

# **The Medical Cannabis Advocate's Handbook**

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## 1. BECOME AN ASA MEMBER

Becoming a member of ASA means you are not just supporting the medical cannabis movement, you are becoming a part of it. For as little as \$35 a year you can ensure that ASA will be here to both support medical cannabis patients across the country and to fight to change the laws in order to achieve safe access. If you already believe in this work, become part of it. (Fill out the membership form in this section or donate online at [AmericansForSafeAccess.org/donate](https://AmericansForSafeAccess.org/donate))

## 2. APPLY TO BE AN ASA AMBASSADOR

ASA Ambassadors are a key part of the national movement for safe access to medical marijuana. They are also important community representatives for ASA's campaigns. ASA relies on our Ambassadors to lobby elected officials, educate peers, and alert ASA staff to important political developments. Upon being accepted into the program, ASA Ambassadors receive online trainings, political updates, and the opportunity to regularly interact with other ASA Ambassadors across the country.

To learn more, visit:

[AmericansforSafeAccess.org/ambassador](https://AmericansforSafeAccess.org/ambassador)

## 3. APPLY TO START AN ASA ACTION GROUP

ASA Action Groups are informal clusters of activists who work together to stand up for safe access to medical cannabis. ASA Action Groups work on medical cannabis issues at the local, state, and national level. ASA Action Groups are more informal than ASA Chapters and they don't have the same requirements for elections, etc.

To learn more, visit:

[AmericansforSafeAccess.org/actiongroups](https://AmericansforSafeAccess.org/actiongroups)

## 4. START OR JOIN AN ASA CHAPTER

In the next section, "ASA Chapters 101," you will learn about the focus, purpose, and drive ASA Chapters provide to our movement and why they are the best way to get involved to secure safe access for our community.

## 5. ASA AFFILIATES

If you are already part of another like-minded group (SSDP, NORML, ACT-UP, etc.), you are welcome to work on ASA campaigns and serve as an ASA affiliate for your area. We will call on you to help with national actions and lobbying and you can still do the other work your group does at regular meetings.

To find out more, e-mail

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