

Volunteer Position Description: Legislative Ambassador



We have all been touched by cancer. You can help fight back by becoming an American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Legislative Ambassador and working with elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels to make cancer prevention, early detection, and research a national priority. Being an ACS CAN volunteer Legislative Ambassador can be an incredibly rewarding experience.

ACS CAN WILL DEFEAT CANCER BY:

- Funding grassroots, lobbying, and media campaigns to help make every state smoke-free and to increase tobacco taxes
- Supporting increased federal funding for cancer research
- Advocating for early detection programs, such as breast and colon cancer screenings
- Educating the public and media directly by providing sophisticated training programs for our volunteers to strengthen our movement and ensure our voices are heard in the halls of government
- Hosting debates and candidate forums, producing voter guides, and creating advertising to get every lawmaker and candidate on the record in support of laws and policies that help people fight cancer

TERM:

A minimum two-year commitment is required. (While we'd ideally love a two-year commitment, we understand that life happens. Please don't let this deter you from applying!)

POSITION SUMMARY:

Legislative Ambassadors work closely with ACS CAN staff in support of local, state, and federal grassroots campaigns. Legislative Ambassadors play an integral role in helping to achieve ACS CAN's goal to make cancer a top national priority with elected officials throughout the country.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responding to and sharing ACS CAN action alerts
- Recruiting new volunteer Legislative Ambassadors
- Recruiting new ACS CAN members
- Participating in trainings and conference calls
- Participating in at least three legislative in-district meetings per year
- Sending a letter of introduction to your elected officials
- Sending letters to the editor to the local media as needed
- Attending the annual Day at the Capitol and/or Cancer Action Week
- Attending or speaking at legislative hearings and State House sessions as needed (No prior experience needed – we will train you)
- Fundraising
- Integrating ACS CAN into Relay For Life® and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® events

Apply today at www.acscan.org/apply or call Melissa at 508-270-4683 for more information.

No prior legislative experience needed!