

## **FAQs – EURORDIS Black Pearl Awards 2021**

For any questions which do not feature on this document, please contact Martina Bergna ([martina.bergna@eurordis.org](mailto:martina.bergna@eurordis.org)).

### **How do I submit a nomination?**

We do not receive nominations via e-mail. Please submit your nomination via the form on the following page of our website: <https://blackpearl.eurordis.org/nominate/>

### **Who can submit a nomination?**

Anyone can submit a nomination, but please be aware that we can only accept nominations *in English*.

### **Who is eligible to receive an award?**

Awards are presented to patient advocates, organisations, policy makers, scientists, companies and media for their major achievements and their outstanding commitment to the rare disease cause.

### **Who judges the awards?**

Nominations are submitted by the general public and the winners are selected by the EURORDIS Board of Directors.

### **How will I know if my nomination has been successful?**

We will inform the winners by email. If the nominee has not received an email by mid November 2020, please assume your nomination has not been successful this year.

### **Is someone more likely to receive an award if they are nominated lots of times?**

No, awardees are determined by merit, not by number of submissions.

### **How many times can I submit my nomination?**

You can nominate other people and in different categories, but you cannot make the same nomination more than once.

**Can I nominate someone anonymously?**

Yes, if you wish – we only require your email address to send you a confirmation, but we do not use it for any future contact and it is not stored in our database.

**When do submissions open for the Photo Award?**

Submissions for the EURORDIS Photo Award will open in November 2020.

**When will the names of the awardees be announced?**

The names of the awardees will be announced in January 2021. This excludes the Photo Award, the winners will be determined at the Awards Ceremony in the last week of February 2021.

**How do I know if the person/organisation I have nominated will receive an award?**

The recipients of the Awards will be informed directly by EURORDIS in November 2020. The names of the awardees are announced to the general public (via EURORDIS' eNews and social media channels) in December 2020. Stay tuned!

**Are the awardees informed about who submitted a nomination for them?**

No, the awardees do not know who nominated them or how many nominations they received.