



FROM DECLARATION TO ELECTION



How does somebody go from wanting to be president to becoming president?
There are a few steps people have to take to get there!



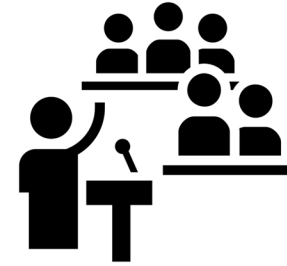
A person announces that they are going to run for president and hires people to help them. They are now a **candidate** for president.



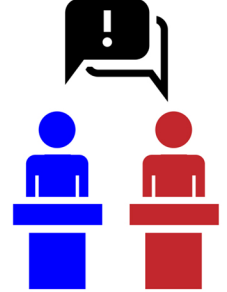
The candidates run a **campaign** to become the nominee. Each candidate travels to all the different states. They listen to all kinds of people and try to convince everybody to vote for them.



Each state has a **primary** for each party. Everyone in each party can vote for who they want the nominee to be.



When all the states finish their primaries, each party has a big **convention** where they announce the **nominee**.



The nominees from each party compete against each other in the **general election** in November. The winner becomes the next president of the United States!



1. Which two steps do you think are the most important for becoming president?
2. What is the difference between a candidate and a nominee?
3. Which steps do voters participate in? How do they participate?