

The purpose of the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year award 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 and DC Metro Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
2. Age limit as of May 1: 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.

Award Recognition

1. A certificate of recognition will be sent to the selectees together with a congratulatory letter from the President of the Academy
2. 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
3. The list of recipients for the year will be published in a fall issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
4. Recognition and presentation of certificate at DCMAND annual meeting
5. Recognition on DCMAND website and Potomac Post

Process for Nomination

To nominate someone or to apply for the award, please submit a letter of nomination including why you are nominating the person and how they meet the specific criteria for the award. Also include the nominee's email address, job title, place of employment and Academy member number on the nomination letter.

All application materials should be submitted to nominating@eatrightdc.org no later than **Wednesday, March 15th, 2017**. Before doing so, please make sure that a nominee/applicant meets all award criteria as explained above. If you have any questions about the awards process, please contact the nominating committee at the above email.