



NATIONAL ADVOCACY WEEK 2022



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NEXT STEPS

Participating in and organizing events for National Advocacy Week is only one way to be involved in advocacy as a medical student. Below you will find more information to dive right in to support your medical student peers, future physician colleagues, and patients by supporting the AMA's mission to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

The first and most important step is to [become a member](#) of the American Medical Association. The AMA is a membership organization, which means that everything we do is supported by membership dues, including medical students. So, make sure you are a member - if you are not already - and encourage your friends and classmates to join too! (There's also free swag and study aids on the table if you join for all 4 years.)

After you are a member, continue to build on the foundation of your advocacy work that you laid during National Advocacy Week:

- Continue to build relationships with your local representatives
 - Attend events in your district and make sure you send a follow-up thank you email to your representative after meeting them
- Become an [AMA Ambassador](#) and share about the AMA's work in areas you are interested in on social media
- Get involved in the [Medical Student Section](#) and explore leadership opportunities
- Continue to host advocacy-related events and workshops on your campus
 - Review the MSS Local Campus Section GuideMSS Local Campus Section Guide for tips on how to continue to grow your AMA local campus section at your school.
 - Apply for the [Medical Student Outreach Program section involvement grant](#) to support your events
 - Invite local representatives, community leaders, and AMA leaders to speak
- **Advocate for health policy issues in Washington D.C. this March!**
 - Experience Capitol Hill with medical students from across the nation at the 2023 AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. Get training on how to be a public health advocate, meet with legislators and affect real change in medicine. Plus, get a free headshot in your white coat! Learn more: ama-assn.org/mac

Use and share [this Linktree](#) with all the AMA advocacy-related links in one place!