debit Card information. Pay.
Membership Valid:	A Few Days to a Week or so.	Postmarked or Hand Delivered Date.	Immediately.
You can Vote only after:	Approx. 37 - 45 days.	Postmark/Delivery Date + 30 days.	Join Date + 30 days.

DOCUMENT NOTES

Notes are added in the order they are created. Each new note is added at the top of this list. When a note becomes irrelevant its font is changed to ~~strike through~~.

January 2018

If you want to help choose our next AG, SOS, and two MI Supreme Court Justices in 2018 you must join by the 15th of March!

January 2018

The Rules and Political Reform Committee [Report](#) to be submitted to the SCC on 10 February 2018 includes a recommendation to allow a 30 day grace period for membership renewals. If this is passed by a 2/3rds majority of the SCC, the warning above would be changed to read:

!WARNING!

You must renew your membership every year.

If you forget, you risk losing your voting rights in Party meetings and elections.

If your membership has lapsed less the 30 days, renewing restores your voting rights immediately, your voting rights are not at risk.

If your membership lapses 30 days or more, you be penalized 30 days of voting rights.