



State Advocacy Grant (SAG) Program

About

The AAOMS State Advocacy Grant Program (SAG) provides financial assistance to state OMS societies for the advancement of their health policy initiatives, including state lobbying expenses.

SAGs are allocated on an annual basis on a first-come, first-served basis, will be prioritized based on the nature of the issue project and state OMS society need and are limited in availability.

2026 SAG Program Important Dates

Task	Deadline
Final Reports & Supporting Materials Submissions Due:	The sooner of 45 days following the completion of the legislative session, project resolution or Oct. 9, 2026
2026 State Advocates Forum Attendance:	Nov. 20-21, 2026
Return Unused SAG Funds	45 days following the resolution of the policy initiative or end of the legislative session

Grant Amounts

SAGs will be awarded in amounts ranging from **\$5,000 to \$20,000**. The number of awardees will be determined annually based on need and available funding.

States must commit their own funds and resources, amounting to a minimum dollar-for-dollar match of the funds being requested from AAOMS.

SAGs are not guaranteed sources of funding, and successful SAGs are not intended to be an ongoing source of funding for state society advocacy efforts. Priority will be given to state societies that are applying for SAGs related to OMS scope of practice or anesthesia legislation. Priority will also be given to first-time grant applicants.

Applications

The following information must be submitted to AAOMS to be considered for the AAOMS SAG Program:

- Completed grant application
- List of 2026 society officers
- A copy of the society bylaws
- Completed W-9 form
- Completed form 990
- Copy of the state society's 2024 budget and proposed 2026 budget
- Supporting documentation as appropriate:
 - Description of the project
 - Lobbyist or vendor contract
 - Project budget
 - Meeting minutes outlining discussion of proposed activities
 - Copies of bills or regulations being addressed by the project request

Post Disbursement Requirements

If awarded a SAG, AAOMS will require a copy of any and all invoices and disbursements for costs directly related to the advocacy needs. SAG recipients are expected to provide bi-weekly updates on the project status or any developments related to the project. SAG recipients must provide AAOMS copies of any testimony, letters, articles, or advocacy materials utilized as a part of the project.

All SAG recipients must submit a final report to AAOMS 45 days following resolution of the policy initiative, end of the state legislative session or Oct. 9, 2026, whichever is sooner. Failure to submit a report could result in the denial of future funding requests. Final reports must answer the following questions at a minimum:

- What activities did you engage in, and how were the funds spent?
- How did your process deviate from the strategy provided in the initial application?
- How effective was the initiative?
- What future developments could occur?
- What advice would you offer other societies facing a similar issue?

Each SAG recipient will be required to submit a final project financial statement to AAOMS outlining the funds utilized for the project and stipulating the final cost of activities. Failure to submit this financial statement could result in the denial of future funding requests.

Each SAG recipient will be required to send one attendee to the AAOMS State Advocates Forum to provide an update on its advocacy project and progress made to date. Advocacy grants may not be utilized for travel or housing expenses associated with sending this representative to this meeting. Failure to send an attendee to the State Advocates Forum could result in the denial of future funding requests.

Grant Requirements and Terms

- States requesting funding must be able to participate in advocacy activities according to their tax status with the IRS and any applicable state regulations.
- Chapters must demonstrate that grants from AAOMS would have no taxable impact on AAOMS and would comply with all applicable legal requirements.
- SAGs received through this project may not be transferred to any other institution or utilized for the society's operating fund.
- Any funds not utilized by the state society for the project must be returned to AAOMS within 45 days following the resolution of the policy initiative or end of the state legislative session.
- The SAG must be strictly used for advocacy purposes to influence legislation and/or regulatory issues or to develop such initiatives.
- SAGs cannot be provided to society PACs.
- SAGs may not be used to fund general "Hill Days."
- AAOMS will not approve any SAG application that is not aligned with AAOMS's policy and is not OMS-specific.



State Advocacy Grant Program Application

All applications should be submitted to Lauren Wright, Staff Associate, State Government Affairs at lwright@aaoms.org or 847-678-4619.

Society/Contact Information

State OMS Society Name: _____

State OMS Society Executive Director/Secretary: _____

State OMS Society President: _____

Main State OMS Society Contact for Advocacy Grant: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Tax Status of State OMS Society: _____

State Advocacy Project

Grant Amount Requested: _____

Issue Being Addressed with Grant: _____

Project Objective: _____

Supporting Documentation

Please attach the following documentation to this application:

- ☐ List of 2026 society officers
- ☐ A copy of the society bylaws
- ☐ Completed W-9 form
- ☐ Completed Form 990
- ☐ Copy of the state society's 2025 budget and proposed 2026 budget, including information on the society's annual advocacy budget and society funds allocated for this project.
- ☐ Supporting documentation as appropriate:
 - Description of the project
 - Lobbyist or vendor contract
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 - Meeting minutes outlining discussion of proposed activities
 - Copies of bills or regulations being addressed by the project request