

❖ Guidance for the ARRL W1AW/Ø VOTA Special Event

- MN ARRL Clubs and Individuals may reserve W1AW/Ø time slots during Minnesota's designated two weeks (May 10th and August 2nd UTC).
 - Slots are for **two-hours** using a chosen **mode** and **band** combination.
 - Multiple **two-hour** slots may be reserved based on priority and availability.
 - Acceptable **modes** include VOICE, CW, and DIGITAL (including FT8/4, RITTY, PSK, etc.).
 - Acceptable **bands** include HF, VHF, UHF, etc. (except 12 m, 17 m, 30 m, 60 M, 630 m & 2190 m).



>ARRL Affiliated Clubs have priority for reserving W1AW/Ø slots by entering "(club callsign)/club" on the signup webpage.

>> Starting April 1st for reserving up to 2 slots per day for the May 10th week.

>Individual ARRL members (including volunteers) may also reserve W1AW/Ø slots.

>> Starting April 15th for reserving up to 1 slot per day for the May 10th week.

>Unreserved slots may be reserved by anyone after May 1st for the May 10th week).

- W1AW/Ø operators must consolidate their logs into one ADIF file and sent to the state coordinators, who will then upload to LoTW.
- Remember that a time slot is for two-hours with a specific mode and band combination.
 - Once they are reserved you can't switch times, modes, or bands.
 - More information is available by [clicking here](#). For FAQ [click here](#).
- To reserve MN W1AW/Ø Portable Operation time slots [click here](#).

❖ Guidance for working W1AW/x VOTA Portable Stations

- Anyone may work W1AW/x portable stations from within or outside of their state.
 - The [state activation schedule](#) finds the state(s) that you're missing from WAS.
 - You can respond to their CQ VOTA de W1AW/x or call them directly.
 - Check spotting sites for their reserved time slot, mode, and band combination.
 - W1AW/x is worth 5 points for each mode and band combination.
 - The W1AW/x portable station is obligated to log your contact for uploading.
 - You can be assured that your contact with W1AW/x will be counted!

❖ Guidance for working ARRL Volunteer or Individual Stations

- Anyone may work participating stations from within or outside of their state.
 - Anytime during the year 2023!
 - Either station may call CQ VOTA de (call) or call stations heard directly.
 - The number of points for a contact is based on the [VOTA QSO Points Table](#).
 - You may contact each station on all mode and band combinations (no WARC bands).
 - It's not necessary for a volunteer station to identify their point value.
 - Make contact with a fellow ARRL member, and you each receive a point.
 - The point counts are automatically applied based on the log data submissions.
 - For your contact(s) to count, one of the stations involved must submit a log to LoTW.