



NORD®
National Organization
for Rare Disorders

Stiff Person Syndrome Research Foundation Travel & Lodging Assistance Program

What is the purpose of this program?

The Stiff Person Syndrome Research Foundation Travel & Lodging Assistance Program is designed to provide the SPS community an opportunity to participate in the Stiff Person Syndrome Research Foundation sponsored Symposium.

**EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT
PROGRAM**

*Financial assistance is generously provided by:

**The
Stiff Person Syndrome
Research Foundation**



Who is eligible to apply?

This program is designed for individuals and families living with or caring for individuals diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome and who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Confirmed registration for SPSRF Symposium.
- Are a United States citizen or permanent resident; in many cases, residents from outside the U.S. may be eligible.
- Fall within the program's financial guidelines and adhere to application requirements that are set in advance by NORD.



What is the application process?

- Individuals who meet the above eligibility criteria, may apply for financial assistance by phone, fax or email.
- Awards are granted on a first come, first served basis.
- A NORD RareCare® Patient Services Representative will guide the applicant through the application process, and verify eligibility for inclusion in the program.

What is NORD?

NORD, the National Organization for Rare Disorders, is a 501(c)(3) organization, is a patient advocacy organization dedicated to individuals with rare diseases and the organizations that serve them. NORD, along with its more than 300 patient organization members, is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services.

NORD was founded by families struggling to obtain access to treatments and whose advocacy for change led to the passage of the Orphan Drug Act in 1983. NORD assists eligible patients (those with medical and financial needs) in affording the treatments and medical services their healthcare professionals have prescribed.

Alone we are rare. Together we are strong.®

How do I get more information?

Contact NORD: SPSRF Travel & Lodging Program

Monday-Thursday 8:30am – 7:00pm ET
Friday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm ET

Phone: 203-989-0049

Fax: 203-5571-4493

Email: SPS@rarediseases.org

The quickest way to apply is on NORD's website at:
bit.ly/patient-assist

Scroll down to Stiff Person Syndrome and
click Apply Online.

What happens if an applicant does not meet the criteria of the Electronic Income Verification?

The RareCare® Patient Services Representative will offer to e-mail, fax, or mail the brief program application and disclosure forms to the applicant. The applicant may then complete the application, sign the disclosure form, provide the appropriate financial documentation to verify financial need, and return them via fax, email, or USPS mail.

How long before a decision is made on an application for assistance?

The application decision process can take as few as 5 minutes over the telephone. Applications completed and submitted via email, fax or US mail will be processed within three (3) business days of receipt.

What types of assistance may I request?

The Stiff Person Syndrome Travel & Lodging Assistance Program provides eligible individuals with limited financial support to attend the SPSRF sponsored Symposium. This support may include:

- Lodging (hotel) arrangements and expenses
- Flight arrangements and expenses
- Ground transportation
- Mileage reimbursement
- *NORD will pay on your behalf eligible expenses, up to award maximum.

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