

2022 RVPAC Prior Approval Request FAQ

Granting Prior Approval to Solicit Your Eligible Employees for Contributions is the Most Important Thing You Can Do to Help us Grow RVPAC

Prior Approval FAQs

What is a PAC?

A Political Action Committee (PAC) accepts donations from multiple individuals, pools the donations into a common fund, and uses the funds to make contributions to candidates for elected office. In 1976, Congress authorized corporations, unions and trade associations to sponsor their own PACs as a legal and transparent means for their employees or members to join together and engage in the political process

What is RVPAC?

The RV Industry Association Political Action Committee (“RVPAC”) is a non-partisan PAC sponsored by the RV Industry Association (RVIA). The purpose of RVPAC is to encourage its members’ employees [and shareholders] to take an interest in and understand: (i) the nature and actions of the federal government; (ii) the important political, social and economic issues of the day, particularly as they concern the recreation vehicle industry; and (iii) the records and attitudes of federal officeholders and candidates in connection with those issues. RVPAC aims to provide RVIA and its members the opportunity to join together and participate in the democratic process by collecting funds on a voluntary basis to be used to support federal candidates or committees or that promote public issues of concern to the recreation vehicle industry.

What is Prior Approval?

As a trade association, RVIA must comply with a special legal requirement that we obtain your prior written approval in order to ask your firm’s employee’s [and shareholders] to make contributions to RVPAC.

Why is Granting Prior Approval Important?

Corporations are prohibited from contributing to political action committees under federal law. RVIA is a trade association with corporate members, so, in order to raise meaningful funds for RVPAC, RVIA must be able to ask eligible employees of its members to contribute to RVPAC. We need your prior approval in order to do so.

Who is Eligible to be Solicited for a Contribution to RVPAC?

Federal law limits the scope of individuals who RVIA may solicit for a contribution to RVPAC. With the prior approval of a member corporation, RVIA may solicit certain of the member corporation’s eligible personnel (referred to as the “restricted class”) to contribute to RVPAC. A member corporation’s eligible personnel include its executive and administrative personnel (meaning employees who are paid on a salary (rather than hourly) basis and who have policymaking, managerial, professional or supervisory responsibilities), shareholders and their families.

Who Can Grant Prior Approval?

Any representative of your company with whom RVIA normally conducts business may sign the prior approval form on behalf of your company.

How Do I Grant Prior Approval?

Prior approval may be granted by completing the attached form and returning it to us.
Note that:

- Prior approval must be granted in writing.
- A company may grant prior approval to only one trade association PAC, such as RVPAC, per calendar year. If your company has already granted prior approval to another trade association PAC for this calendar year, we would be thrilled to receive your prior approval for next year!
- If your company has its own PAC, granting prior approval to RVPAC in no way limits your ability to solicit contributions for your company's PAC.
- A company may grant prior approval for multiple years at a time, up to a maximum of five years, so that you do not have to complete a new prior approval form every year.

Can My Company Simply Support RVPAC Directly?

It cannot, as federal law prohibits PACs from accepting corporate contributions. This is why prior approval is so important to RVIA's ability to help RVPAC grow and meaningfully support the recreational vehicle industry's interests at the federal level.

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2022 RVPAC PRIOR APPROVAL FORM

(Federal law requires that the following information be kept on file with RVPAC)

YES! I GRANT RVPAC PRIOR APPROVAL TO MAKE SOLICITATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

I authorize RVPAC to solicit my company's restricted class in the years identified below:

2022 2023 2024 2025

By my signature below, I confirm that I understand that my company may only grant one such prior approval per year to a trade association PAC, that my company has not yet granted prior approval to such a PAC for this calendar year, and that I am authorized to grant this approval on behalf of my company.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Please scan and return this form via email to srocci@rvia.org.

For questions or additional information, please contact Samantha Rocci at srocci@rvia.org.

Personal checks should be made payable to RVPAC.

Under federal law, if an individual chooses to contribute \$200 or more in a given calendar year to RVPAC, the PAC is required to report his or her name, address and occupation to the Federal Election Commission.

Contributions to RVPAC are NOT tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.