



CANCER ACTION NETWORK VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION 2009

Position: Legislative Ambassador

POSITION SUMMARY

American Cancer Society Legislative Ambassadors are the most active of the advocacy volunteers and are required to serve in a specific volunteer leadership role. An Ambassador is a volunteer who has been chosen through a competitive process to serve as a leader who works with advocacy staff to implement and/or manage local, state or federal advocacy activity at the community level. Legislative Ambassadors play a critical role in helping the American Cancer Society meet its 2015 goals, as well as the goal of becoming the most influential health policy organization in the nation. In addition, Legislative Ambassadors will be expected to participate in a training program designed for them.

TIME COMMITMENT

The time commitment varies depending on issue activity at local, state, and federal levels. The team leader will work with their grassroots staff partner and other team members to set expectations on the anticipated time commitment.

TERM

Two year term, to begin November 1st of every even-numbered year (*consistent with the Federal election cycle*). There are no term limits.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- ▶ Become a Cancer Action Network Member
- ▶ Recruit Cancer Action Network Members
- ▶ Recruit and Mentor new Legislative Ambassadors
- ▶ Send letters-to-the-editor to local media as needed
- ▶ Attend Ambassador training calls and retreat
- ▶ Respond to and distribute Action Alerts
- ▶ Attend State Lobby Day

May serve in one of the following roles:

- ▶ State Lead Ambassador
- ▶ Congressional District Lead Ambassador
- ▶ Relay CAN Chair
- ▶ Act!on Chair
- ▶ Media Advocacy Chair
- ▶ CAN Fundraising Chair



Support Provided

- Action Alerts, responses, and talking points created by your ACS CAN staff partner
- Issue updates, special acscan.org access, & regular newsletters
- Regular training, conference calls, access to materials etc...



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ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard. For more information, visit www.acscan.org.