



Join NORD's Student Club Program!

What is NORD's Student Club Program?

NORD's Student Club Program provides a pathway for students to learn about rare diseases and related challenges, prepare for success in health-related careers, engage with NORD in educational activities, and show support for rare disease patients and caregivers.

What benefits do students get from being involved with NORD?

- Clubs approved for the program will be listed on the NORD website
- Clubs may display the NORD Student Club logo on their own projects
- NORD will promote awareness of club activities in its social media
- Club members will have opportunities to participate in NORD advocacy and education
- When possible, NORD will provide local patient/caregiver speakers for club events

How do you start a rare disease club?

- Get permission from your school
 - Check your student handbook or student life department for details about how to start a new club and how to send an inquiry to identify interested students
 - Expect to write up a proposal or form a potential executive board (club president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) in order to gain club status and funding through your college or university
- Find a faculty advisor
- Gather a core group of interested students
- Contact NORD and fill out the Student Club membership form

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 emailing 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?

NORD Student Clubs are required to organize at least one event each year to promote rare disease awareness and education. This could be a program that includes one or more rare disease patients and advocates or clubs could host fundraisers, educational panels, go on group trips, or volunteer their time and services to a community organization. Creativity is encouraged and NORD is here to help.

Apply today to start your Rare Disease Student Club

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or Write to NORD at education@rarediseases.org