



American  
Urological  
Association

**AUAPAC**

*Advancing Urologic Advocacy*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***Why does AUA have a political action committee (PAC)?***

In 2019, the AUA established AUAPAC to further raise the House of Urology's profile in our nation's capital and to foster relationships with members of Congress in Washington, DC, as well as in their home districts. AUAPAC represents the voice and broad interests of our domestic membership, which reflects all facets of the urology community, and promotes legislative priorities that benefit urologists and their patients.

### ***Who runs AUAPAC?***

While AUA Inc. administers and operates AUAPAC activities, it has a diverse board that helps to guide its function. More information about board members can be found online at [www.myAUAPAC.org](http://www.myAUAPAC.org).

### ***Who can give to AUAPAC?***

According to federal law, only AUA members who are United States citizens or lawfully admitted to the United States with permanent resident status may be solicited by or contribute to the PAC.

### ***Does AUAPAC have specific giving limits?***

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has specific guidance on how much can be given to a PAC and how much a PAC can give to candidates:

- Any one individual may give up to \$5,000 to a single PAC per calendar year. A married couple may make a joint contribution of up to \$10,000 per year.
- A PAC can give \$5,000 to a candidate committee per election (primary, general or special).

There is no minimum giving level for AUAPAC; however, eligible individuals who donate \$200 or more per year are considered members of AUAPAC and receive certain benefits based on the contribution level.

### ***What are the benefits of being an annual member of AUAPAC?***

Donors who give \$200 or more receive a quarterly AUAPAC newsletter, an AUAPAC lapel pin, and annual donor recognition before the full AUA membership. Those that give higher amounts receive additional benefits such as an AUAPAC-branded gift and access to members of Congress and other speakers during the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit each spring.

### ***I am a resident and/or fellow. Can I contribute to AUAPAC?***

Yes. There is a separate giving program for eligible residents and fellows, which allows for those interested to reach membership status (i.e., member, silver, gold, platinum) at more affordable levels.

### ***Can my AUA Section give to AUAPAC?***

Your AUA Section may be eligible to give to AUAPAC, but any contribution made by an eligible Section must be allocated solely to PAC administration. Administrative expenses include, but are not limited to postage, consultant fees, media ads, web hosting fees, fundraising expenses and office supplies that are not directly attributable to a clearly identified candidate. Section funds cannot be used to support members of Congress or candidates. In contrast, one hundred percent of the funds given to AUAPAC by eligible individuals will be used to support candidates.

### ***I'd like to make a \$5,000 donation to AUAPAC. Do I have to give all the funds at once?***

No. You can give all at once or divide your contribution into increments. For instance, if you wanted to spread out your contribution, you could give \$1,250 four times a year for a total contribution of \$5,000. You can give quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Essentially, it is up to you on how often – and how much - you give to AUAPAC.

### ***Is AUAPAC nonpartisan?***

AUAPAC contributes members of Congress and candidates who support our legislative priorities and is completely nonpartisan. To see a complete list of candidates that AUAPAC has supported and the reasoning behind our support, please visit [www.myAUAPAC.org](http://www.myAUAPAC.org).

### ***Does AUAPAC have a way to deduct for monthly contributions?***

AUAPAC does not have a mechanism for monthly deductions at this time. However, this is an option the AUAPAC Board will be exploring in the near future.

### ***Can I give every year to AUAPAC?***

Yes – annual giving to the PAC is encouraged. You can give up to \$5,000 a year, but your contribution to the PAC resets every calendar year. As a result, the PAC giving level program amounts reset every year as well. Elections occur every year. To remain relevant in our advocacy efforts it is vital that our members give yearly.

### ***If I give to AUAPAC, am I obligated to do anything else in Washington, DC?***

No. By making a donation to AUAPAC, you are participating in the political process. The AUA offers members a variety of ways to be engaged in advocacy - including joining us for the AUA Summit, sending grassroots messages to Capitol Hill and meeting with lawmakers in district - but you are not obligated to participate in any of these activities. Reach out to AUA's Legislative & Political Affairs team for more information at [LegislativeAffairs@AUAnet.org](mailto:LegislativeAffairs@AUAnet.org)

### ***What else should I should know about AUAPAC?***

Your voluntary contributions to AUAPAC are not charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Contributions are also not reimbursable by an employer or any other entity. The FEC requires that certain information on each donor (who contributes \$200 or more per year) such as the donor's name, address, occupation, and employer's name be collected and reported to the Commission. By contributing to AUAPAC you affirm that you: are a US citizen or an individual lawfully admitted with permanent resident status; that your contribution is made from your own personal funds and not from corporate, foreign national or labor union funds; and that your contributions to AUAPAC will not total more than \$5,000 per calendar year.