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**FASE**

**Fellow of  
American Society of  
Echocardiography**

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## The American Society of Echocardiography

As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of over 15,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses and scientists, ASE is a strong voice providing guidance, expertise and education to its members with a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes.

Fellowship with the ASE recognizes the dedicated member with proven professional contributions and a diverse set of skills and comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of cardiovascular ultrasound. For those who meet the rigorous standards, the FASE designation lets colleagues and patients know that you're part of an outstanding group of cardiovascular ultrasound professionals.

## Professional Benefits

- FASE certificate
- FASE pin
- Entitlement to use designation of fellow (FASE)
- Required to be an ASE board member and/or a committee chair
- Special FASE ribbon at ASE meetings
- Early bird registration for Scientific Sessions
- Access to FASE lounge at Scientific Sessions for unique networking and VIP amenities
- As a service to the public, FASE are listed by state on the ASE public information website [www.SeeMyHeart.org](http://www.SeeMyHeart.org)
- Recognition at ASE meetings and in the Scientific Sessions Final Program

## FASE Deadlines

All required materials need to be received by the following deadlines:

- March 1<sup>st</sup>
- June 1<sup>st</sup>
- September 1<sup>st</sup>
- December 1<sup>st</sup>

All material can be submitted via fax, email or post and can arrive as a group or separately. Materials need to be complete, up-to-date and submitted in English.

## FASE FAQ'S

### FASE Application Procedures

Do I need to renew my FASE?	No, once you are approved for FASE, your designation will stay active as long as you continue to keep your membership current. Non-members cannot be FASE.
What if I let my membership lapse?	If an ASE member lapses in their dues for 2 years or more, the member will have to reapply for the designation according to current published requirements and repay any fees.
Where can I find a copy of my CME certificate(s)?	<a href="http://www.aseuniversity.org">www.aseuniversity.org</a> > Sign in using your ASE username and password > Your Account > CE Transcript
I want to be a leader in ASE but have not yet fulfilled the FASE requirement. What should I do?	All candidates for the ASE Board of Directors must have FASE before they can be nominated. Committee Chairs and Co-chairs must also have FASE. Because board nominations and calls for committee volunteers occur in early Fall, you must have your FASE application completed by the June 1 cycle to allow enough time for the review process. FASE applications submitted after this date can be considered for positions for the following year.
What is the application fee?	\$250 for all applicants
What forms of payment do you accept?	American Express, MasterCard, Visa and check

### FASE Application Review Procedures

How long will it take to receive my FASE?	Review should be completed approximately six weeks after the application due date. Questions about your FASE application can be directed to (919) 861-5574 or <a href="mailto:ase@asecho.org">ase@asecho.org</a> .
How will I be notified?	All new FASE designees will be notified by email. At this time, a new FASE may confirm the spelling and format of the name that will be included on a FASE Certificate. FASE Certificates will be mailed to individuals after the email notification period.
What if a reviewer has questions about my material?	If a reviewer has a question about material, you might be contacted during the review period to provide additional information. Or, the application may be disapproved.
What if I am disapproved?	All disapproved applications are given specific reasons for their disapproval vote and the opportunity to reapply a second time to address the issue(s) at no additional charge. A third application, however, will incur an additional FASE application and fee.
I am having a hard time fulfilling the activity requirement for FASE. What options are there for me?	Visit <a href="http://www.asecho.org">www.asecho.org</a> > Council and Committees > Get involved to see all the volunteer opportunities that can help you give back to the field and complete a FASE eligible activity. For more questions, feel free to contact Meredith Morovati at <a href="mailto:mmorovati@asecho.org">mmorovati@asecho.org</a>

For a full listing of FASE FAQ's visit [www.asecho.org/FASE](http://www.asecho.org/FASE).

# REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

## Physician (U.S. Only)

1. Member of ASE for current year and previous year
  2. Proof of Primary or Specialty Board Certification in one of the following areas\*
    - a. Anesthesia – American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA), American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology (AOBA)
    - b. Cardiovascular Disease – Cardiovascular Subspecialty Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) or American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM)
    - c. Pediatric - Pediatric Cardiology Subspecialty Board of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
    - d. Surgery - American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) or American Osteopathic Board of Surgery in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
    - e. Radiology – American Board of Radiology (ABR) or American Osteopathic Board of Radiology (AOBR)
    - f. General Vascular Medicine – American Board of Vascular Medicine (ABVM) or American Board of Vascular Surgery (ABVS)
- AND one of the following:
- g. Current National Board of Echocardiography Certification in Adult or Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography
  - h. Credentialing as Registered Physicians Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) if Board certification in General Vascular Medicine (ABVM) or surgery (ABVS)
  - i. NOTE: since there is no current certification exam directed towards pediatric echocardiography, board certification in Pediatric Cardiology will suffice for the time being for these applicants
  - j. Other board certifications will generally not be accepted. Other subspecialties will be considered as an exception to the rule and will only be considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. Verification (certificates/transcripts) of completion of 25 CME hours specific to cardiovascular ultrasound in the three years preceding submission of the application
  4. Three supporting letters that reflect that two of the following requirements are fulfilled. Supporting letters and Curriculum Vitae will be assessed by verifiable participation in two or more of the following three professional activities within the past five years:
    - a. Scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound
    - b. Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching
    - c. Active participation (outside of attendance) at ASE sponsored activities or other local/regional CV ultrasound societies. Active participation in other echo related volunteer activities that are outside the applicant's primary employment may also fulfill these criteria.
  5. Up-to-date curriculum vitae.

## Physician (Outside the U.S.)

1. Member of ASE for current and previous year
  2. Proof of Primary or Specialty Board Certification in one of the following areas (examples provided):
    - a. Anesthesia (e.g.: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC))
    - b. Cardiology/Cardiovascular Disease (e.g.: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC))
    - c. Pediatric (e.g.: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC))
    - d. Surgery (e.g.: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC))
    - e. Radiology
    - f. Vascular Medicine (American Board of Vascular Medicine (ABVM), American Board of Vascular Surgery (ABVS) or its international equivalent)
- AND one of the following:
- g. Current National Board of Echocardiography Certification in Adult or Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography
  - h. Current European Association of Echocardiography (EAE) certification in Adult Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE), Adult Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE) or Congenital Heart Disease Echocardiography (CHD)
  - i. Credentialing as Registered Physicians Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) if board certification in Vascular Medicine,

- Vascular Surgery or its international equivalent
- j. Other boards that show commitment to cardiovascular ultrasound will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. Verification (certificates/transcripts) of completion of 25 CME hours specific to cardiovascular ultrasound in the three years preceding submission of the application
4. Three supporting letters that reflect that two of the following requirements are fulfilled. Supporting letters and Curriculum Vitae will be assessed by verifiable participation in two or more of the following three professional activities within the past five years:
  - a. Served as a senior, first, or corresponding author on scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound
  - b. Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching
  - c. Active participation at ASE-sponsored activities or other local/regional cardiovascular ultrasound societies outside of attendance (Executive Committee Officer, Board of Directors, Program Chair, Committee Chair, etc.) Active participation in other echo related volunteer activities that are outside the applicant's primary employment may also fulfill these criteria.
5. Up-to-date curriculum vitae.

## Researchers

1. Member of ASE for current and previous year
2. Holds a PhD (cannot hold an active medical license)
3. Three supporting letters as described below
4. Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae

All three supporting letters must reflect that two of the following requirements are fulfilled. Supporting letters and Curriculum Vitae will be assessed by verifiable participation in two or more of the following three professional activities within the past five years:

- a. Served as a senior, first, or corresponding author on scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound

- b. Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching
- c. Active participation at ASE-sponsored activities or other local/regional cardiovascular ultrasound societies outside of attendance (Executive Committee Officer, Board of Directors, Program Chair, Committee Chair, etc.) Active participation in other echo related volunteer activities that are outside the applicant's primary employment may also fulfill these criteria.

# Cardiovascular Sonographer and Vascular Technologist

1. Member of ASE for current year and previous year
  2. Proof of current credentials maintained for the previous five years in one of the following:
    - a. Cardiovascular Sonographer – Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS) from the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) or Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS) from Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI)
    - b. Pediatric and Congenital Echocardiography – RDCS (PE) from ARDMS or Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer (RCCS) from CCI
    - c. Vascular – Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) from ARDMS or Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS) from CCI
    - d. Other credentials that show commitment to cardiovascular ultrasound will be considered on a case-by-case basis (e.g. international credentialing bodies).
  3. Three supporting letters as described below (one of the three letters must have a physician as a source)
  4. Verification (certificates/transcripts) of completion of 15 CEU/CME hours devoted to cardiovascular ultrasound in the three years preceding the submission of the application
  5. Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
- All three supporting letters must reflect that two of the following requirements are fulfilled. Supporting letters and Curriculum Vitae will be assessed by verifiable participation in two or more of the following three professional activities within the past five years:
- a. Scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound
  - b. Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching
  - c. Active participation (outside of attendance) at ASE sponsored activities or other local/regional CV ultrasound societies. Active participation in other echo related volunteer activities that are outside the applicant's primary employment may also fulfill these criteria.

## Supporting Letters

All three supporting letters must reflect requirements and be submitted from any of the following sources:

1. A current FASE member
2. ASE Board of Director, Committee or Council Board member
3. Officer of a Local or Regional Cardiovascular Ultrasound Society
4. Faculty of an approved or accredited cardiovascular ultrasound program or physician training program
5. Medical and/or Technical Director of Echocardiography lab/program

**Please List Reference Names, Category of Source and Current Institution/Organization in Space Provided Below.**

**Example: Dr. Jones; #3 Local Society Officer; Any Hospital**

Name	Category of Source	Institution/Organization

All FASE must keep their board and certifications current and be an ASE member in good standing. A reapplication at current published criteria is required to reinstate FASE for lapsed memberships over two years.

# FASE APPLICATION FORM

Due to the nature of the requirements, sonography students, medical students, fellows and residents are not eligible to apply for FASE.

## Please Print Clearly or Type:

Full name *(as you would like for it to appear on your certificate)*

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Credential(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your preferred address for all ASE mailings?  Yes  No

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify which two of the three criteria you have fulfilled:

Education  Leadership/Volunteerism  Research

## Payment: \$250.00 USD

Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to ASE)

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Send Completed Application to:

American Society of Echocardiography  
FASE, 2100 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 310, Morrisville, NC 27560

## Please Attach an Explanatory Statement for any Positive Response to the Following Questions:

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Has your medical license ever been suspended, terminated or reduced in scope?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Have you ever had hospital staff privileges denied, reduced in scope, or rescinded for cause?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Have you ever had disciplinary action taken against you at any time by a medical society, academic institution or government agency? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony or serious crime?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) Have you ever been suspended from receiving Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I hereby certify that all information on this application and any attached documents is accurate, and agree that the American Society of Echocardiography may verify any of the above data. I agree to conform to the Society's Bylaws and Code of Ethics, online at [www.asefiles.org/ASECodeofEthics.pdf](http://www.asefiles.org/ASECodeofEthics.pdf).

Personal Signature of Applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*We are the heart and circulation ultrasound specialists dedicated to improving our patients' health and quality of life. We use ultrasound to provide an exceptional view of the cardiovascular system to enhance patient care.*



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