



Summit Travel and Lodging Assistance Program for Patient Advocacy Organizations

NORD is pleased to provide official leaders of 501(c)(3) incorporated patient organizations with scholarships that will help to offset the cost of sending a representative to NORD's Rare Diseases & Orphan Products Breakthrough Summit®. Scholarship funding is limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve, as-needed basis with priority given to NORD Member Organizations.

Customized scholarships will be offered to best assist you:

Applicants can select up to 3 benefits of scholarship that would be most helpful:

- Financial assistance to cover the cost of registration
- Financial assistance to cover the cost of the host hotel
- Financial assistance to cover the cost of travel (train, plane, or car)

All awards are made at NORD's discretion. Award funding amounts will be adjusted by proximity to Washington, D.C.

Scholarship Guidelines

Who should apply?

- This scholarship program is open to all rare disease patient organizations; international applicants are welcome to apply.
- Organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, its international equivalent, or have applied for status.
- Only one (1) representative from each organization may be awarded a scholarship to attend. If multiple representatives from an organization apply, we will allow the organization to make the determination.

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 expectations she or he has for participating.
- *Must be able to attend Pre-Summit NORD Member Meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2022, from 4:00-6:00pm ET.*

How do I apply?

- Each applicant must complete the entire application form – **Membership Scholarship Application**.
- **The deadline to apply is Monday, August 1, 2022, at 12:00pm ET/9:00am PT.**
- Questions should be directed to Amelia Robert, Membership Manager, at arobert@rarediseases.org or 202-848-1421.

When will I be notified?

- All applicants will be notified of their determination by August 15, 2022.
- Applicants must accept their award by August 19, 2022, at 11:59pm ET. If you do not accept your award by the deadline, it will be reallocated for another patient organization representative to attend.

How will the scholarships be awarded?

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

- **Registration:** Once an award is accepted, you will be given instructions on how to register to attend the Summit.
- **Hotel:** Your award letter will specify how many nights at the host hotel will be covered. It will be your responsibility to book your room at the hotel. Please ensure to book early as the room block fills up quickly (deadline to book a hotel room: September 23, 2022).
- **Travel:** The award letter will specify the maximum amount which can be applied towards your travel. You will be responsible for booking your own travel. The email will also detail how to submit for travel reimbursement. This will include an expense report with a copy of your receipt(s).
- You will only be reimbursed for true costs associated with your travel (e.g., flight, train, mileage, host hotel).

For all other information regarding the summit, including agenda, speakers, downloadable brochure, location, etc., please visit nordsummit.org.