

FAQ – EURORDIS Black Pearl Awards

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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 shortlisted by a nominations committee. The winners are then 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 the beginning of November 2018, 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 do not make the same nomination more than once.

Can I nominate a doctor or hospital?

For the time being, this isn't an award category. Please refer to the following page for information about the different award categories: <https://blackpearl.eurordis.org/nominate/>

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 on 1st November 2018.

When will the names of the awardees be announced?

The names of the awardees will be announced in January 2019. This excludes the Photo Award, the winners will be determined on the night of the Awards Ceremony on 12 February 2019.

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

The recipients of the Awards are informed directly by EURORDIS at the end of September 2018. The names of the awardees are announced to the general public (via EURORDIS' eNews and social media channels) in January 2019. 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.

I would like to nominate a company for an award, what information should I include in the nomination?

Please include the following information:

- membership on any relevant committees or working groups (European level better but also national level)
- number of papers published in peer-reviewed journals
- collaborations with other scientific groups / other stakeholder groups
- collaborations with patient groups/patients