

**American Political Science Association
Advocacy Travel Grants Policy**

Each year, advocacy organizations such as the [Consortium of Social Science Associations \(COSSA\)](#) and [National Humanities Alliance \(NHA\)](#) host advocacy days in Washington, DC. These events address conditions for federal funding in the social sciences and humanities, provide advocacy training, and feature meetings with congressional staffers on Capitol Hill. These organizations' advocacy days are opportunities for APSA members to learn how to effectively advocate for political science at home and in the nation's capital and to educate congressional representatives and staff about the need for robust federal funding for political science research and education. APSA is pleased to provide grants to members for attendance at these events.

A grant can be used to supplement the cost of registration, travel, and lodging for the NHA or COSSA event up to \$500. To be eligible for an advocacy grant, you must maintain your APSA membership through May 2026. Members at all career stages and locations, including local members, are encouraged to apply. Please apply here by the end of the day **Monday, February 9, 2026**.

Full list of costs that may be supported by the advocacy day grant:

- Event registration: APSA grants may be applied toward registration fees at the COSSA or NHA advocacy events.
- Travel: Economy bus, train, and plane tickets to and from Washington, DC may be supported by the grant.
- Hotel: The costs of a one-night stay in a hotel, hostel, or other rented lodging such as Airbnb during the conference may be covered by the travel grant.

Further, advocacy day grants do NOT cover the following costs:

- Meals are not reimbursable. Lunch and snacks are provided at both COSSA and NHA events through the cost of registration.
- Business or first-class tickets: Business or first-class tickets for a train or plane are not covered.
- Gasoline: Receipts for gas are not accepted if you travel to the event by car.
- Alcohol: APSA does not reimburse receipts for alcoholic beverages.

Additional Notes

- Members who are local to the DC-Maryland-Virginia (DMV) area who apply may use the grants to cover the registration cost and local travel.
- If selected to attend either of the NHA or COSSA events, grantees are expected to attend all portions of the event, including plenaries and training sessions before the advocacy day. Grantees are encouraged but are not expected to attend any receptions that may be scheduled.
- If selected, grant recipients understand that reporting requirements may apply to their advocacy activities and that they should consult with their university's government relations office or

other relevant office in advance of their participation. See more information [here](#) about working with your institution's government relations office.

- This grant money is reportable income and is treated as non-employment compensation by the IRS. To accept the award, you must complete and return a W-9 or W-8 BEN to APSA.

To receive the advocacy day grant funds, you must submit all receipts for expenses, your attendance badge, and an APSA-provided expense form within two weeks (14 days) following the date of the advocacy day. APSA will not provide reimbursement for receipts received after this deadline. Receipts may be scanned and emailed to advocacy@apsanet.org or a physical copy mailed to APSA's office:

Mail to: Advocacy Program
American Political Science Association
1527 New Hampshire Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036

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