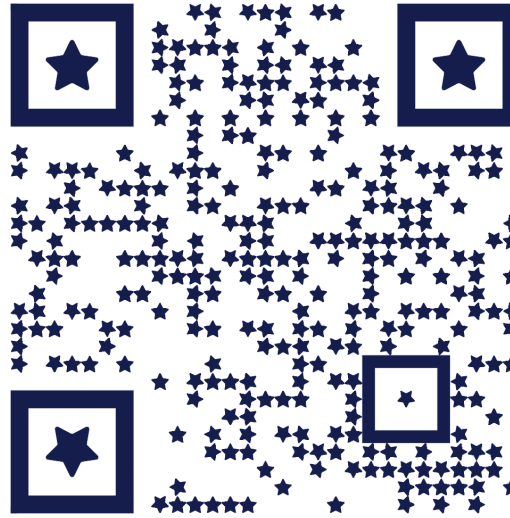


WHY SHOULD I DONATE?

At current member donation levels, ASCLS PAC is able to make approximately 8-10 campaign contributions a year. However, ASCLS PAC desires to make 25-30 contributions each year, in order to make significant headway in pushing our legislative agenda. Legislators can't sponsor or champion our legislation if they haven't heard about it, and others are more likely to vote in our desired manner when we have an opportunity to meet and discuss the issues directly. To make that happen, we need your help and financial contribution to the PAC!

Furthermore, as laboratory professionals, we are bound by our professional duty to "actively seek to change those laws and regulations that do not meet the high standards of care and practice." As an ASCLS member, you "pledge to uphold my duty to Patients, the Profession and Society by ... changing conditions where necessary to advance the best interests of patients." Current financial reimbursement of laboratory testing and severe workforce shortages are NOT in the best interest of patients. While we can't all travel to Washington D.C. and knock on doors ourselves, we CAN all resolve to donate the PAC, and put our money where our mouth, and our professional responsibility, is.



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ASCLS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

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BACKGROUND

The PAC, or Political Action Committee, is a voluntary, nonprofit organization created to provide financial support for the election campaigns of lawmakers who have been sensitive to the needs of the clinical laboratory profession. It is also a tool for gaining access to legislators and attention for our legislative issues, to ensure the clinical laboratory is in the minds of Congress. ASCLS is the only laboratory organization with a PAC, and it relies on voluntary donations from members to carry out these important activities.

WHAT THE PAC DOES

At the recommendation of ASCLS's Legislative Consultant, Executive Vice President, and/or PAC Board of Trustees, contributions are made by ASCLS PAC to federal legislators or candidates for office. Typically, contributions are made to legislators who hold key positions on committees through which our legislative issues are addressed. The contributions are not used to "buy votes," but rather are used to gain an opportunity to meet with that legislator or candidate personally and discuss the merits of the legislative asks of the clinical laboratory community.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The ASCLS Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is responsible for setting the legislative agenda of ASCLS. This committee works in tandem with legislative consultants who monitor current legislation that has the potential to impact the clinical laboratory community and recommend legislative solutions and approaches to concerns of the clinical laboratory community. Currently, the top priority for the ASCLS GAC is passing legislation that would address ongoing workforce shortages through scholarships and loan repayments for students and through funding for educational sites to expand the number of students they can accommodate. Another ongoing concern of the ASCLS GAC is the financial stability of clinical laboratories and the structure of reimbursement for clinical laboratory services. To be successful in our asks, it is necessary for ASCLS members to become advocates by developing relationships with legislators and by donating to the PAC.



FAQs ABOUT DONATING

What Do I Get In Return For Donating?

ASCLS PAC donors can donate anywhere from \$20 - \$5,000. ASCLS PAC has a recognition structure for dedicated donors who go above and beyond in supporting the PAC. There are annual PAC pins, "Gold Pins," and "Platinum Pins" given as thank you gifts for varied levels of donation. All donors receive the satisfaction that comes from supporting their profession and the patients they serve.

Why Does the PAC Collect My Information?

Campaign finance and PAC contributions to legislators are both highly regulated by the Federal Election Commission (FEC). This means both donations to PACs and contributions made by PACs must be traceable for proper disclosure to the FEC. Therefore, to stay in compliance with these legal requirements, ASCLS PAC must track the amount of each donation, name and address of each donor, and the employer of all donors donating \$200 or more.

I Really Can't Afford to Donate Right Now. Is There Any Other Way I Can Help?

Yes! While having a strong PAC is critical for the political success of the clinical laboratory community, ASCLS PAC recognizes that not everyone is able to donate financially. If you cannot donate money right now, you can donate your time instead by learning about the legislative issues facing the clinical laboratory profession and educating your colleagues about these issues and on the roles ASCLS and ASCLS PAC play. You can also look for PAC donors wearing recognition pins, thank them for their support of the PAC, and commit to making a monetary donation yourself as soon as you are able.