



Call to Congress 2025 Frequently Asked Questions for Applicants

What is Call to Congress?

Call to Congress is a two-day event in which the American Diabetes Association® (ADA) brings Diabetes Advocates from across the nation to Washington, DC, to learn the ADA's advocacy priorities and network with other enthusiastic advocates. Our Diabetes Advocates will:

- Educate their members of Congress about the impact of diabetes
- Share their personal stories
- Promote key federal priorities, like:
 - Federal funding to support diabetes research and programs
 - Access to adequate and affordable health care

Call to Congress serves as the ADA's premier advocacy campaign in empowering those affected by diabetes to drive positive change.

When is Call to Congress 2025 happening?

March 3–4, 2025.

How do I apply to attend Call to Congress?

[Fill out the short application form.](#)

Where will Call to Congress be held?

The Call to Congress event will be held at a hotel in Washington, DC near the U.S. Capitol building.

When will I know if I have been accepted to attend?

Applicants selected to attend Call to Congress 2025 will receive an email invitation. This invitation will include a link to accept and register or decline by the December 31 deadline.

What should I do after I apply?

- Familiarize yourself with the ADA's advocacy efforts! Learn more at diabetes.org/Advocacy.
- Help us grow our number of Diabetes Advocates. Recruit your friends and family by asking them to sign up at diabetes.org/AdvocateSignUp.

Frequently Asked Questions for Selected Attendees

What happens during Call to Congress?

December 2, 2024 – registration deadline

Monday, March 3, 2025 - Onsite registration opens at 3 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025 - Advocacy Training & Dinner– 5 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – Breakfast and Hill Day Schedule Review – 8 AM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – Group Photo & Capitol Hill Day Visits (*late afternoon or evening departures*)

What expenses are covered by the American Diabetes Association?

The ADA will cover the following expenses for Call to Congress:

- Air/rail travel
- Hotel accommodations
- Meals during the event, except Tuesday dinner

How do I reserve my hotel room for Call to Congress?

Reservations for Call to Congress are arranged by ADA staff to ensure that our group will be together for the event. We ask you do not contact the hotel independently. If you have questions or concerns about your reservations, please forward them to raiseyourvoice@diabetes.org.

Can I bring my child?

Yes, but they must have diabetes and be 17 years or younger. We are not able to welcome children without diabetes at this time. You must list your child on both the application and registration forms.

*We encourage participants to limit requests for children to ONE child **WITH DIABETES** in the interest of limited space and capacity.*

Guests or Children Over 18

You will not be permitted to add your spouse/guests or children over 18 to your registration. Each participant of Call to Congress over the age of 18 **must complete an individual application form** to be considered for participation.

The registration form will have a place to designate if your adult child will be sharing a hotel room with you.

What should I wear?

- **Day 1:** Business casual
- **Day 2:** Business attire, including:
 - Suit and tie
 - Pants/skirt with blouse or sweater

- A dress
- Kids may wear khakis/pants/skirt (no jeans, please) with a button-down shirt or blouse
- **Comfortable shoes recommended**

QUESTIONS?

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