

Candidate Contribution Criteria

ASHA-PAC supports friends of speech-language pathology and audiology running for the United States Congress by providing contributions to their campaign, political or leadership committees. ASHA-PAC evaluates contribution requests based on the following guidelines:

Primary Considerations

- The candidate's position and/or voting record on issues affecting speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists
- The integrity and character of a candidate
- The candidate's leadership or policy shaping position in his or her party
- The nature and strength of a candidate's viability in a given election

Additional Considerations

- PAC member recommendations of candidates who reflect the ideals of ASHA-PAC
- ASHA member presence in a candidate's state/district
- Open seat candidates with a history of support for or direct connection to speech-language pathology and/or audiology
- Contributions to leadership PACs can be considered when the member of Congress is part of leadership or a relevant committee
- Contributions to national political party committees may be given

ASHA-PAC Will NOT Support

- A candidate until he/she has formally declared their intent to seek political office
- Presidential campaigns
- Contributions that can be perceived as tied directly to a specific vote or party affiliation
- A government official's personal defense fund