

Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Advocacy Grant Application

Purpose: The Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is committed to assisting its members and chapters with the financial costs of performing advocacy efforts.

Chapters may seek grant funding from the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy to assist with financial costs of defending the scope of current and emerging areas of orthopaedic physical therapy practice, and supporting legislative and regulatory efforts related to grass roots advocacy efforts.

By offsetting the expense of performing advocacy efforts via an Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Advocacy grant, the chapter will be able to use its own financial resources on other activities associated with legislative and regulatory efforts related to the promotion of issues in the Physical Therapy Practice.

In situations in which a chapter seeks grant funding for support of advocacy efforts, the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy's Practice Committee will use the following criteria to determine the need for assistance and make appropriate recommendations for approval to the Academy's Executive Committee

Criteria 1:

The chapter has made financial commitment toward the stated advocacy effort. Describe:

Description should include the following:

- *Percentage of operating revenue budget (including financials and reserves of chapter and districts) that the chapter has devoted, or plans to devote, to the advocacy effort*
- *A detail of the advocacy effort in which the chapter is requesting funding for including the funds the chapter has or will be putting forward, estimate cost of lobbying efforts, estimate costs related to grass roots efforts and estimated costs for marketing and public relations.*

Criteria 2

The chapter has a Political Action Committee (PAC) and has made an effort to raise and distribute PAC funds. Describe:

Criteria 3

The Chapter has developed a legislative plan for the advocacy effort. Describe the legislative plan:

Description of the legislative plan should include:

- *Timeline for advocacy effort*
- *Legislators who will sponsor or co-sponsor legislation*
- *Grassroots plan-i.e. Does your chapter have plans for a lobbying effort? Does the chapter have a state key contact program?*

Criteria 4

The Chapter's past efforts with this advocacy agenda if any, and the reasons for seeking funding from the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy. Describe past efforts:

Descriptions should include:

- *How many years the chapter has introduced legislation for this advocacy effort*
- *How far in the legislative process the chapter's advocacy legislation has advanced*
- *Whether the bill was reported out of the committee in either body of the legislature and/or passed one body of the legislature*

Criteria 5

The Chapter has a detailed plan for how the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy grant funds will be used. Describe in detail how these funds would be used:

Please provide any additional comments or information that support your application for selection

Any additional materials or information that your chapter has produced for this advocacy effort are welcomed with the return of this application.

Applications and materials should be mailed to the following address:

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