



ASCRS/YES Legislative Fly-In Scholarship Program 2023

About the Alliance of Specialty Medicine Legislative Fly-In

Each year, ASCRS participates in the Alliance of Specialty Medicine Legislative Fly-In. The Fly-In is organized by the Alliance to bring the 16-member medical specialty societies to Washington, D.C, to learn about policy issues affecting the specialty medical community and to meet directly with their representatives and senators to lobby for our policy initiatives. The 2023 Fly-In will take place July 17–19 at the Yotel Washington DC. See the draft agenda below.

When members of the individual societies travel to Washington, they are able to demonstrate to lawmakers in person that the policies they make have a direct impact on physicians and patients in their districts and states. Participation from all ASCRS members in this event has continued to grow, and now the Society is striving to increase resident and fellow member attendance. Younger members who are just beginning or training for their careers often have an even greater impact on legislators, since they will be affected by new policies the longest.

Personal stories and experiences in practice are powerful motivators for legislative action. The Fly-In will enhance younger members' understanding of public policy issues affecting ophthalmology, and provide networking opportunities with established ASCRS members, including Society leadership. Attendees will hear from leaders in Congress, administration officials, and other subject-matter experts before visiting with their own legislators on Capitol Hill.

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ASCRS YES members who reside in the U.S. and who are interested in attending are encouraged to enter the ASCRS/YES Legislative Fly-In Scholarship Program, which will provide travel, registration, and accommodation expenses for five YES members. A subcommittee from the ASCRS Government Relations Committee and the ASCRS YES Clinical Committee will review submissions and award the scholarships applicants who demonstrate an interest in public policy and desire to advocate on behalf of the profession.

How to Apply

ASCRS YES Members (residents, fellows, and physicians within their first 5 years of practice) in the U.S. are eligible to apply for a 2023 Legislative Fly-In Scholarship. Please submit the following to Mark Cribben, ASCRS Director of Government Affairs, at mcribben@ascrs.org by Monday, June 12:

- Current CV
- Description of your previous advocacy activities, if any (prior advocacy experience is not necessary but this information is valuable for planning purposes)
- A statement about your position on the importance of advocacy and why you would like to be involved
- Current home and/or voting address (required for Capitol Hill meetings)

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Mark Cribben at mcribben@ascrs.org or 202-256-7255

Draft 2023 Fly-In Agenda

Monday, July 17

12:00–3:00 p.m. Capitol Hill Medicare Briefing hosted by the Alliance of Specialty Medicine

3:00–5:00 p.m. Check in and registration at the Yotel Washington DC

5:00–6:30 p.m. Physician Advisory Council Meeting (1–2 physicians from each member organization attend at the invitation of their association)

7:00 p.m. Dinner with your association or on your own

Tuesday, July 18

7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Breakfast, review of issue briefs, and Advocacy Conference speakers

12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch with multi-specialty state groups to prepare for Capitol Hill meetings

1:30–5:00 p.m. Capitol Hill constituent meetings scheduled for you and other Alliance members from your home state

5:00–6:30 p.m. Fundraiser/reception event

7:00 p.m. Dinner with your association or on your own

Wednesday, July 19

8:00–11:00 a.m. Breakfast and Advocacy Conference speakers at the hotel

This agenda is subject to change. Attendees typically arrive in Washington, D.C., by late Monday afternoon and depart Wednesday afternoon. Attendance of the Capitol Hill Medicare Briefing is optional for Fly-In attendees and is designed for Capitol Hill staff.