

# Awards Criteria

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All award criteria are taken directly from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Affiliate Awards Criteria.

## Emerging Dietetic Leader

The EDL Award recognizes the competence and activities of dietitians regardless of their age, who have made distinctive contributions early in their dietetics careers to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

### Criteria for Selection

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2. 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.
3. Active participation in the national, state, or district association for at least 5 years.
4. Is a Registered Dietitian, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist or Dietetic Technician, Registered.
5. Not previously selected as an RYDY or RDTY.
6. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
7. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., in the Association, community or employment.

## Outstanding Dietitian of the Year

The ODY Award recognizes the commitment to excellence made by an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the profession.

### Criteria for Selection

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2. Active participation in the national, state, or district association
3. Is a Registered Dietitian, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist or Dietetic Technician, Registered.
4. Not previously selected for this award
5. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., in the Association, community or employment.

## Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year

The purpose of the RYDY 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 association affairs. This group will be an additional resource from which the leadership of the association will develop both at the district, state, and national levels.

### Criteria for Selection

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

## Recognized Dietetic Technician of the Year

The purpose of the RDTY Award is to recognize the professional contributions of dietetic technicians in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) and to encourage their continued participation in association affairs.

### Criteria for Selection

1. Active membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
2. Is a Dietetic Technician, Registered.
3. Active participation in national, affiliate, or district association.
4. Not previously selected for this award.
5. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
6. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., legislation, research, education, clinical dietetics, food service management, public relations, career guidance, etc., in the association or employment.

## Outstanding Dietetics Student Award

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

In addition to publishing the list of outstanding students in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, each awardee will receive a congratulatory letter and certificate signed by the president of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

### **Criteria for Selection of Outstanding Students**

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.
2. Student enrolled in ACEND-accredited dietetics education program (CP, DI, DPD, DT).
3. Demonstrated academic achievement as documented by letters from program faculty or preceptor. Please submit up to (2) Letters of Support.
4. Demonstrated leadership and professional potential; e.g., honors, student dietetic association activities, community service activities, etc.