



## 2021 NORD VIRTUAL SUMMIT FREE PASS PROGRAM

The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD®) is pleased to provide official leaders of patient advocacy organizations with a free pass to help to offset the cost of virtually attending NORD's Rare Diseases & Orphan Products Breakthrough Summit®. Free passes will be awarded, with priority given to NORD member organizations.

The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 11:59pm EDT/8:59pm PDT.

### **FREE OR DISCOUNTED PASS AWARD:**

NORD member organizations:

- The first representative from a NORD member organization who applies for a free pass is eligible for one (1) free registration to attend the virtual program.
- Any additional representatives who apply for a free pass from the same organization are eligible for a 50% discount on the registration rate.

Non-member organizations:

- NORD is offering one (1) free pass to 50 non-member patient advocacy organizations. Only one (1) representative from each non-member organization may be awarded a free pass.

*All awards are made at NORD's discretion.*

## FREE PASS OR DISCOUNTED PASS GUIDELINES

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

- This free pass program is open to leaders of all rare disease patient organizations, with preference given first to NORD Platinum member organizations, then Gold member organizations and then subsequently to all others. International applicants are welcome to apply.
- Organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, its international equivalent, or have applied for status.

### **HOW WILL DECISIONS BE MADE?**

Applicants will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Completion of the application and submission by the deadline.
- Organization's support for rare disease drug development, innovation, and research in its mission, activities and goals.
- Applicant's role within the organization and the expectations she or he has for participating.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR A FREE PASS?

- Each applicant must complete the entire application form [here](#).
- Questions should be directed to Ashanthi DeSilva, Membership Manager, at [adesilva@rarediseases.org](mailto:adesilva@rarediseases.org) or 202.963.3258.

## WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED ABOUT MY DETERMINATION?

**All applicants will be notified of their determination by September 27, 2021.**

- If you receive a free or discounted pass award, you will accept the award by registering with the code provided through an awards notification email. You must register by October 1, 2021, at 11:59pm EDT/ 8:59pm PDT. If you do not register by the October 1, 2021 deadline, it will be reallocated to another patient organization representative.

## HOW WILL THE FREE OR DISCOUNTED PASS BE AWARDED?

Each free pass recipient will receive an award letter via email specifying their award details. The letter will include instructions for accepting your award.

**For all other information regarding the NORD Summit, including agenda, speakers, downloadable brochure, etc., please visit: [nordsummit.org](http://nordsummit.org).**

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