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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 nearly 17,000 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 (FASE) in ASE recognizes the dedicated member's proven professional contributions and their diverse set of skills and comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of cardiovascular ultrasound. Fellowship is open to cardiovascular ultrasound practitioners from all specialties who meet the rigorous standards outlined in this document. The FASE designation lets colleagues and patients know that you are part of an outstanding group of cardiovascular ultrasound professionals.

Over 1,700 individuals have achieved this special recognition. We invite and encourage all eligible ASE members to apply for this distinctive designation. Due to the nature of the requirements, sonography students, medical students, fellows, and residents are not eligible to apply for FASE.

## Professional Benefits - Your Performance Stands Out, So Should You!

- FASE recognition on name badges at ASE meetings and in the ASE Scientific Sessions Final Program
- Recognition as a new FASE member at ASE's Annual Business Meeting during the ASE Scientific Sessions
- Entitlement to use designation of Fellow (FASE) on business cards, curriculum vitae, and other professional documents
- Recognition in an internationally distributed press release produced by ASE.
- Ability to serve in ASE's premier volunteer positions. FASE fulfills a criteria for being nominated to ASE's board of directors, or appointed to serve as a committee chair
- Ability to be located by the public. As a public service, FASE members are listed by state on ASE's public information website SeeMyHeart.org
- Ability to promote your status. FASE members receive a FASE certificate to display in their office
- FASE lapel pin to wear on their attire and ribbons at ASE meetings
- Access to special events like early-bird registration and access to the FASE lounge at the ASE Scientific Sessions for unique networking and VIP amenities

## FASE Deadlines, Application and Review Process

The points system is a useful guideline to help applicants determine if they are eligible for FASE. Proof of board certification, subspecialty certification (if available), CME and letters of recommendation, and all other submitted materials are reviewed by ASE and the FASE Advisory Committee to determine that applicants meet the FASE criteria. After careful review of the submitted materials, final eligibility is determined by the FASE Selection Committee.

FASE applications are reviewed, by the FASE Committee, every other month. All required documents must be received by the following deadlines:

**February 1**

**April 1**

**June 1**

**August 1**

**October 1**

**December 1**

Applicants will be notified at the following times: 1) upon receipt of the FASE application submission and/or payment of the FASE application fee; 2) when there is a FASE Committee request for additional information to complete a review; and, 3) when the FASE application is approved or pending approval. The approval process takes approximately four weeks.

All application documentation should be submitted through the online FASE application located in the member's only section of the ASE website, ASEcho.org. Documents may also be submitted by email to FASE@asecho.org. Materials can arrive as a group or separately. Materials need to be submitted in English.

# FASE FAQ'S

## FASE Application Procedures

How long will it take to receive my FASE?	Review is completed approximately four weeks after the application due date. Questions about your FASE application can be directed to 919-861-5574 or <a href="mailto:FASE@asecho.org">FASE@asecho.org</a> .
How will I be notified?	All notifications are sent by email. Members with pending applications are given an opportunity to provide more information. Once the candidate is approved, an email is sent and the new FASE is asked to confirm spelling and format of their name for its presentation on a FASE certificate. Once the deadline to respond has passed, FASE certificates will be mailed to individuals.
What if I am not approved?	All unapproved applicants are considered pending and are provided with specific reasons for the committee's vote. Pending applicants have an opportunity to resolve these issues during the current cycle, or to reapply a second time to address the issue(s) at no additional charge. A third application and any subsequent applications will require an additional \$350 FASE application fee.
How do I resubmit if my application is not approved?	Along with the application fee, applicants must provide a narrative outlining their compliance with any deficient areas from their prior application.

## General FAQ's

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 ASE membership current. Nonmembers or inactive members cannot be FASE.
What if I let my membership lapse?	If your ASE member dues are not paid for 2 years or more, you will have to reapply for the designation according to current published requirements and pay the reapplication fee.
Where can I find a copy of my ASE CME certificate(s)?	<a href="http://ASEUniversity.org">ASEUniversity.org</a> > Sign in using your ASE username and password > Your Account > CE Transcript. All ASE-branded CME courses and webinars qualify for the echo-specific education needed in the FASE application. (Other sources of cardiovascular ultrasound education can be submitted. See application details.)
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 August 1 cycle to allow enough time for the review process. FASE applications submitted after this date can be considered for board and committee chair positions for the following year.
What is the application and reapplication fee?	\$350 USD. Please note that all unapproved applicants are considered pending and are provided with specific reasons for the committee's vote. Pending applicants have an opportunity to resolve these issues during the current cycle, or to reapply a second time to resolve the issue(s) at no additional charge. A third application and any subsequent applications will require an additional \$350 FASE application fee.
I am having a hard time fulfilling the activity requirement for FASE. What options are there for me?	For more information or advice regarding volunteer opportunities with ASE, please contact <a href="mailto:FASE@asecho.org">FASE@asecho.org</a> .
I am certified or registered as a specialist but not as a cardiologist. May I apply for FASE?	Members who are not boarded or credentialed in cardiovascular disease but another subspecialty may apply for FASE (proof of certification required).



## ARE YOU READY TO APPLY FOR FASE? Check it out below.

### Guidelines for Number of Total Points Needed to Achieve FASE

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PHYSICIANS	SCIENTISTS	ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
<b>TARGET: 12 Total Points</b> <b>SECTION 1 Fulfilled and</b> <b>6-10 points</b> for board/subspecialty certification; plus <b>2-6 Points</b> from at least two (2) professional activities categories (education, research, leadership/volunteerism)  <b>To total a minimum of 12 points</b>	<b>TARGET: 12 Total Points</b> <b>SECTION 1 Fulfilled and</b> <b>2 points</b> from at least two (2) professional activities categories (education, research, leadership/volunteerism)  <b>To total a minimum of 12 points</b>	<b>TARGET: 12 Total Points</b> <b>SECTION 1 Fulfilled and</b> <b>2 points</b> from at least two (2) professional activities categories (education, research, leadership/volunteerism)  <b>To total a minimum of 12 points</b>

## SECTION 1. Standardized Requirements for all FASE applicants.

*If you do not meet all of the criteria in Section 1, you are not eligible to apply for FASE at this time.*

PHYSICIANS 0 Points	SCIENTISTS 10 Points	ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS 10 Points
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Medical License</b> in good standing (active without limitations/restrictions)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Holds a PhD degree</b> (cannot hold an active medical license)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>License in good standing</b> (active without limitations/restrictions) should your state or country require this for practice (OR, NM, etc.) Please leave blank if not applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ASE Early Career or Professional Physician/Scientist Membership</b> for current and previous year (membership verified by ASE staff)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ASE Professional Physician/Scientist Membership</b> for current and previous year (membership verified by ASE staff)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ASE Allied Health Professional Membership</b> for current and previous year (membership verified by ASE staff)
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of <b>Specialty Board</b> certification		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof of current credentials</b> maintained for the previous 5 years by a verifiable credentialing body.

PHYSICIANS 0 Points	SCIENTISTS 10 Points	ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS 10 Points
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of <b>subspecialty board</b> certification in cardiovascular ultrasound (Diplomate or Testamur status [NBE]; verifiable international certification; RPVI credentialed in vascular ultrasound [ARDMS])  <b>Refer to Section 2.</b>  <b>Note:</b> <i>If there are no current certification examinations directed towards your subspecialty (e.g. Pediatric Cardiologists) or the above do not fit within your subspecialty, proof of Board certification may suffice.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Verification (certificate/transcripts) of completion of <b>25 CME hours</b> specific to cardiovascular ultrasound in the three (3) years preceding submission of the application.		<input type="checkbox"/> Verification (certificate/transcripts) of completion of <b>15 CME hours</b> specific to cardiovascular ultrasound in the three (3) years preceding submission of the application.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three (3) supporting letters</b> (see page 8 for list of acceptable sources) that reflect that TWO of the FASE categories are fulfilled (education, research, leadership/volunteerism). Supporting letters and curriculum will be assessed by verifiable participation in TWO or more of the three professional activities listed in Section 3. within the past <b>five</b> years.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three (3) supporting letters</b> (see page 8 for list of acceptable sources) that reflect that TWO of the FASE categories are fulfilled (education, research, leadership/volunteerism). Supporting letters and curriculum will be assessed by verifiable participation in TWO or more of the three professional activities listed in Section 3. within the past <b>five</b> years.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three (3) supporting letters</b> (see page 8 for list of acceptable sources) that reflect that TWO of the FASE categories are fulfilled (education, research, leadership/volunteerism). Supporting letters and curriculum will be assessed by verifiable participation in TWO or more of the three professional activities listed in Section 3. within the past <b>five</b> years.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Up to date curriculum vitae</b> (reflective of activities within one year of application)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Up to date curriculum vitae</b> (reflective of activities within one year of application)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Up to date curriculum vitae or resume</b> (reflective of activities within one year of application)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Completed checklist</b> that illustrates specific examples of how applicant meets the FASE criteria.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Completed checklist</b> that illustrates specific examples of how applicant meets the FASE criteria.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Completed checklist</b> that illustrates specific examples of how applicant meets the FASE criteria.
<b>STANDARDIZED POINTS - 0</b>	<b>STANDARDIZED POINTS - 10</b>	<b>STANDARDIZED POINTS - 10</b>
	<b>SECTION 1. STANDARDIZED REQUIREMENTS POINT VALUE</b>	

## SECTION 2. Points to Achieve FASE (for physicians)

Points in each category are NOT cumulative. The highest score in each category will be awarded.

CARDIOVASCULAR ULTRASOUND SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION (Only select one category, if applicable)		No. of Points Awarded
<b>Adult Cardiologists</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Board of Echocardiography Testamur Status*		6
<input type="checkbox"/> National Board of Echocardiography Diplomate Status**		10
<b>Pediatric Cardiologists</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Board of Pediatrics Subspecialty Board Certification		6
<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Year Advanced Pediatric Cardiovascular Imaging Fellowship (letter from advanced fellowship director required to verify full 4th year training)		10
<b>International Cardiologists - Adult or Pediatric</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Board certified applicant without cardiovascular ultrasound subspecialty certification (in cases where such certification is not available. Proof that cardiovascular certification is not available must be documented in letters of recommendation.)		6
<input type="checkbox"/> Verifiable International board certification of cardiovascular ultrasound imaging		10
<b>Vascular Physicians</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Physician Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) credential		6
<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Physicians Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) credential (if ALSO board certified by American Board of Vascular Medicine or American Board of Vascular Surgery)		10
<b>Anesthesiologists</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Board of Echocardiography Testamur Status*		6
<input type="checkbox"/> National Board of Echocardiography Diplomate Status**		10
<b>Non Cardiologists (U.S.-based and International)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Board of Echocardiography Testamur Status*		6
<b>SECTION 2. PHYSICIAN CARDIOVASCULAR ULTRASOUND SUBSPECIALTY (RECORD ONLY ONE APPLICABLE POINT VALUE)</b>		

\*Testamur – An individual who has successfully passed the ASCeXAM, PTEeXAM, ReASCE, or RePTE examination and has chosen not to apply for Diplomate status.

\*\*Diplomate – An individual who has successfully passed the ASCeXAM, PTEeXAM, ReASCE or RePTE examinations and has provided documentation of their education and level of service, and satisfied the other requirements of the NBE.

## SECTION 3. Points for Professional Activities

*FASE applicants must demonstrate participation in TWO or more of the three professional activities within the past five years. A maximum of 3 points from each category (Education, Research, Leadership/Volunteerism) may be applied toward total number of points required to achieve FASE.)*

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>EDUCATION</b> - (points are not cumulative; the highest score in this category will be applied toward total points*) <b>Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching.</b> In order to fulfill this category, active, ongoing participation in education of students, residents, fellows, other healthcare providers and/or allied health professions is required. (activities must be ongoing and have occurred within the past 5 years)	No. of Points
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular ultrasound education at own institution (regular training, internal lectures, curriculum development)	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular ultrasound education at local/regional meetings, serving as faculty (at least 3 times within the last 5 years)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular ultrasound education at national/international meetings, serving as faculty (at least 3 times within the past 5 years)	3
SECTION 3. EDUCATION (RECORD HIGHEST SINGLE POINT VALUE)	

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>RESEARCH</b> - (points are not cumulative; the highest score in this category will be applied to total points*) <b>Scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound.</b> In order to fulfill this category, participation in the research must have occurred within the last 5 years. For physicians, authorship in at least one publication is required where you have served as an author on scientific publications in a peer-reviewed journal in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound. Publication of abstracts or case reports alone do not fulfill this criteria.  For <b>allied health professionals</b> , active participation in the research is required (authorship is not required but encouraged).	No. of Points
<input type="checkbox"/> Participant in cardiovascular ultrasound related research (including abstracts), but not necessarily the author, <i>(non-physicians only)</i>	1
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Middle author</b> on peer reviewed scientific publication(s) in which topics are cardiovascular ultrasound related.	1
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Senior or first author of section of a text book</b> on a topic specific to cardiovascular ultrasound	2
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Senior or first author</b> on peer reviewed scientific publication(s) in which topics are cardiovascular ultrasound related.	3
SECTION 3. RESEARCH (RECORD HIGHEST SINGLE POINT VALUE)	

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEERISM CRITERIA</b> - (points are not cumulative; the highest score in this category will be used*) <b>Active participation (outside of attendance) at ASE sponsored activities or other local/regional/international cardiovascular ultrasound societies.</b> Active participation in other echo-related volunteer activities outside of the applicant's primary employment fulfill this criteria (unpaid, not part of regular employment) Activities must have occurred within the past 5 years.	<b>No. of Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer for local/regional/national/international cardiovascular ultrasound society meeting (e.g., organizing, speaking, securing meeting space, securing industry support)	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Participant in cardiovascular ultrasound outreach or free screening aimed at the public or underserved populations.	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer for ASE activities (outreach, abstract review, JASE article reviewer, micro-volunteering, advocacy, etc.)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Serving on an ASE committee(s), task force(s), council(s)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Serving on an editorial board for a cardiovascular ultrasound journal	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Serving as an officer for a local/regional/national/international cardiovascular ultrasound organization	3
<b>SECTION 3. LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEERISM (RECORD HIGHEST SINGLE POINT VALUE)</b>	

## SECTION 4. Applicant's Total Points

<b>TOTAL OF POINTS</b>	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>
<b>Point Value from Section 1. – Standardized Criteria</b>	
<b>Point Value from Section 2. – Physician Cardiovascular Ultrasound Subspecialty Certification</b>	
<b>Point Value from Section 3. – Professional Activities - EDUCATION</b>	
<b>Point Value from Section 3. – Professional Activities - RESEARCH</b>	
<b>Point Value from Section 3. – Professional Activities – LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEERISM</b>	
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS</b>	

### Specifics On Supporting Letters

**Supporting letters must reflect the FASE requirements and be submitted from ANY of the following sources:**

1. A current FASE member
2. ASE Board of Directors member, Committee or Council Board member
3. Officer of a local, regional, national, international cardiovascular ultrasound society
4. Faculty of an accredited cardiovascular ultrasound program or physician training program
5. Medical and/or technical director of anechocardiography laboratory/program.

Providing examples to the individuals writing your letters of recommendation will assist them in confirming your activities (include specific examples).

Sample statements for letters of recommendation regarding how you meet the professional activities:

*Education – “Dr./Mr. X has spoken every year at our regional echo conference since 2013. He/she also sits down with the lab personnel to update us on what he has learned after attending a national conference.”*

*Research – “In the last five years, Dr. X has been first author on three echo related research articles published in JASE.”*

*Leadership/Volunteerism – “Ms. X spearheaded the effort to start a local echo society and continues to serve as an officer.”; “Mr. X is a busy sonographer who still finds time to provide free screenings to the public on cardiovascular disease.”*

### Specifics for Checklist - to be completed and uploaded with your FASE application

The checklist ensures that your application is complete and also illustrates your participation in at least two of the three professional activities categories (Education, Research, Leadership/Volunteerism).

**Education** – Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching.

**Research** – Author in Scientific peer reviewed publication(s) in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound.

**Leadership/Volunteerism** – Active participation (outside of attendance) at ASE sponsored activities or other local cardiovascular ultrasound societies. Active participation in other cardiovascular ultrasound related volunteer activities outside the applicant's primary employment fulfill these criteria.