

The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award program is to recognize the emerging leadership and achievement of students in ACEND-accredited dietetics education programs and encourage their participation in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. A student from each type of education program within a state will be selected.

Criteria for Selection

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and DC Metro Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Students must be members by January 1st of the year in which they would receive the award. Students must supply their membership number; membership identification numbers will not be provided to a third party (i.e., educators).
2. Student enrolled in ACEND-accredited dietetics education programs.
 - a. Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP)
 - b. Dietetic Internship (DI)
 - c. Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)
 - d. Dietetic Technician Program (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.

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. The list of recipients for the year will be published in a fall issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
3. Recognition and presentation of certificate at DCMAND annual meeting
4. 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, program information (DPD, DI, CP, or DTP), place of employment (if applicable) and Academy member number on the nomination letter.

All application materials should be submitted to nominating@eatrightdc.org no later than **Wednesday, March 14th, 2018**. 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.