

Award Nomination Criteria

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award (RYDY)

The purpose of the RYDY program is to recognize the competence and activities of younger dietitians in The American Dietetic Association 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. In addition to publishing the list of RYDYS in the Journal of The American Dietetic Association, each awardee will receive a formal certificate of recognition from the President of the Association.

Criteria for Selection

1. Member of The American Dietetic Association.
2. Age limit as of April 1 deadline, 35 years or younger.
3. Active participation in the national, state, or district association.
4. Not previously selected as an RYDY.
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)

The purpose of the Emerging Dietetic Leader Award is to recognize the competence and activities of dietitians regardless of their age, who have made distinctive contributions early in their dietetics careers to the American Dietetic Association. The award encourages their continued participation in Association affairs. This more mature/older group will be an additional resource from which the leadership of the Association will develop at the district, state, and national levels.

Criteria for Selection

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association
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. Not previously selected as an RYDY or RDTY.
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 Dietitian of the Year (ODY)

The purpose of the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award is to recognize the professional contributions of a Mississippi Dietitian to The Mississippi Dietetic Association and the profession of Dietetics. The ODY recipient is published in a fall issue of the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

Criteria for Selection

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association
2. A registered, licensed dietitian over the age of 30.
3. Demonstrates leadership to advance the profession of Dietetics legislation, research, education, clinical dietetics, career guidance, public relations, community nutrition, management.
4. Active in the association in various aspects of leadership and service.
5. Demonstrates the Association's goals in personal and professional life.
6. One who gives "above and beyond" in service to the association's projects and duties (attend more than 50% of districts and MDA meetings).
7. Noteworthy community service in nutrition/dietetics. (Speaking engagements, articles in newspapers, trade magazines, or other current reliable publications).

Magnolia Award

Criteria for Selection

1. An individual outside the profession of dietetics that demonstrates outstanding interest, support, and contributions to the profession of dietetics.
2. One who has made significant contributions to human welfare through a profession other than that of dietetics.
3. One who demonstrates good will through notable service in furthering the advancement of the profession of dietetics.
4. One who promotes nutrition in a manner as supported by scientific evidence and sound nutritional fact.
5. One who displays keen interest in improving nutrition for persons of all ages.