

# Joining a Political Party

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Making democracy work for Alberta's future

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“  
No free country  
has ever been  
without parties,  
which are a  
natural offspring  
of freedom.

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—James Madison

If you want to do more to influence the political process than cast a ballot every four years, you might want to consider joining a political party.

Party membership can prove a rewarding experience. Not only will you be able to participate in nomination meetings and leadership campaigns, but you will also have the opportunity to shape policy, work alongside those who share your beliefs and values, and help your party succeed.



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## ➔ Tips for joining a political party

- **Contact Elections Alberta** to obtain an up-to-date list of the province's registered political parties and their contact information. Elections Alberta can be reached at 310-0000, [info@elections.ab.ca](mailto:info@elections.ab.ca) or [www.elections.ab.ca](http://www.elections.ab.ca). All major parties have websites that can be located through an Internet search.
- **Research the parties' principles and policies** and determine which most closely align with your beliefs and values. You may wish to join more than one party although some parties will not accept your application if you already belong to another party.
- **Contact the party of your choice** to apply for membership. Dues typically range from \$5 to \$20 and are not tax deductible. Expect to receive ongoing communication from the party, including invitations to become involved in its activities.
- **Seek out other ways** to become politically engaged.

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