

# [***Barron Trump: How Youngest Scion Has Moved into Republican Spotlight***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6C0C-CMM1-JBR6-900D-00000-00&context=1516831)

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[*Donald Trump*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/donald-trump?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)'s youngest son, Barron, has made a surprise entry into the political arena.

On Wednesday, the 18-year-old was selected to be one of Florida's at-large delegates representing the state at the [*Republican*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/republican?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) National Convention, along with his brothers Donald Jr. and Eric and sister Tiffany.

Trump's elder children have played key roles in their father's political career over the years, acting as surrogates on the campaign trail by appearing at rallies and making media appearances.

However, Barron, until now, has remained out of the spotlight.

Little is known about the youngest Trump's personality and ambitions, and what kind of role he might forge for himself in ***politics***.

A Trump campaign official told *ABC News* that Barron is "very interested in our nation's political process."

*Newsweek* reached out to [*Barron Trump*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/barron-trump?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) via a spokesperson for the Trump campaign on email for comment.

Recently, Patrick Bet-David, an Iranian-American businessman and conservative political commentator, took to social media to [*praise Barron*](https://www.newsweek.com/donald-barron-trump-bet-david-millionaires-1898065?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) after meeting with him at Mar-a-Lago in Florida.

"The more I spend time with Baron Trump, the more impressed I am with him," he said. "Most interesting 18 year old I've met."

**From the shelter into the spotlight**

Barron was born on March 20, 2006, Donald Trump's fifth child and his mother Melania's first.

He spent most of his childhood in New York City, attending prestigious private schools and living in his family's luxurious penthouse on Fifth Avenue, before moving into the White House when he was 10.

When Trump first took office, Barron and Melania had stayed in New York City for several months to allow the boy to finish his school year.

At the time, Trump said that Barron found the move to Washington, D.C. "a little scary," but said that he was "strong and smart and he gets it."

His mother, who is of Slovenian origin, has said that she raised him to be [*bilingual.*](https://people.com/celebrity/melania-trumps-first-interview/) She has been reported to be [*very protective*](https://people.com/politics/melania-trump-barron-family-mar-a-lago/) of her son, and has tried to shield him from the media and public attention.

But now, Barron, who at around 6 feet, 7 inches towers over his father by four or five inches, is officially an adult and appears to be making his entrance onto the political stage.

It is unclear what the future holds for the youngest Trump, who is due to graduate from his high school, the Oxbridge Academy in Palm Beach, Florida, next week.

His graduation has generated headlines in recent weeks after Trump was granted permission to[*attend the ceremony*](https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-attend-fundraiser-day-barrons-graduation-1897759?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) from the judge presiding over his ongoing Manhattan trial.

The Trump family has not revealed any details about [*Barron's college plans*](https://www.newsweek.com/barron-trump-college-plans-1896027?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), although Trump said in 2023 that his son was "thinking about" attending his alma mater, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

During Trump's time in office, the [*White House requested privacy*](https://www.politico.com/story/2017/01/white-house-barron-trump-privacy-234130) for Barron. Even Trump's most ardent critics have in the past agreed that Barron should be spared [*scrutiny*](https://www.newsweek.com/barron-trump-has-surprising-defender-1882600?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), given his age and the fact that he's a private citizen.

Now, with Barron's foray into ***politics***, some have said he is officially [*fair game.*](https://www.newsweek.com/barron-trump-off-limits-florida-delegate-1898663?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)

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Donald and Barron Trump

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Former President Donald Trump and his son Barron Trump on January 18, 2024. Barron has recently entered the political arena.

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