



Join NORD's Students for Rare!

What is NORD's Students for Rare?

To assure a future where rare diseases are not overlooked, in patient care, research, and drug development, NORD works with student organizations to facilitate opportunities for students to learn about rare diseases and the patient experience. The purpose of Students for Rare is to reach the next generation of professionals, advocates, researchers, and medical professionals and spread awareness and recognition of rare diseases, to establish professional relationships and partnerships, and to pursue future opportunities within the rare disease space.

What are the benefits of joining Students for Rare?

- First priority consideration for scholarships to NORD's annual Rare Disease & Orphan Product Breakthrough Summit and Living Rare, Living Stronger Patient & Family Forum
- Opportunities to network with other like-minded students around the country who are also interested in rare diseases
- Opportunity to promote your major campus events and achievements on NORD's social media channels
- Earning occasional opportunities to work on special projects for NORD
- Accessing educational opportunities such as special webinars and student meetings specifically designed for students in the Students for Rare program
- Branding your club with the NORD Students for Rare Chapter logo on your materials and social media channels

What are the requirements for joining Students for Rare?

- Become a registered student group on campus
- Have a faculty advisor
- Have at least four student leaders
- Adhere to the Students for Rare Constitution and Bylaws
- Host at least three campus events per academic year
- Submit an annual report summarizing the activities of the previous academic year

How can you get others involved?

Reaching out to people is usually the hardest part of starting a club, so you should prepare for that right away. Here are a few ways to reach out to students:

- Hang flyers in common areas
- Inquire about putting a notice in your school's weekly email broadcast
- Invite your friends
- Reach out to faculty for help finding like-minded students

Academic institutions offer many ways for their students to get involved so if you aren't gaining enough momentum, try contacting your student life department and see if they can help you find other ways to advertise.

What types of events do NORD Student Clubs host?

Students for Rare Clubs and Chapters are required to host three events per academic year. One of these events must be in conjunction with Rare Disease Day. The events range from something as simple as a tabling awareness event in a high traffic area on campus, to a Facebook fundraising campaign, to an all-day symposium with a program of speakers. Creativity is encouraged and NORD is here to help!

**To learn more about Students for Rare and submit your interest contact
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