

SSHP Advocacy Resources

Advocacy-Focused Event Ideas for SSHP

- Mirror ASHP's [policy week](#) activities
 - Plan and prepare students for State Legislative Day
 - Hold training sessions with guidance from your ASHP state affiliate to educate students on current issues and talking points
 - Hold an advocacy workshop to compose and practice “Elevator Speech”
 - Host a “Mock Interview Your Legislator” event
 - Hold a legislative issue round-table
 - Refer to ASHP's Key Issues page for ideas on discussion topics
 - Organize a [voter registration drive](#)
 - Provide handouts on current pharmacy advocacy issues
 - Hold informational sessions on how a bill becomes a law (reach out to your [State Affiliates](#) on speaker recommendations)
 - Take action learning about and promoting [ASHP's Legislative Efforts](#)
 - [Letter-writing campaign](#) to local politicians
 - Hold student-led events at your state association lobby day (i.e. health fair for congressional staff)
 - Discuss the importance of the ASHP political action committee (PAC)
 - Mock ASHP House of Delegates (HOD)
 - Invite state ASHP delegate(s) to a chapter meeting to explain [ASHP HOD](#) and the process
 - Ask past or current delegates for their participation in running a “mock” HOD
 - Coordinate the “Mock” HOD with SSHP board members as participants
 - State delegate can provide recent updates from past ASHP meetings
 - For states that are still campaigning for provider status, create a “[Provider Status Wall](#)”
 - Invite students from all organizations to write what provider status means to them
 - Encourage Interprofessional Collaboration
 - Host a panel of pharmacists/physicians/nurses to speak about current issues that impact pharmacy and the healthcare team as a whole
 - Hold a round-table event with students from various healthcare disciplines
 - Host a “Pints for Providers” (or pizza, pasta, etc) event and encourage healthcare professionals from other disciplines to give accounts of interventions pharmacists have made on their teams
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- Use as an opportunity to educate other healthcare students on ways pharmacists provide value
- SSHP General Meeting Ideas for Incorporating Advocacy
 - Share and discuss ASHP daily briefing emails at every meeting to provide national, state, and healthcare legislation updates
 - Host a 90 Second Policy Challenge
 - Assign Policy chair or SSHP member to provide a legislative update under 90 seconds during each meeting.
 - Hold Policy Quizzes with prizes
 - Use online quizzes to allow chapter members to compete against one another by answering questions regarding recent pharmacy policy updates
 - Discuss answers and expand on legislation after the competition is over

ASHP Resources for the Policy Chair

- ASHP Advocacy Resources
 - [ASHP Legislative Advocacy Toolkit](#)
 - [ASHP Advocacy and Issues page](#)
 - Includes sections on What's New, Provider Status, Key Issues, and Advocacy
 - ASHP Policy Process
 - Review the [Overview of the ASHP Policy-Making Process](#) to understand ASHP's policy cycle
 - [ASHP Policy Week](#)
 - ASHP Policy Week serves as the kickoff to the ASHP policymaking process and the foundation of ASHP's advocacy efforts. Nearly 100 ASHP members who serve on five policy-recommending councils and the Commission on Affiliate Relations spend two days deliberating the profession's most pressing issues.
 - Follow the Policy Week proceedings and relevant topics of discussion by the ASHP Councils
 - [House of Delegates](#) (HOD)
 - The HOD is the ultimate authority over ASHP professional policies, which express the Society's stance on important issues related to pharmacy practice and medication use in society.
 - Follow the HOD annual proceedings via ASHP Connect or by accessing the webpage.
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- Attend the [ASHP Summer Meetings](#) to observe the HOD meeting and bring forward any issues for ASHP to consider.
 - ASHP State Affiliates
 - Work with your state affiliate to find bills relevant to pharmacists in your state
 - Access the [ASHP State Affiliate Directory](#) to find the one closest to your SSHP.
 - Follow your ASHP State Affiliate page for state-based legislative initiatives
 - Follow legislative updates through ASHP's News and Media resources:
 - [ASHP daily briefing](#)
 - [ASHP Newslink](#)
 - [ASHP Advocacy Updates](#)
 - **To ensure you are receiving relevant updates through ASHP's communications, log in to your [ASHP account](#) > My account > NewsLinks tab (under the Participation tab) > Check on all relevant NewsLinks of your interest*
 - Follow ASHP on social media
 - Facebook, Instagram (ashpofficial), Twitter (@ASHPOfficial)
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