

Questions and Answers About the New ASA PAC

What is a Political Action Committee (PAC)?

Corporations are prohibited from making contributions and other expenditures in federal elections. A limited exception to this prohibition permits an incorporated trade association to establish a PAC and to solicit and collect voluntary contributions from lawful sources for the PAC to use for making political contributions.

Why did ASA establish a PAC?

ASA leaders believe a PAC will allow ASA members to become more engaged in the political process. A voluntary contribution from an ASA member to the PAC is an additional opportunity to advance the plight of the independent automotive repairer.

Many small-business associations and other automotive associations already have political action committees. One of the largest PACs in the United States has the National Automobile Dealers Association as its “connected organization.”

Who will decide how the PAC funds are distributed?

The PAC’s leadership is comprised of the ASA PAC treasurer and designated ASA leaders.

Do I have to be an ASA member to contribute to the PAC?

Yes.

How often and how much can I contribute to the PAC?

Federal law limits the amount a person may contribute to a PAC to no more than \$5,000 per calendar year. The frequency of the contributions, however, does not have a limit, as long as the contributions do not exceed a total of \$5,000 in a calendar year. This limit applies to individuals as well as non-corporate entities (partnerships and LLCs). Contributions from partnerships and LLCs must be attributed to the business owners.

How do I make a contribution?

ASA PAC provides a contribution attribution form. All contributions must be by personal check or credit card. No contribution to the PAC may be expensed, reimbursed or otherwise paid by any other person or entity. Please see the reverse side to begin the contribution process.

Automotive Service Association Political Action Committee

Permission Form

2007-2011

This is not a solicitation for funds.

PERMISSION

Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 114.8(d), the Automotive Service Association Political Action Committee ("ASA PAC") is hereby granted permission by _____ (the "Corporation") to solicit the Corporation's executive and administrative personnel and stockholders for contributions to the ASA PAC. In granting this permission, the Corporation understands and affirms that it has not approved and will not approve a solicitation by any other trade association for the same calendar year.

Permission for 2007: _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name & Title

Permission for 2008: _____
Signature _____ Date _____

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Permission for 2009: _____
Signature _____ Date _____

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Permission for 2010: _____
Signature _____ Date _____

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Permission for 2011: _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name & Title

Shop Name _____ Shop Address _____

Please complete, sign and return this form to ASA PAC as soon as possible to ensure compliance with federal election law. You may fax the signed form to (202) 543-4575 or for more information, e-mail ASA at ASApac@ASAshop.org. Thank you for your support.

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