



RARE CAREGIVER RESPITE PROGRAM

The NORD Respite Program, a first-of-its-kind assistance program is designed for caregivers (parent, spouse, family member, or significant other) of a child or adult diagnosed with a rare disorder. NORD understands that caring for a loved one is a generous gift that demands significant amounts of time, attention, patience and dedication.

The Respite Program provides financial assistance to enable the caregiver a break to attend a conference, event or simply have an afternoon or evening away from caregiving. Financial assistance will be granted up to \$800 annually for those who qualify. Awards may be spread throughout the year or in a single use.

WHAT CARE MAY BE COVERED?

- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Home Health Aide (HHA)
- Non-professional caregiver

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- The patient for whom care is being provided must have a confirmed rare disease diagnosis
- The caregiver for the rare patient must be a family member or significant other, who is responsible for full or near full time care of the rare patient
- The caregiver must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States for at least 6 months with evidence of residency

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Awards are granted on a first come, first served basis to eligible individuals. A NORD Patient Services Representative will guide the applicant through the process.

The application decision process can take as few as five minutes over the telephone. Applications completed and submitted via email, fax or US mail will be processed within three business days of receipt. There is no fee to apply.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, CONTACT NORD AT:

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