A P h A P O L I T I C A L  A C T I O N  C O M M I T T E E  ( A P h A - P A C )  O V E R V I E W

Introduction to the APhA-PAC
The American Pharmacists Association Political Action Committee (APhA-PAC) was formed in 1985. Its mission is to support candidates for federal office who have demonstrated support for pharmacy issues and recognize the value of pharmacists in the health care system. The success of APhA’s number one priority, provider status, is dependent on the strength of APhA-PAC. That is why it is crucial for all APhA members to support the PAC.

APhA's PAC is a vehicle through which pharmacists can promote their federal policy goals. As a federal committee, the APhA-PAC can only contribute to candidates who are running for federal office. APhA-PAC is nonpartisan and is not affiliated with any political party.

APhA-PAC is the best tool that pharmacists have for supporting candidates who share our views on important issues. The PAC is governed by a Board of Governors which oversees the fundraising and disbursement activities of the Committee. The Board works with the APhA’s Government Affairs department to determine which federal candidates receive an APhA-PAC contribution. Additionally, any recommendations for giving made by APhA members are given consideration by APhA.

How are PACs regulated?
PACs are a well-established, safe mechanism for supporting federal candidates that support pharmacy. They are governed by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, which established the Federal Election Commission (FEC) as the regulating agency. The FEC collects detailed financial activity on all PACs on a frequent basis and makes the reports available on the agency’s website. All federal PACs operate under strict limits on how much they can receive from contributors and give per candidate per election.

Who can contribute to APhA-PAC?
APhA's PAC can only accept contributions from individual APhA members with a limit of $5,000 per year. APhA's PAC cannot accept funds from foreign nationals, corporations, unions, or other associations. No person can make cash contributions to APhA-PAC that in the aggregate exceed $100. In addition, while anonymous cash contributions up to $50 are permitted, they are not encouraged.

How can you contribute to APhA-PAC?
• Online:
  o Login to www.pharmacist.com, click on the “Get Involved” menu, select “APhA-PAC” under “Advocate”
  o Text-to-Donate: Text “Action” to 50155. You will receive a text back with a link through which to contribute
• Check: Mail a personal check to: APhA-PAC
  2215 Constitution Avenue, NW
  Washington, DC 20037
• Cash: Mail the contribution to the same address listed above. Include documentation regarding the contributor’s name, address, phone, email, employer, and occupation.

Contributions to American Pharmacists Association Political Action Committee (APhA-PAC) are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. You must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the U.S. in order to contribute. Contributions to APhA-PAC will be used to support federal candidates and other political committees. Contributions are strictly voluntary. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal. Any proposed contribution level is merely a suggestion, and you are free to contribute more or less than suggested. You will not benefit or be disadvantaged in your employment by reason of the amount of your contribution or a decision not to contribute. Federal law requires APhA-PAC to use its best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer of persons whose contributions exceed $200 in a calendar year.