

Application Requirements

The Academy is seeking members who have a clear passion, strong leadership potential, and are willing to serve as a key advocacy contact. Applications are evaluated by members of the Academy's Advocacy Engagement Subcommittee, who look for:

- Strong leadership potential
- Good character
- Passion for the profession and patients
- Desire to make organizational change
- Strategic thinking and planning skills
- Effective communication
- Ability to motivate others and collaborate/network

The Academy will select up to 30 members each year. Students, interns, and senior members are not eligible to apply.

Members can apply to the Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum online by providing their background information, a summary of their advocacy and leadership experience, and responses to the following application questions:

- What issue affecting neurology or neurology patients motivated you to apply?
- What would you like to accomplish as an advocate? How do you envision applying the skills you'll learn to have significant impact on yourself, your patients, or the neurology profession?
- What are the important messages that need to be heard by the public and policy makers regarding your issue?
- As a busy professional, how will you make time to pursue your issue?
- Give an example of your leadership experience, including any obstacles you've had to overcome.

Keys to an exceptional application

Describe how you possess the desire, skills, and knowledge to make a change.

- Tell a story that exhibits your passion
- Outline examples of your strategic thinking and planning skills
- Give an example of your perseverance and dedication
- Demonstrate your ability to collaborate with outside groups
- Give an example of motivating your peers to join you