

JDRF 2015 Children's Congress

Applicant FAQs

1. When is the JDRF 2015 Children's Congress application due?

Potential Delegates must submit their JDRF 2015 Children's Congress application to JDRF no later than the end of the day (11:59pm Eastern), on Monday, December 1, 2014. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

2. When and where will JDRF 2015 Children's Congress be held?

JDRF 2015 Children's Congress will be held in Washington, D.C., from July 13-15, 2015.

3. When and how will I learn if my child has been chosen as a JDRF 2015 Children's Congress Delegate?

All applicant decisions will be mailed by February 16, 2015.

4. What is the JDRF Volunteer Selection Committee looking for in Applicants to JDRF 2015 Children's Congress?

The JDRF Volunteer Selection Committee is looking for a cross-section of children living with type 1 diabetes (T1D) across the country today. Eligible candidates range from ages 4-17 (at the time of the event). Delegates (or a parent in the case of small children) must be willing to share their compelling story about life with T1D and their interest in JDRF's mission of taking us from type one to type none.

5. While completing my application for JDRF 2015 Children's Congress, will I be able to save it and return?

Unfortunately, the system cannot save an application that has already been started. In addition, please note that some mobile devices do not allow you to upload attachments, which are a requirement of this application process. Please complete all requested components of your application at the time that you start it, and then submit your completed application when you have finished it. If you are unable to complete your application in one sitting, save your short answers and your letter in a Word document, which you can edit until satisfied. Then, copy text and paste into the appropriate application forms when you are ready to submit.

6. I am trying to submit my application to JDRF 2015 Children's Congress and I can't – why?

Several things might be happening here. Unfortunately, if you cannot submit because of your 'Letter to Congress,' save it as a PDF, then upload it and try to submit again. Also, please note that some mobile devices do not allow you to upload attachments, which are a requirement of this application process. If you will be either under the age of four, or over the age of 17, on July 13, 2015, we cannot consider your application. If you are within this age range, please make sure that you have entered your correct birthdate. If you are still unable to submit your application, make sure you have initialed each waiver consent item. Next, check to make sure you have not clicked the 'attended JDRF Children's Congress before' button, because if you have attended before, you should not apply, as you cannot attend JDRF Children's Congress again. Lastly, check to make sure that each of your short answers does not contain more than 2,000 characters. If you are still unable to submit your application, email us at childrenscongress@jdrf.org.

7. Will JDRF 2015 Children's Congress applications be considered if they are incomplete?

Unfortunately, we cannot consider incomplete applications. Please complete all requested components and submit your application no later than the end of the day (11:59pm Eastern), on Monday, December 1, 2014. If you would like to add something to your application after submitting it, please email childrenscongress@jdrf.org with your updates.

8. Can I submit letters of reference or other items to my application?

No. All unrequested information submitted with the application (including letters of reference) will not be considered,

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and may not be kept. All information sent with the application becomes the property of JDRF Advocacy, per the waiver consent items that each applicant/family must sign and initial upon submission of an application.

9. Can my child be a JDRF 2015 Children's Congress Delegate if I pay for our expenses?

No. Unfortunately, this is not possible. Space for each JDRF Children's Congress event is very limited. In addition, only one parent or guardian of a Delegate can attend JDRF Children's Congress.

10. What are the chances of being selected as a JDRF 2015 Children's Congress Delegate?

For each biennial event, JDRF receives more than fifteen hundred applications for JDRF Children's Congress, while approximately 150 applicants will be selected as Delegates. Many children will apply more than once before being selected as a Delegate. Applicants who are not selected for JDRF 2015 Children's Congress are encouraged to advocate for JDRF back in their home state through the [JDRF 'Promise to Remember Me' Campaign](#) and other Advocacy efforts. JDRF 'Promise to Remember Me' is extremely important to JDRF's legislative success, and gives *everyone* an opportunity to help while showing a commitment to JDRF Advocacy's mission the next time they apply. If your child is not chosen, please do not feel disheartened as this is a very selective process. Please apply again to JDRF 2017 Children's Congress and participate in JDRF Walks, Rides, Galas and other JDRF community events.

11. What is the role of a JDRF 2015 Children's Congress Delegate?

Chosen Delegates and one parent/guardian must attend JDRF 2015 Children's Congress from July 13-15, 2015. Delegates will be asked to make media appearances, complete tasks relating to JDRF Children's Congress before, during and after the event, interact with other Delegates, and spread JDRF's mission of taking us from type one to type none.

12. Will Delegates have responsibilities once JDRF 2015 Children's Congress is completed?

Delegates should stay connected with JDRF's Advocacy efforts by participating in JDRF 'Promise to Remember Me' meetings and other local JDRF Chapter events. JDRF Children's Congress is a competitive program and those selected as Delegates should view their time as their JDRF Chapter's Delegate as a platform for recruiting new advocates, spreading JDRF Advocacy's mission and getting their community involved in communicating with their Members of Congress.

13. What can adults living with type 1 diabetes do for JDRF 2015 Children's Congress?

Most importantly, you should sign-up to be a [JDRF Advocate](#) so you stay connected with the JDRF Advocacy office and have the tools to help spread the word about JDRF Advocacy to your networks. Additionally, please get involved in your local communities to raise awareness about T1D and engage in JDRF Advocacy efforts at your JDRF Chapter. The biennial [JDRF 'Promise to Remember Me' Campaign](#) is another great way to tell your story to your Federal Legislators and actively advocate for type 1 diabetes at home, in your district.

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