



NABPAC

WHAT IS A PAC?

A PAC is a Political Action Committee.

PACs pool voluntary campaign contributions from individuals and donate funds to support candidates.

PACs are the original campaign finance reform; designed to ensure public disclosure of funds raised and spent to influence federal elections.

PACs are strictly governed by the rules of the Federal Election Commission.

PACs must register with the FEC within 10 days of their formation, providing name and address for the PAC, its treasurer, and any connected organizations.

PACs are legally required to file publically available reports disclosing their receipts and disbursements.

There are two types of traditional PACs: (1) corporations, labor unions, membership organizations or trade association PACs (i.e. National Association of Realtors) and (2) non-connected committees (i.e. Emily's List).

Corporations, labor unions, membership organizations or trade associations PACs can solicit contributions only from individuals associated with connected or sponsoring organization.

FEC LIMITS FOR PACs

PACs can give:

- \$5,000 to a candidate committee per election (primary, general or special)
- \$15,000 annually to any national political party committee
- \$5,000 annually to any other PAC

PACs can receive:

- no more than \$5,000 from any one individual, PAC or party committee per the calendar year

Traditional PACs are bound by a \$5,000 annual limit on the size of contributions they can accept from individuals and are prohibited from accepting contributions from corporations and labor unions.

Donors to traditional union and corporate PACS must work for or own shares in those corporations or belong to those unions. Contributors of \$200 or more must be identified and the amounts of their donations made public.