

MDA Award Nominations – First Call

Awards to Dietitians

Each year the American Dietetic Association gives MDA the opportunity to recognize dietitians in our state who have made significant contributions to our profession. These awards are: Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award (ODY), Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award (RYDY), and Emerging Dietetic Leader Award (EDL).

Nominations may be made by an active MDA member, a district dietetic association, or a MS Dietetic practice group.

Magnolia Award to a supporter of our profession and practice

The Magnolia Award is made to someone outside the field of dietetics who has demonstrated an interest or shown support in nutrition and dietetics. **Nominations may be made by district dietetic association or MDA practice groups.**

Below you will find the criteria for each award. If you know someone who meets these qualifications and you would like to nominate them as a candidate for an award, please submit the information below to the award selection committee chairman Kathy Yadrick, by November 1, 2009. Email to m.yadrick@usm.edu, fax to 601 266-6343, or mail to Kathy Yadrick, 118 College Drive #5172, Hattiesburg, MS 39406.

1. MDA Award Nomination Form
2. ADA Data Sheet (Not needed for ODY and Magnolia Award)
3. Nominee's current resume

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.

MDA Awards Nominating Form

I nominate _____ for the following dietetics award
(please check):

_____ **Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award (ODY)**

_____ **Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award (RYDY)**

_____ **Emerging Dietetic Leader Award (EDL)**

Submitted by: _____ Telephone No: _____

E-mail address: _____ Date Submitted: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the nominee?

Describe how the nominee has uniquely demonstrated leadership and/or professional excellence in dietetics?

Why do you think this nominee should receive this award?

I nominate _____ for the **Magnolia Award**.

Submitted by: _____ Telephone No: _____

E-mail address: _____ Date Submitted: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the nominee?

How has the nominee demonstrated outstanding interest, support and contributions to the profession of dietetics?

Why do you think this nominee should receive this award?