



## **FAQ** Frequently Asked Questions about RheumPAC

### What is RheumPAC?

RheumPAC is the ACR's nonpartisan political action committee (PAC) that works to elect and support pro-rheumatology candidates. It is the only PAC dedicated to the interests of the rheumatology profession. RheumPAC was created 10 years ago with the mission of educating, electing and supporting federal lawmakers who understand and can positively address the issues that impact rheumatology care providers and their patients.

### Why does the ACR need RheumPAC?

Under federal law, ACR/ARHP is prohibited from using its general treasury funds to make contributions in connection with federal elections. However, ACR/ARHP is permitted to form a political action committee (PAC) to provide members with the opportunity to legally and ethically participate in federal election activities. RheumPAC creates opportunities to educate and develop relationships with members of Congress as well as support champions for our issues and our message. It is the financial vehicle through which ACR and ARHP members can support Congressional candidates who share our commitment to rheumatology.

### Why should I contribute?

Congress enacts health policies that directly impact your profession and your patients. RheumPAC creates opportunities for the ACR to educate key policymakers on the importance and value of rheumatology. RheumPAC needs your support in order to increase and expand the ACR's advocacy efforts. We can only be effective when legislators understand the extent and impact of rheumatology-related policy issues.

### Who receives RheumPAC funds?

Candidates are recommended for support by ACR/ARHP members and our advocacy staff. We consider many factors for candidate contributions (e.g., voting record, committee assignments, leadership, number of members in district, etc.) and make funding recommendations based on available resources. The RheumPAC committee reviews these recommendations and has final approval of the list of supported candidates. RheumPAC is bipartisan and determines candidates' eligibility for support based on their past support for policies that directly impact rheumatology or their ability to further our goals in their position in Congress. All U.S. ACR and ARHP members are welcome to suggest candidates for support.

### Who can contribute to RheumPAC?

U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens who are members of the ACR or the ARHP may invest in RheumPAC.