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Membership FAQs

1. What is the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network SM (ACS CAN)? ACS CAN is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage lawmakers and candidates to support laws and policies that will make cancer a top national priority. For more information, visit www.acscan.org.

2. How do I join ACS CAN? You become a member of ACS CAN by making a donation of just \$10 by credit card on line at www.acscan.org/donate, or you can make your membership contribution of \$10 by cash or check through the mail. It is important that you complete an ACS CAN membership form with your donation so that we are able to send you your membership benefits, email newsletters, and action alerts. Membership forms can be found at: www.acscan.org/resources or by contacting us at 202-661-5700. All donations and completed membership forms should be sent to: ACS CAN, P.O. Box 720295, Oklahoma City, OK 73172-0295.

3. Why should I join ACS CAN? ACS CAN is dedicated to empowering members to fight the war on cancer by giving them a voice in the halls of Congress, state capitols, and city halls. To accomplish this, ACS CAN must build a grass-roots movement empowered to fight for the end of this disease through legislative action.

By becoming a member of ACS CAN, you will join a movement with countless other cancer advocates, survivors, and caretakers who are fighting back by demanding that cancer be a national priority for all of our elected officials. ACS CAN members take action to show lawmakers that their constituents care about cancer. Your donations to ACS CAN help fund national and statewide programs to encourage candidates and lawmakers to fund research and provide access to quality health care, prevention, early detection, and treatment.

4. How does ACS CAN use my membership fees and donations?

Membership fees and donations help ACS CAN train and organize its members so that they can effectively take action and communicate with their elected officials and candidates to make cancer a national priority. ACS CAN engages in legislative advocacy and funds issue advertisements to increase government funding of cancer research, early detection, prevention, and treatment programs. Voters can make informed decisions with the help of ACS CAN voter guides that detail lawmakers' and candidates' positions on cancer-related concerns. In addition, ACS CAN can host debates, town forums, and other events throughout the country to discuss candidates' views on cancer-related issues.

5. Does ACS CAN contribute money to candidates or endorse them?

No. ACS CAN is a nonpartisan advocacy organization; ACS CAN does *not* contribute money to or on behalf of political candidates, *nor* does it expressly endorse or advocate defeat of political candidates.



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6. How much does it cost to join ACS CAN?

All donations are greatly appreciated; however, basic ACS CAN membership begins at just \$10. If you choose to contribute above the basic \$10 fee, you may be eligible for a higher membership tier and additional ACS CAN membership benefits, which are accrued on a calendar year basis. More information on membership benefits is available at www.acscan.org/membership_benefits, or you may contact ACS CAN at 202-661-5700 or ican@acscan.org.

7. Is my ACS CAN membership tax-deductible?

Because we use your donations to support our citizen-based advocacy and lobbying efforts to end cancer, contributions or gifts to ACS CAN are not tax-deductible.

8. Why do I need to complete a membership form with my initial donation?

It is important that you complete an ACS CAN membership form with your donation. This enables us to easily identify our members and to send you your membership benefits, email newsletters, and action alerts.

9. How often do I need to renew my ACS CAN membership?

Just like with any membership organization, you will be sent a renewal notice about a month before your membership is up for renewal. This letter will include instructions on how to continue your membership.

10. How do I know when my membership is up for renewal?

A few weeks after your first ACS CAN donation, you will receive a membership card showing when your membership is up for renewal. Please save this card, as it contains valuable membership and contact information. You will receive a new membership card each time you donate and your renewal date changes.

11. What if I receive two membership cards?

Please check the ACS CAN Member ID on both cards to see if they are different numbers. If they are different, it is likely that we have more than one record in our database for you. Please contact us at (202) 661-5700 or ican@acscan.org so we can correct our records. Keep in mind that you receive a new member card each time you make a donation to ACS CAN with an updated “valid through” date.

12. Can I renew my ACS CAN membership early?

Yes, you can renew your membership at any time by going to www.acscan.org/renewals. An additional twelve months will be added to your membership from the date you made your renewal payment, and you will be mailed an additional membership card with a new “valid through” date.

Contributions or gifts to ACS CAN are not tax deductible.

