

The National Nominating Conventions

You will now participate in the national nominating convention for your party. The two national nominating conventions will be held one at a time.

Agenda for the National Nominating Conventions

You will see only brief segments of each party's national nominating convention. Each convention will be organized as follows:

Step 1 Music plays, delegates march in with signs and banner, music fades as delegates chant their slogan.

Step 2 Delegates hold signs and cheer during appropriate times throughout the convention. The MC cues delegates on when to cheer, including standing ovations during speeches.

Step 3 The MC welcomes the delegates and introduces the keynote speaker.

Step 4 The keynote speaker addresses the convention.

Step 5 The MC introduces the party's presidential nominee.

Step 6 The presidential nominee delivers an acceptance speech.

Step 7 The vice presidential nominee joins the presidential nominee on stage. They wave to the audience and shake hands with delegates.

Step 8 Music plays again, everyone cheers for the candidates as they exit the stage, delegates march out carrying signs and chanting their slogan.

The Role of the Press

During each convention, the students who are members of the opposing party will act as *independent* members of the press. Press members will need to record information to report on the following:

- How inspiring was this convention? Provide specific details.
- Should people vote for this presidential and vice presidential candidate? Why or why not?