

Mito Matters Chapter Program Overview

Introduction

Mito Matters is excited to announce the expansion of our Chapter Program. Originally focused on domestic locations, we have now expanded to include chapters worldwide! This program provides passionate individuals the opportunity to lead and create change in their communities, spreading awareness about mitochondrial disease and supporting those affected by it.

What is a Mito Matters Chapter?

A Mito Matters Chapter is a local initiative led by students, community members, or organizations that work to spread awareness of mitochondrial disease and raise funds for research, resources, and support. Chapters are designed to empower individuals to lead local efforts, organize events, and engage their communities in our mission to make a difference.

Benefits of Starting a Chapter:

- **Leadership Experience:** Develop and showcase leadership skills by organizing events, coordinating initiatives, and managing projects.
- **Networking:** Connect with other Mito Matters chapters, ambassadors, and partners.
- **Impact:** Make a real difference in the fight against mitochondrial disease by raising awareness and funding.
- **Support:** Receive guidance and resources from the Mito Matters team to help you succeed.
- **Recognition:** Chapters are recognized for their efforts, and top-performing chapters are featured on our website and social media.

What Chapters Do:

Chapters are involved in a variety of activities to help promote Mito Matters and its mission:

- **Awareness Campaigns:** Host events, presentations, and awareness campaigns to educate others about mitochondrial disease.

- **Fundraising:** Organize fundraisers to raise money for research, hospital support, and resources for those affected by mitochondrial disease.
- **Community Engagement:** Mobilize your community to support Mito Matters through donation drives, events, and other activities.
- **Collaboration:** Work with local organizations, schools, and businesses to spread the word and raise support.

Chapter Requirements:

To ensure that all chapters operate with the same goals and standards, the following requirements are in place:

- **Commitment:** Chapters are expected to remain active for a minimum of one year, with at least 2-3 major events or campaigns annually.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Chapter leaders and members should aim to volunteer a set number of hours per month (usually 8-10 hours, depending on chapter size).
- **Monthly Check-ins:** Chapter leaders must submit a brief monthly update to Mito Matters outlining activities, upcoming events, and progress.
- **Teamwork:** Each chapter must have a designated leader, along with a team of volunteers to help run activities and initiatives.

Chapter Location and Regional Distinctions:

When you start a Mito Matters Chapter, your chapter will automatically be assigned to the highest region until another chapter wishes to operate in a similar area. For example, if you start a chapter in New York, your chapter will initially cover all of New York State. However, if someone else applies to start a chapter in New York City, the region for your chapter will be adjusted to Long Island, while the NYC chapter will be granted the city area.

Please note that chapter location distinctions are subject to change as new chapters are established, but we'll always encourage parties to work collaboratively. For example, if two groups are interested in the same area (like New York), and both parties are comfortable with one being a subchapter of the other, this is also an acceptable arrangement.

All discussions about regional assignments and adjustments should remain civil and respectful to ensure smooth cooperation between chapters. Our goal is to foster a unified and supportive network that drives the mission of Mito Matters forward.

How to Start a Chapter:

Starting a Mito Matters Chapter is simple! Here are the steps:

1. **Fill Out the Chapter Application:** Complete the online application form to get started.
2. **Approval and Initial Training:** Once your application is approved, you'll receive a chapter leader training to get you started and provide you with resources.
3. **Get Organized:** Assemble your team, plan your first event or initiative, and start spreading awareness in your community.
4. **Stay Connected:** Regularly check in with the Mito Matters team for guidance, support, and updates. You'll also be featured on our website and social media!

Why Join the Chapter Program?

Starting a Mito Matters Chapter allows you to make a tangible impact on a global cause while developing essential skills like leadership, project management, and public speaking. Whether you're part of a school, community group, or any other organization, leading a chapter will empower you to take charge of a meaningful initiative and build connections with others passionate about mitochondrial disease awareness.

Expansion to Global Locations

Mito Matters is proud to now accept chapter applications from **any location worldwide**. Whether you're in the U.S., Canada, Europe, or anywhere else, you can start a chapter and become a part of the global movement for mitochondrial disease awareness.

How to Apply:

Ready to launch your own Mito Matters Chapter? Simply [fill out the application form](#) to get started. We can't wait to see what you will accomplish!