



How to Form a Democratic Party Organization

The Oklahoma Democratic Party Constitution gives “any group of registered Democrats” the right to form a Democratic organization, “to promote the Oklahoma Democratic Party, its principles, and its nominees.”

It’s a simple two-step process.

Here’s how you do it.

Step one: get organized by preparing a set of bylaws and presenting them to the ODP central committee for approval.

Step two: get a letter of recognition from the county officers in the county where you want to operate.

That’s it! As soon as you complete these steps, you’re an official Democratic party organization

Getting organized comes with tons of advantages

An approved organization can:

1. Use the word “Democrats” or “Democratic” in its name
2. Raise and disburse money (subject to annual reporting with its county party)
3. Become affiliated with a state federation (like the Young Democrats, the Veterans, the Women’s Federation, or the Stonewall Democrats).
4. Organize with similar organizations to form new federation

Democratic organizations are indispensable to the work of the state party, and a critical tool for keeping our party grassroots organized and energized.

What next?

- Not sure if your organization is approved?
- Have you formed an organization, but haven’t followed these steps?
- Do you have any questions about getting started?
- Would you like a by-laws template?
- Have questions about the ODP Constitution & By-Laws or the Central Committee?
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If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” please contact ODP Vice-Chair Brian Jones at brian@okdemocrats.org for help

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