## OUTSTANDING DIETETICS EDUCATOR AWARDS CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award program 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 four program types in each geographic area (a maximum of four awardees from each of the seven geographic areas for a total of 28).

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 area meetings for educators each spring.

**Criteria for Selection of Outstanding Educators**

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
2. Faculty with academic or supervised practice appointments in ACEND-accredited dietetics education programs:
   - Coordinated Program in Dietetics
   - Dietetic 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.

**Selection Procedure and Submission Dates**

1. Nominations from peers or students will be made to the affiliate, which will select no more than one educator for each type of dietetics education program in the state (maximum four). Complete responsibility for selection at this stage rests with the affiliate. Affiliates may choose not to participate or not select an award recipient for each of the four program types.
2. Nominees selected by the affiliates will be forwarded to the respective Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors (NDEP) regional director by **January 11, 2014.** Each nomination should include an application cover letter, data sheet, resume, and three lettters of reference.
3. Each of the seven NDEP geographic areas can select a maximum of one educator for each type of dietetics education program (maximum four per area for a total of 28 awardees).
4. Contact the respective NDEP regional director with questions on the award procedures or selection process.
5. Complete responsibility for selection of the outstanding educator(s) rest with the NDEP regional directors and their selection committees. NDEP regional directors will forward individual data sheets for each awardee to the Education Staff at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics by **February 15, 2014.**
6. The Academy Education Staff will print the letters and certificates and present the certificates at the NDEP Spring Area Meetings.

**Award Procedure**

1. Recipients will be recognized at the NDEP area meetings for educators each spring. Each will receive a certificate and congratulatory letter from the Academy president. They will also be recognized at the NDEP Member Meeting and Breakfast at FNCE each fall.
2. The list of outstanding educator award recipients will be published in the spring issue of the *NDEP-line* and the September issue of the *Journal*.
3. Recipients attending the Food &Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE®) the following fall may pick up a ribbon for their badge at the ribbon booth near registration.
4. Affiliates may wish to recognize nominees from their states at state meetings.

**AFFILIATES** - **January 11, 2014 –Submission Deadline**

1. Duplicate the completed data sheet and application materials for each nominee for your files.
2. Forward the original data sheet and application materials for your state's nominations to the Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors regional director for final selections by **January 11, 2014**.
3. Limit nominations to four, one per program type:
   - Coordinated Program in Dietetics
   - Dietetic Internship
   - Didactic Program in Dietetics
   - Dietetic Technician Program
4. Affiliates should mail application packets to the NDEP regional director via Fed-Ex or UPS tracking systems.
5. If you have any questions, contact your NDEP regional director.

| AREA 1- Miriam Ballejos/ Robyn Osborn | AREA 2- Katie Eliot | AREA 3- Susan Miller | AREA 4- Claudia Scott | AREA 5- Julie Kennel | AREA 6- Ana Abad-Jorge | AREA 7- Suzanne Neubauer |
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| Alaska<br>California<br>Hawaii<br>Idaho<br>Montana<br>Oregon<br>Washington<br>Wyoming | Iowa<br>Michigan<br>Minnesota<br>Missouri<br>Nebraska<br>N. Dakota<br>S. Dakota<br>Wisconsin | Alabama<br>Arkansas<br>Florida<br>Georgia<br>Louisiana<br>Mississippi<br>Puerto Rico<br>S. Carolina | Arizona<br>Colorado<br>Kansas<br>Nevada<br>New Mexico<br>Oklahoma<br>Texas<br>Utah | Illinois<br>Indiana<br>Kentucky<br>Ohio<br>Tennessee<br>W. Virginia | Delaware<br>District of Columbia<br>Maryland<br>N. Carolina<br>Pennsylvania<br>Virginia | Connecticut<br>Maine<br>Massachusetts<br>New Hampshire<br>New Jersey<br>New York<br>Rhode Island<br>Vermont<br>American Overseas |

**NDEP REGIONAL DIRECTORS** - **February 15, 2014–Submission Deadline**

1. With a designated selection committee, select up to four awardees from the nominees by each state – one per program type (CP, DI, DPD, and DT).
2. Return only the awardee(s) completed Data Sheets for the ODEA award to the Education Staff at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics by **February 15, 2014**.

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3. Retain award nominee information (application packets) for one year.