

Free Enterprise Alliance

Membership At-A-Glance



Benefits:

- Develop personal, professional and leadership skills
- Promote open and fair competition for small businesses and entrepreneurs
- Shape large-issue advocacy and educational campaigns

Eligibility Requirements:

- Active ABC chapter membership at time of application and throughout entire term
- Demonstrated interest in politics
- Experience in fundraising is encouraged

Scope: The Free Enterprise Alliance (FEA) supports the ABC strategic goal to increase the political influence of ABC to advance the merit shop philosophy and free enterprise. It was founded in 2001 to advocate for the voice of small business as well as open and fair competition. As the issue advocacy arm of ABC, FEA's mission has been to educate ABC members, their employees, elected officials and the public about the issues important to free markets and open competition. Since its inception, it has fought for these goals through local and national-issue advocacy and educational campaigns in more than 20 states. FEA is governed by a board of ABC members who are appointed by the ABC National Chair and serve at their discretion. The Board works with the Regional Vice Chairs and chapter leadership to promote political involvement and assist in raising FEA funds. Members of this committee also approve all disbursements based on well-established guidelines and deliberation.

Strategic Goal: Increase the political influence of ABC to advance the merit shop philosophy and free enterprise.

Values:

- Innovation and creativity
- Modeling the concept of partnering, seeking opportunities when possible
- Action-oriented
- Accountability
- Collaboration and inclusivity
- Political activism

Duties

- Regularly attend meetings and show commitment
- Fundraise for FEA
- Participate in decision-making
- Respect and support the majority decisions of the Committee
- Approach all Committee issues with an open mind, prepared to make the best decisions for everyone involved

Preferred Background

- Previous attendance at ABC meetings and events
- Strong understanding of ABC National's strategic goals
- Experience with chapter or National committees related to legislative, grassroots or PAC efforts

Time Commitment:

- One-year term with a suggested service length of three years
- Three in-person and nine virtual meetings
- Time to perform Committee assignments (approximately one hour per week)