



ACS CAN Volunteer Position Descriptions

ACS CAN Legislative Ambassador

Summary

Legislative Ambassadors are an important member of ACS CAN's volunteer team. Ambassadors work with staff and volunteer leaders in their state to establish personal, ongoing relationships with elected officials to advance policy change around cancer issues. They play an important role in making the fight against cancer a top priority with federal, state, and local elected officials.

Some of ACS CAN's major campaigns include increasing funding for cancer research, prevention, and screening programs, passing laws to reduce the burden of tobacco, and building programs to address health disparities and improve the quality of life for those affected by cancer. Our volunteers work in teams at the local level to build relationships with elected officials and share their stories. Our highly organized volunteer program provides access to trainings, tools, and resources to amplify our voices and our impact.

Responsibilities:

- Help ACS CAN explain the impact of cancer by sharing your personal cancer story with elected officials
- Respond to and share ACS CAN action alerts
- Participate in annual advocacy trainings and monthly volunteer calls
- Send a letter of introduction to your elected officials and notes throughout the calendar year
- Attend annual state Cancer Action Day and meet with your state lawmakers
- Help amplify our voice in the media by submitting letters to the editor to local media with staff guidance
- Help build our state team and recruit new ACS CAN volunteers
- Represent ACS CAN in the community at local Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events
- Help fund our mission and participate in ACS CAN fundraising efforts including Lights of Hope, our signature event
- Use fightcancer.org/reportback to self-report your volunteer actions, so that we can measure the collective impact of ACS CAN volunteers

Time Commitment: 1-5 hours per month



ACS CAN ACT Lead (Ambassador Constituent Team Lead)

Summary

ACT Leads are important leaders on our ACS CAN volunteer team. ACT Leads are the volunteer point person in their Congressional District and coordinate Ambassador volunteers in support of local, state, and federal grassroots campaigns. They work directly with the State Lead Ambassador and other ACT Leads from across their state and country to influence lawmakers and get laws passed.

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Responsibilities:

- Lead volunteer teams in the local community to build relationships with elected officials
- Help ACS CAN explain the impact of cancer by sharing your personal cancer story with elected officials
- Respond to and share ACS CAN action alerts
- Participate in annual advocacy trainings and monthly volunteer calls
- Send a letter of introduction to your elected officials and notes throughout the calendar year
- Attend annual state Cancer Action Day in your state capitol and annual Leadership Summit & Lobby Day in Washington D.C.
- Help amplify our voice in the media by submitting letters to the editor to local media with staff guidance
- Attend/speak at legislative hearings and State House sessions as needed
- Help build our state teams by recruiting new ACS CAN volunteers
- Represent ACS CAN in the community at local Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events
- Help fund our mission and participate in ACS CAN fundraising efforts including Lights of Hope, our signature event
- Use the Ambassador Action Center to self-report your volunteer actions, so that we can measure the collective impact of ACS CAN volunteers

Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per month; out of state travel is required once a year



ACS CAN Vice State Lead Ambassador

Summary

The Vice State Lead Ambassador assists the State Lead Ambassador in their role as the top volunteer in the state. They work closely with ACS CAN staff and lead the ACT Leads and Legislative Ambassadors to mobilize ACS CAN volunteers across their state in support of local, state, and federal grassroots campaigns.

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Responsibilities:

- Assists SLA, ACT Leads, and volunteer teams across the state to build relationships with elected officials
- Help ACS CAN explain the impact of cancer by sharing your personal cancer story with elected officials
- Respond to and share ACS CAN action alerts
- Participate in annual advocacy trainings and monthly conference calls
- Send a letter of introduction to your elected officials and notes throughout the calendar year
- Attend annual state Cancer Action Day and meet with your lawmakers
- Attend annual State Lead Ambassador Summit in the event the SLA is unable to attend
- Help amplify our voice in the media by submitting letters to the editor to local media with guidance from staff
- Learn more about ACS CAN planning for legislative priorities by participating in a state campaign planning session
- Help build our state team and recruit new ACS CAN volunteers
- Represent ACS CAN in the community at your local Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events
- Help fund our mission and participate in ACS CAN fundraising efforts including Lights of Hope, our signature event
- Use fightcancer.org/reportback to self-report your volunteer actions, so that we can measure the collective impact of ACS CAN volunteers

The term for a Vice State Lead Ambassador is two years with the expectation of promotion to the SLA position for an additional two-year term.

Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per month; out of state travel may be requested once a year



ACS CAN State Lead Ambassador

Summary

The State Lead Ambassador serves as the top volunteer in their state. The SLA works closely with ACS CAN staff and leads the ACT Leads and Legislative Ambassadors to mobilize ACS CAN volunteers across their state in support of local, state, and federal grassroots campaigns.

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Responsibilities:

- Lead ACT Leads and volunteer teams across the state to build relationships with elected officials
- Share your personal cancer story with elected officials
- Respond to and share ACS CAN action alerts
- Participate in annual advocacy trainings and monthly volunteer calls
- Send a letter of introduction to your elected officials and messages throughout the calendar year
- Help amplify our voice in the media by submitting letters to the editor to local media with staff guidance
- Attend annual state Cancer Action Day in your state capitol and annual Leadership Summit & Lobby Day in Washington D.C.
- Attend annual training for State Lead Ambassadors (State Lead Ambassador Summit)
- Help amplify our voice in the media by submitting letters to the editor to local media as needed
- Learn more about ACS CAN planning for legislative priorities by participating in a state campaign planning session
- Help build our state team and recruit new ACS CAN volunteers
- Represent ACS CAN community events including local Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events
- Participate in ACS CAN fundraising efforts including Lights of Hope
- Use fightcancer.org/reportback to self-report your volunteer actions, so that we can measure the collective impact of ACS CAN volunteers

This is a highly competitive position. Must have previous experience as an ACS CAN volunteer. There is only one State Lead Ambassador per state. The term for a State Lead Ambassador is two years, which can be renewed once at the discretion of the state staff partner, unless the SLA has already previously served in the Vice SLA role.

Time Commitment: 5-20 hours month; out of state travel is required twice a year