



Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders

Patient Travel Scholarships

The Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders is pleased to offer a limited number of travel scholarships to help offset travel costs for patients, caregivers, or representatives of rare disease organizations. Priority will be given to first-time applicants and CORD members to ensure broader access to this opportunity. Scholarship amounts will be adjusted based on proximity to the event location.

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 conference registration
- Financial assistance to cover the cost of the hotel accommodations
- Financial assistance to cover the cost of travel (train, airfare, or mileage)

All awards are made at CORD's discretion. Award funding amounts will be adjusted by proximity to location of event.

Scholarship Guidelines

Who should apply?

- This scholarship program is open to anyone with a rare disease, family members and rare disease patient organizations. Must be 18 years and over.
- Applicants must reside in Canada.
- 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 on how the funding will be allocated.

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 entire conference/event

How do I apply?

Each applicant must complete the entire application form:
Rare Disease Day 2025 travel scholarship application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RDD25Travel>
The deadline to apply is listed on the application form.

When will I be notified?

All applicants will be notified of their determination by 20-30 days prior to the conference/event. Applicants must accept their award within 3 business days of receiving the award. If you do not accept your award by the deadline, it may be reallocated for another patient or organization representative to attend.

How will the scholarships be awarded?

Each scholarship recipient will receive an email specifying their award details. The email 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 conference/event.

Hotel: You will receive an email that 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 and we cannot guarantee the group hotel rate after the deadline.

Travel: You will be given a 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 form with a copy of your receipt(s) that you will need to submit within six (6) weeks of the conference/event.

You will only be reimbursed for true costs associated with your travel (e.g., flight, train, mileage, hotel). CORD does not cover incidentals or meals outside what is provided at the conference/event.

For all other information regarding travel scholarships, please email info@raredisorders.ca