

COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Fayette County Democratic Committee is made up of two types of members: **general members** and **Committee Members**.

General Members

Who are general members? General members include any Democrat who completes an FCDC membership application. General members are asked to contribute annual dues, as set by the organization; however, no one is denied participation for failure to pay dues.

What is the importance of general members? General members are the lifeblood of the Democratic Party in Fayette County. These are the folks we depend on to make phone calls, knock on doors, register voters, attend government meetings, raise money, etc. General members are encouraged to attend and be involved in regular monthly meetings, special events, work parties, etc. In addition, they are the backbone of our FCDC committees. In some cases, general members may serve as officers or committee chairs. General members may run for Committee Member positions as they become available.

Committee Members

Who are Committee members? Committee members are the organization's decision-making body; they are responsible for the overall direction of the organization. Committee members must be deeply committed to the development and success of our organization.

How many posts do we have and what is required? In FCDC there are 24 Committee members elected through a general membership process. As the FCDC decision makers, Committee members must meet certain requirements:

- Must be over the age of 18.
- Must reside and be registered to vote in Fayette County.
- Must be a general member of Fayette County Democratic Committee.
- Must be elected to her/his position by her/his Party District Caucus.
- Must have his/her principal residence in the district for which she/he is elected.

How are Committee members elected? Committee members are elected to their positions as described below:

- Committee members are elected as representatives of one of the four distinct districts in Fayette County (Districts 1, 2, 3, or 4) or as at-large representatives of District 5 (which includes the entire county).
- Committee members of Districts 1, 2, 3, or 4, must be elected by general members who reside in the same district. This group of general members of a particular district are called the Party District Caucus. A total of four Committee members are elected by each district's Party District Caucus.

- Committee members of District 5, the at-large county district, are elected by the entire group of general members. A total of eight Committee members are elected from District 5.
- Generally, each Committee Member serves a four-year term (with the exception of the need to stagger the first round). The year of election is based on a “seat number” assigned to each position. Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7 are elected during presidential election years. Seats 2,4,6, and 8 are elected on gubernatorial election years.

What are the expectations of Committee members? Committee members are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

1. Attend regular monthly meetings of FCDC. Only Committee members are voting members of FCDC.
 - Voting responsibilities include voting for FCDC Executive Committee (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) and State Committee Members.
 - Missing three consecutive monthly meetings constitutes resignation from the post.
2. Maintain party membership in good standing each year.
3. Attend quarterly FCDC business meetings.
 - These important business meetings are to coordinate the growth and development of FCDC. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact the FCDC chair.
4. Participate regularly in FCDC activities.
5. Annually approve FCDC’s strategic plan.
6. Provide Democratic leadership as it relates to the FCDC vision, mission, objectives, and strategies.
 - Being an Active Member of FCDC Committees
 - District leadership duties include working together with the other Committee members in your district to develop and carry out a voter involvement action plan.
 - Your district’s action plan should include recruiting residents to the Democratic Party, understanding and voicing the issues of concern facing the residents of your district, encouraging voter registration and involvement, and coordinating canvassing for Democratic candidates.
 - Specific activities might include door-to-door and/or telephone contacts, house parties, neighborhood meetings, and participation in neighborhood events.