



2027 Legislative Fly-In: Frequently Asked Questions

April 14 – 16, 2027

Washington, D.C.

Application & Selection

What is the Legislative Fly-In?

ASCE's Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. is an intensive two-day event providing participants with professional development in honing their skills in the public policy process and advocacy peer-to-peer networking. ASCE members will have an opportunity to meet with their Members of Congress and advance the Society's collective policy priorities while learning beneficial leadership skills they can bring back to their Sections, Branches, and workplace. The 2027 Legislative Fly-In will focus on forging relationships with members of the 120th Congress and championing upcoming infrastructure priorities.

The 2027 Legislative Fly-In program includes:

- Briefing sessions on key legislation active in Congress and ASCE's priority issues;
- Training on lobbying and influencing your elected leaders;
- Networking with your ASCE peers from across the country;
- Organized meetings with your Members of Congress or their staff; and
- Tips on continuing relationships with your elected officials once you return home.

The direct link to apply online to attend the 2027 Legislative Fly-In is [here](#).

Are there any requirements to apply to attend Fly-In?

Yes. All applicants **must** also be a registered voter with residence in the United States. You must be an ASCE member in good-standing and a [Key Contact](#). All applicants must currently reside in the United States and be either a registered voter or lawful permanent resident.

You must also have an interest or desire to play an active role in ASCE's public policy programs. You must be familiar with and be willing to advocate for the Society's position when meeting with your Member of Congress.

Why is there an application to attend the Legislative Fly-In?

ASCE uses the application process to help the Society meet a variety of strategic priorities and government relations goals. These goals include such things as increasing the number of congressional offices ASCE members meet with during Fly-In, having at least two ASCE members from every state participate, and

targeting congressional committee members who have jurisdiction over our legislative priorities and/or legislation that is active in Congress (i.e., members of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee or Senate Environment and Public Works Committee).

What can I do to make my Fly-In application stand out?

First, we recommend regularly taking action through ASCE Key Alerts by sending the pre-drafted emails to your legislators via [ASCE's Action Center](#) or emailing your legislators or their staff directly. Be sure to copy govwash@asce.org if you send a personal email to congressional staff. Second, engage in your Region's, Section's, Branch's or Younger Member group's advocacy activities, e.g. a state report card or attending a state legislative drive-in. We also recommend subscribing to *This Week in Washington*, a weekly digest of the topline policy activities on Capitol Hill.

If your local ASCE group does not engage in advocacy, consider asking your local leadership to add advocacy and government relations to their programing and leadership opportunities.

Last, please make sure to submit your application by the deadline of November 20, 2026.

Travel Awards

Does ASCE Government Relations and Infrastructure Initiatives offer travel support?

ASCE recognizes the financial commitment to attend the Fly-In. Therefore, to defray some travel costs, ASCE Government Relations and Infrastructure Initiatives (GRII) will provide a **limited number of need-based per diem travel awards by reimbursement**. Per diems can be used to offset lodging, meal, and incidental costs.

All remaining travel costs are the responsibility of the attendee. Regardless of travel award status, applicants *should not* purchase airfare or make hotel arrangements **prior to December 18, 2026**.

How will I be considered for a travel award?

In 2027, all applicants will only be considered for a travel award if they fill out the travel award request section in the application.

ASCE's daily per diem rate is \$175. The maximum travel award is two per diems for a total \$350 reimbursement. *Please mark down whether you would like to be considered for a travel award of one or two days per diem in the application.*

All attendees will be provided with a sample letter to be used to approach other sources for additional funding (your Section, Branch, Institute, employer, etc.) and requesting time off.

Will the travel award cover all travel expenses?

No, if selected for a travel award, it will help defray a limited amount of attendee's travel costs. Per diems can be used to offset lodging, meal, and incidental costs.

How do I know if I received an ASCE GRII travel award?

The first round of Legislative Fly-In applicants will be notified starting **December 18, 2026** by ASCE GRII staff via email of **their acceptance and whether they've been selected for a travel award**. Additional rounds of notices will be sent via email through early - mid January as space becomes available. Travel awards may be offered to waitlisted applicants based on availability of funds.

When will I be reimbursed?

Reimbursement forms will not be issued until your participation in the Legislative Fly-In has been verified (starting after April 16, 2027). In addition to being checked-in at the event, attendees must also turn in their congressional meeting feedback forms, as well as the overall event survey. Expense checks are cut on Thursdays, and reimbursement forms must be received no later than noon the Tuesday prior to be considered for that week's check run.

Registration

When can I register to attend Fly-In?

You will receive an email from ASCE GRII staff letting you know you have been accepted to attend Fly-In. The acceptance email will contain instructions on how to confirm your attendance and register for the 2027 Legislative Fly-In.

If you have been selected to receive a travel award, it will be also included in your acceptance email. The email will instruct you in the next steps to accept your travel award and associated forms.

Is there a registration fee to attend the 2027 Fly-In?

To be good stewards of ASCE funds, there is a registration fee for all the 2027 Legislative Fly-In attendees. The fee is not required to apply, and you will not be asked to pay a fee when completing your application. Registration fees will be collected during the registration process after you have been notified of your acceptance.

The Early Bird registration deadline will be **February 5, 2027**, and the regular registration deadline will be **March 24, 2027**.

The fee structure will be as follows:

Main Registration Categories and Rates	Early Bird Rate By: 2/05/2027	Regular Rate By: 3/24/2027
ASCE Member	\$250.00	\$275.00
ASCE Member - Government	\$150.00	\$175.00
ASCE Member – Advocacy Captain*	\$150.00	\$175.00
ASCE Member - Student	\$75.00	\$100.00

**ASCE Advocacy Captains are a predetermined group of Key Contact leaders who are confirmed by ASCE GRII staff.*

Travel & Lodging

Will ASCE have a block of hotel rooms at the 2027 Legislative Fly-In?

Yes—hotels in the Washington, D.C. metro region are expensive, and between cherry blossoms blooming and other associations' spring legislative events, the city is traditionally very busy. **The main hotel room block rate will be \$369 per night for single and double rooms plus fees.**

Specific information regarding booking hotel accommodation will be shared in the acceptance notices sent via email in December.

When should I book my flight or purchase a train ticket?

We strongly urge all applicants to wait to make any travel arrangements until you have received confirmation from ASCE staff starting after **December 18, 2026**.

For additional questions, please contact Lizzie Dorman (Director, Grassroots Initiatives | GRII, ACE) at edorman@asce.org.