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**CRITERIA FOR AWARDS**

**OUTSTANDING DIETITIAN OF THE YEAR (ODY)**

**Purpose:** The Outstanding Dietitian of the Year award recognizes members who have made distinguished contributions to advancing the profession. The winner of this award is an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service.

**Qualifications:**

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2. Active participation in the national, state, or district association
3. Is a Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist or the equivalent in their own country if an international member.
4. Not previously selected for this award in current or any other affiliate
5. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., in the Association, community or employment.

**RECOGNIZED YOUNG DIETITIAN OF THE YEAR (RYDY)**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year program is to recognize the competence and activities of younger dietitians in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and to encourage their continued participation in Academy affairs. This group will be an additional resource from which the leadership of the Academy will develop – at the district, state and national levels.

**Qualifications:**

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Age limit as of May 1 deadline, 35 years or younger.
2. Active participation in the national, state, or district association.
3. Is a Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist or the equivalent in their own country if an international member.
4. Not previously selected as an RYDY in current or any other affiliate.
5. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
6. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., either in the Association or employment.

**EMERGING DIETETIC LEADER AWARD (EDL)**

**Purpose:** The Emerging Dietetics Leader Award recognizes the competence and activities of members, regardless of their age, who are at the beginning of their dietetics careers. Members who receive this honor support the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the public through demonstrating leadership in legislation, research, education, management and other areas related to the profession.

**Qualifications:**

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Initial practice experience not less than 5 years and not greater than 10 years. Interrupted careers or time periods not in practice, are not to be considered or rationed into the 5-10 years of professional practice experience.
2. Active participation in the national, state, or district association for at least 5 years.
3. Is a Registered Dietitian, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Dietetic Technician, Registered or Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered
4. Not previously selected as an RYDY or RDTY in your current or any other affiliate.
5. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
6. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., in the Association, community or employment.

**OUTSTANDING DIETETICS STUDENT**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award program is to recognize the emerging leadership and achievement of students in ACEND-accredited and approved dietetics education programs and encourage their participation in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Each state is allowed to recognize one student from each type of dietetics education program (Didactic Program in Dietetics, Dietetic Internship, Coordinated Program, and Dietetic Technician Program) within the state. If the affiliate has all four program types, the affiliate may award four students

\*\*The Utah Affiliate will award 3 Graduate Student Awards (must be enrolled in one of the following programs: USU MPH/CP, USU MDA/GP, U of U MS/CP, BYU MS/DI, BYU MPH/DI, or SUU MS/DPD) and 1 Undergraduate Student Award (must be enrolled in USU or BYU DPD programs)

**Qualifications:**

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Students must be members by January 1st of the year in which they would receive the award. Students must supply their membership number; membership identification numbers will not be provided to a third party (i.e., educators).
2. Student enrolled in ACEND-accredited dietetics education program (as listed above)
3. Demonstrated academic achievement as documented by letters from program faculty or preceptor.
4. Demonstrated leadership and professional potential, e.g., honors, student dietetic association activities, community service activities, etc.

**OUTSTANDING DIETETIC EDUCATOR**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award is to recognize the teaching, mentoring, and leadership activities of faculty in ACEND-accredited dietetics education programs. One educator can be selected from each of the five program types in each geographic region (a maximum of five awardees from each of the six geographic regions for a total of 30).

In addition to publishing the list of outstanding educators in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and NDEP-line, each awardee will receive a certificate and congratulatory letter from the Academy President. Awards will be presented at the NDEP regional meetings for educators.

**Eligibility**

* Nominees must be a current member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and a current member of Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors Group
* Preceptors are not eligible for this award as there is a separate award given to Outstanding Preceptors.
* Active NDEP Council members are not eligible for this award.
* Previous ODEA winners cannot be nominated for the same program award again; however, they could be nominated for an award for a different program type, if applicable.

**Criteria for Selection of Outstanding Educators**

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2. Member of the Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors Group
3. Educator and/or Program Director in an ACEND®-accredited dietetics education program:
   * Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP)
   * Dietetic Internship (DI)
   * Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)
   * Dietetic Technician Program (DT)
   * Future Education Model (FEM)
4. Demonstrated Active Learning Strategy/ Student-centered Techniques
5. Demonstrated Dietetics Mentoring Experience (Outside of role as faculty or director-not including current students/interns. Includes previous students/interns now considered professionals)
6. Demonstrated leadership in Education and Dietetics; e.g., national, state, or district dietetic association activities, community service, honors received, scientific and professional presentations, publications, etc.

**Selection Procedure and Submission Dates**

1. Nominations from peers and/or students will be emailed annually in January. Each Regional Director will select no more than one educator for each type of dietetics education program (CP, DI, DPD, DT, FEM) in the region (maximum five).
2. Each nomination application will be a single PDF that includes the ODEA Data Sheet, curriculum vitae (or resume), and three reference letters. Nominations must be sent electronically. Jpeg documents or individual documents will not be accepted. Additional materials beyond the requested materials (data sheet, CV, letters) will not be reviewed.
3. The Regional Directors will form selection committees to review the nominations and select no more than one educator for each type of dietetic education program. This means there can be a maximum of five awardees per region for a total of 30 awardees a year. Previous ODEA winners may be asked to be a part of the selection committees.
4. Regional Directors will request verification of Academy membership for each nominee with the Academy Staff Liaison. Non-members are not eligible for the award.
5. Please [email questions](mailto:ndep@eatright.org) about the selection procedure and submission process.
6. Award nominee applications will be retained for one year