

Attending Local Fundraisers

In addition to NARFE officers and staff attending fundraisers in Washington, DC, NARFE members can attend in-district fundraisers. Federation NARFE-PAC coordinators work with NARFE's advocacy staff to organize this process, which is explained below.

Overview

An important component of NARFE-PAC is sending NARFE members to in-district fundraisers. This helps establish and strengthen relationships between NARFE members and their congressional candidates. It also gives NARFE members a more active role in NARFE-PAC, which they fund. In the 2021-2022 cycle, NARFE-PAC's goal is to send members to at least 120 local fundraisers.

Federation NARFE-PAC coordinators work closely with NARFE's advocacy staff to get approval for local events and make sure that the NARFE members attending are prepared to appropriately represent NARFE-PAC.

Getting Approval to Attend an Event

NARFE members interested in attending a local fundraiser in connection with a NARFE-PAC contribution **must** receive written approval from NARFE Headquarters prior to RSVPing for and attending any event.

Members interested in attending an event should forward the invitation to the federation NARFE-PAC coordinator, who should then forward it to NARFE's advocacy staff. Federation NARFE-PAC coordinators are also encouraged to send invitation requests to NARFE's advocacy staff if they hear of a local event. The staff consults with the NARFE-PAC Board, following the typical [NARFE-PAC Consultative Process](#), and approves or disapproves attending the event.

If the NARFE-PAC Board agrees to make a NARFE-PAC contribution in connection with an in-district event, the federation NARFE-PAC coordinator is responsible for determining which NARFE members attend. Depending on the event and the size of the contribution, multiple NARFE members may be able to attend. Any NARFE member is eligible to attend, including federation NARFE-PAC coordinators and chapter NARFE-PAC chairs.

The federation NARFE-PAC coordinator works with NARFE's advocacy staff to RSVP to the event. A check from NARFE-PAC will be sent to the campaign from Headquarters. It will **not** be sent to the NARFE member to bring to the event.

Before an Event

NARFE members who receive approval to attend an event should adequately prepare to represent NARFE at the fundraiser. NARFE's advocacy staff can provide NARFE talking points, which may include timely issues to mention to the candidate or thanking them for recent support.

Attending an Event

At the event, NARFE members should look for opportunities to introduce themselves to the candidate and briefly discuss NARFE and the talking points they have prepared. Recognize that the quality and quantity of candidate engagement may depend on the format of the event.

NARFE-PAC encourages NARFE members to properly represent NARFE-PAC by being friendly, polite and respectful.

At fundraisers, it **is** legal to talk about the election campaign. However, NARFE-PAC contributions are not and may not be given in exchange for official acts or promises of official acts by candidates. Money is not given in exchange for votes, cosponsoring bills or any other official act. Also, while NARFE-PAC contributes to candidates' campaigns, NARFE does not formally endorse candidates.

REMINDER: Never discuss NARFE-PAC contributions or campaigns with legislators or congressional staff while they are at their congressional offices or in government-owned buildings, as they are conducting official government duties.

After an Event

NARFE members who attend local events should share a summary of the event and their interactions with the congressional candidate with the federation NARFE-PAC coordinator and NARFE's advocacy staff through this form [here](#).

Individuals should also share this information amongst their federation and chapter. This helps increase understanding of how NARFE-PAC operates and reduces misinformation surrounding NARFE-PAC.