

TSHA is Preparing Now to Advocate on Behalf of Your Rights

What is the TSHA PAC?

The TSHA PAC is a group that bands together under a unified mission to support candidates for public office. Operating as a non-profit, unincorporated and non-partisan group, the TSHA PAC can receive and distribute contributions to election campaigns. A PAC can only solicit contributions from individuals associated with a specific organization/association and all contributions are strictly voluntary.

What is the TSHA PAC Mission?

Our mission is to support legislative candidates for state office whose records and policy positions demonstrate an understanding of our fields, and those who have endeavored to further the goals of TSHA in the areas of licensure, education and healthcare.

Why is the TSHA PAC Important?

Bi-annually in Texas, legislation is enacted that impacts members of our professions and individuals with speech, language and hearing disorders. Financial support through campaign donations to legislators who are not only in a position to assist our professions but also devote time and effort to support our cause is always important, but with Sunset Review upon us, the efforts of the TSHA PAC are more critical than ever.

What is Sunset?

Sunset is a legislative process intended to streamline state government by determining the need for agencies to continue to exist. During Sunset, an agency such as the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will be abolished unless legislation is passed to continue its functions.

How Often Does Sunset Occur?

Agencies typically are reviewed once every twelve years. The Legislature reviews 20 to 30 agencies each legislative session and during the 2011 Legislative session, our state board will be reviewed.

How Much Money Can I Give to the TSHA PAC?

The TSHA PAC can accept cash contributions up to \$100. There is no limit to a contribution made by check or credit card. All contributions to the TSHA PAC must be given from personal funds. No corporate contributions are accepted.

Why Should You Participate in the TSHA PAC?

By donating money to the PAC each year, you can help us gain access to decision makers during the legislative session so we can inform the legislators of the importance of our professions and the necessity of maintaining the highest professional standards to ensure that our consumers receive quality services.

The TSHA Political Action Committee is Committed to:

- Protecting your license and your right to practice in the state of Texas – which is dictated by state law, not federal law.
- Monitoring issues that affect your job, licensure, reimbursement and quality of service.
- Being your voice at the Texas Capitol, advocating to ASHA leadership, as well as lawmakers and state agencies.
- Offering support including legislative advocacy, monitoring/influencing state licensure rules and regulatory agencies on your behalf.

Can We Count on Your Support?

You can support the TSHA PAC by contributing money, volunteering your time and helping share the mission of TSHA and the TSHA PAC.

Contribute, Advocate, and Support Our Professions!

