

Maryland Dietetic Association AWARDS for 2009

Each year the American Dietetic Association gives us the opportunity to recognize dietitians and dietetic technicians in our state who have contributed to the field and to the profession. These awards are the Recognized Young Dietitian, the Emerging Dietitian, the Recognized Dietetic Technician, and the Outstanding Dietitian. This year MDA also will participate in the awards for Outstanding Dietetics Student, and Outstanding Dietetics Educator. Below you will find the criteria for eligibility. If you know someone who meets these qualifications and you would like to nominate them as a candidate for an award, please complete the form below and return it by **December 15, 2008**.

RECOGNIZED YOUNG DIETITIAN of the YEAR (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.

Criteria for the selection of the RYDY:

1. Member of the The American Dietetic Association.
2. Age limit as of April 1, 2008 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.

RECOGNIZED DIETETIC TECHNICIAN of the YEAR (RDTY)

The purpose of the Recognized Dietetic Technician of the Year Award is to recognize the professional contributions of dietetic technicians in The American Dietetic Association and to encourage their continued participation in Association Affairs.

Criteria for the selection of the RDTY:

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

EMERGING DIETETIC LEADER AWARD (EDLA)

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. The 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 the selection of the EDLA:

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association.
2. Initial practice experience not less than 4 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)

Criteria for the selection of ODY:

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association for a minimum of 5 years.
2. Must be 31 years or older.
3. Not previously selected for the award.
4. Must meet two of the following criteria:
 - a. Has made significant contributions to MDA, ADA, and/or the profession of dietetics through active participation and service.
 - b. Significantly provided a positive image of dietetics to other health care professions, peers or the community by activities such as:
 - i. Conduct or coordinate professional meetings, seminars, or workshops.
 - ii. Community service (i.e., adult or youth education)
 - iii. Served on advisory committee and worked to influence the advancement of the profession.
 - c. Served as a pacesetter or innovator for the profession (i.e., has created new opportunities for the RD), has increased public awareness and visibility of the RDs and members of ADA and MDA.
 - d. Furthered the profession by having published the results of scientific research, by interpreting nutrition information, or information about the profession through the mass media.

OUTSTANDING DIETETICS STUDENT

The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award program is to recognize the emerging leadership and achievement of students in CADE-accredited and approved dietetics education programs and encourage their participation in the American Dietetic Association. A student from each type of education program within a state will be selected (a maximum of 4 per state).

Criteria for Selection:

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association. Students must be members by January 1st of the year in which they would receive the award.
2. Student enrolled in CADE-accredited or approved dietetics education program (CP,DI,DPD, DT)

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 DIETETICS EDUCATOR

The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award program is to recognize the teaching, mentoring, and leadership activities of faculty and preceptors in CADE-accredited and approved dietetics education programs. One educator or preceptor will be selected from each program type in each geographic area.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association.
2. Faculty with academic or supervised practice appointments or preceptors in ADE-accredited or approved dietetics education programs:
 - Coordinated program in Dietetics
 - Dietetics Internship
 - Didactic Program in Dietetics
 - Dietetic Technician Program
3. Demonstrated innovative teaching skills and techniques.
4. Demonstrated mentoring as documented by letters from students (limit three letters per nominee)
5. Demonstrated leadership; e.g., national, state, or district dietetic association activities, community service, honors received, scientific and professional presentations, publications, employment, etc.

NOMINATIONS FOR ADA and MDA ANNUAL AWARDS

I wish to nominate _____ for the following award:

Recognized Young Dietitian
Outstanding Dietitian

Recognized Dietetic Technician

Emerging Dietitian

Outstanding Student

Outstanding Educator

My name and address:

My phone and email address:

Nominee's name and address:

Nominee's phone and email address:

Return this form by **December 15, 2008** to:

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