

ONE membership isn't enough!
Membership in TPA provides you with strong professional support.
Membership in PharmPAC provides you with a strong professional VOICE!

When the General Assembly is in session, decisions which have significant and long term impact on the profession of pharmacy are made by dozens of people who need to be fully informed about the practice of pharmacy in order to make the right decisions!

Getting that information to the decision makers is not a one person job. TPA is represented by Baeteena Black and members of TPA's political action group, PharmPAC. But it is the individual pharmacist speaking directly to his/her Representative or Senator who speaks with the "voice of the people" and can command instant attention.

That's you. If you feel you aren't a "political animal," let these words convince you: *you cannot practice your profession without being aware of and affected by the political decisions which are made every day.*

Your opinions, as a citizen and constituent carry far more weight when they are directed to someone who knows you. Even before an issue demands that you contact a legislator, you need to be involved. Get to know the people who will make decisions about your profession, building relationships which will give you an attentive ear when an issue does surface. Your elected officials are receptive to your concerns and welcome your interest. Get involved in campaigns, actively supporting those who will bring wisdom and understanding of your profession to the decision making process.

Through your membership in the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and through your active participation in PharmPAC, you have the weapons to wage the war to protect your right to practice your profession without unwarranted restrictions.

Below is an application for PharmPAC which is the only way you can keep current on the issues affecting pharmacy in the General Assembly. You may use this application or you may check the appropriate place on your membership renewal form. The *Tennessee Pharmacist* is not timely enough to alert you to significant meetings and sessions in which decisions will be made. However, PharmPAC's *Legislative Bulletin* is timely. Please take advantage of the opportunity to become informed. And, please take advantage of your right as a citizen to, in turn, inform your legislators about your concerns. It is your future you're acting on!

Form a "capital" relationship with your legislators. The outcome is literally in your hands.

Tennessee PharmPAC has a primary purpose of providing financial assistance to those candidates for state public office who support the free enterprise system and recognize the value of quality pharmaceutical services. PharmPAC permits pooling of pharmacist resources, granting of more substantial contributions than by individuals, and definite recognition of pharmacy as the source of support.

Tennessee PharmPAC is a voluntary, non-profit unincorporated organization, not affiliated with any political party. It is independent and autonomous and is not a subsidiary of any other political action committee or of any pharmaceutical association. Decisions on expenditures of PharmPAC dollars are made by Tennessee pharmacists.

PharmPAC - A Vital Membership!

Members of PharmPAC receive *timely information* on issues that will be considered in each legislative session - including how to refute and rebut the negative proposals being made that will affect your profession and how to promote the positive proposals regardless of where your practice.

- It is a capital idea and a good investment in my profession. Enclosed is my check for \$100* for membership.
- I want to contribute monthly (\$8.00). Please send me a bank draft authorization form.

Name _____ License Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Name of Employer _____

*Contributions to PharmPAC in excess of \$100 are allowed. PharmPAC must report any individual contribution in excess of \$100, including contributor's name and address. Corporate checks cannot be used for candidate support by Tennessee PharmPAC. Neither TPA, nor any component society, nor any local society will favor or disadvantage anyone based upon the amount of or failure to make PAC contributions. Contributions are subject to the limitations of F.E.C. Regulations, Section 110.0, 110.2, and 110.5. (Federal Regulations require this notice.)

Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individual whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. F.E.C. Regulation Section 104.7.

Copies of Tennessee PharmPAC reports are filed with the Federal Election Commission and are available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C. (Federal Regulations require this notice.)

Mail this form to TPA (226 Capitol Boulevard, Suite 810, Nashville, TN 37219) or fax to 615-255-3528.