



## 2022 RARE Champions of Hope Awards Frequently Asked Questions

### Nominations

**1. What are the RARE Champions of Hope Awards?**

The RARE Champions of Hope Awards celebrate, honor, and recognize Champions of Hope in the rare disease community. It is a time where we stand together as a community to support those who inspire us to do more, to do better, and to help positively impact patients and their families around the globe.

**2. Who can nominate?**

Nominations are open to members of the rare disease community who know or work with a Champion of Hope. Please note we are not accepting self-nominations.

**3. What are the award categories in which I can nominate for?**

**RARE Champions in Advocacy (Individual and Foundation)** - RARE Champions in Advocacy recognizes individuals and or Foundations in rare disease or within the general public who are advocates involved in a program, event or legislative effort to bring awareness to rare disease patients, their families or community.

**RARE Champion in Industry** - This award honors Industry partners in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology space who are recognized as exceptional partners. These nominees display collaborative efforts in engaging with rare disease communities and stakeholders while driving change for therapies in the rare disease space.

**RARE Champion in Medical Care and Treatment** - This award is honoring those medical and healthcare professionals who are recognized innovators in clinical care and treatment for rare disease. Nominees display excellence in engaging with patients and families to optimize care and treatment, act as a leader in medical care, and are recognized experts for a specific patient population.

**RARE Champion in Science and Technology** - RARE Champions in Science and Technology celebrates researchers who are trailblazers and leaders in disease-specific research, drug development, and scientific processes. This person or group of people use an innovative approach to develop effective treatments to advance research for a specific rare disease community. Nominees should be conducting patient-driven research, research in academia, industry, or within an advocacy organization.

**RARE Rising Star** - RARE Rising Star recognizes inspirational young individuals in rare disease or within the general public who are advocates involved in a program, event, or legislative effort to bring awareness to rare disease patients, their families, or community. Nominees can be patients or champions for patients.

**RARE Founder's Award** - The RARE Founder's Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a devotion to the ideals of the founder of Global Genes. These individual nominees exhibit their commitment to connecting, empowering and inspiring the rare disease community through their lifetime contributions and achievements advocating for people living with rare disease.

**4. How do I submit a nomination?**

You can submit a nomination [here](#).

**5. What should I do if I can't load the nomination form?**

If you're having trouble loading the nomination form, please clear your cookies/cache and try a new browser.

**6. Can I submit more than one nomination for the same person or organization?**

Champions of Hope nominees are reviewed based on the strength of the nomination, not on the number of nominations they receive. With that, we ask that you only submit **ONE** nomination per person or organization.

**7. Can I nominate more than one organization or more than one person?**

Absolutely! We encourage you to nominate as many people or organizations as you see fit. Just remember, awardees are determined by the strength of the application, not on the number of nominations.

**8. Can I nominate an organization or individual who has won this award previously?**

Previous awardees are eligible to win a Champions of Hope Award twice in a three year period. For example, if an organization or individual won only in 2021, they are eligible to win again in 2022. However, if an organization or individual won in 2020 and 2021, they are not eligible to win in 2022.

**9. Why should I nominate?**

Each year Global Genes recognizes an incredible group of individuals that inspire us to do more, to do better, and to help positively impact patients and their families around the globe. Help us identify the 2022 RARE Champions of Hope by nominating an individual, organization or collaboration in your community that has made an impact in advocacy, medical care & treatment, industry or science & technology.

**10. When is the submission deadline?**

The submission deadline is Monday, May 30, 2022 at 11:59PM (ET).

**11. How are final awardees selected?**

All nominations will be reviewed and awardees will be selected by a review committee identified by Global Genes.

**12. When will the nominees and awardees be announced?**

Nominees will be announced in early July. Awardees will be publicly announced at the RARE Champions of Hope Celebration on Tuesday, September, 13, 2022.

**13. What will nominees receive?**

All nominees will receive a letter and special recognition gift.

**RARE Champions of Hope Celebration**

**1. What is the RARE Champions of Hope Celebration?**

The RARE Champions of Hope Celebration will recognize and celebrate each of the awardees for their inspiring work within the rare disease community.

**2. When will the event take place?**

The event will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. PT.

**3. Where will the event take place?**

The event will be hosted at the Town & Country Hotel, San Diego in conjunction with our RARE Patient Advocacy Summit.

**4. Do I need to register for the event?**

Yes. Registration will open in early July. More information regarding registration will be available soon.

**5. Do I need to be present at the event to obtain my award?**

Attendance at the Champions of Hope event is encouraged. If you are unable to attend, you will be asked to submit a pre-recorded acceptance speech to be played at the event.