

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year

The purpose of the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year 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 - at the district, state, and national levels.

One nominee will be chosen at the district level and then forwarded on to the state level for consideration. One award winner will be chosen at the state level and will be recognized by a letter and certificate from the American Dietetic Association president and publication in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

Criteria for Selection of RYDY

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association.
2. Age limit as of May 1 deadline: 35 years or younger.
3. Active participation in the national, state, or district association.
4. Is a Registered Dietitian
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.

Application Materials

1. Each applicant must complete the Affiliate Award Application Form. **All items on the form should be completed.** This form is available at <http://www.eatrightvirginia.org/docs/AffiliateAwardsApplicationForm.pdf>.
2. Each applicant must also submit a complete resume.
3. Each applicant should have at least two letters of support, and may have up to four. **Letters of support are NOT to be mailed under separate cover.**

One original and two (2) copies of the application materials are due to the BRDA Awards/Scholarships chair by **December 1, 2010** (postmark deadline).

BRDA Awards/Scholarships Chair:

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Emerging Dietetic Leader

The Emerging Dietetic Leader Award recognizes 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.

One nominee will be chosen at the district level and then forwarded on to the state level for consideration. One award winner will be chosen at the state level and will be recognized by a letter and certificate from the American Dietetic Association president and publication in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

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. Is a Registered Dietitian or Dietetic Technician, Registered.
5. Not previously selected as an RYDY or RDTY.
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., in the Association, community or employment.

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Distinguished Dietitian Award

This is state's top award to recognize the achievements of a dietitian with life-long service to the profession. One nominee will be chosen at the district level and then forwarded on to the state level for consideration. One award winner will be chosen at the state level and will be recognized by publication in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

Criteria for this award:

1. Nominations may be made by or through member(s) or in the name of a District Association.
2. The nominee must be a VDA member.
3. Nominees should show excellence in:
 - a. Work achievements
 - b. Participation in National, State, or District Association activities
 - c. Volunteer activities
 - d. Contributions to Allied Professional and non-Allied Professional organizations.

Individuals interested in nominating a colleague for the Distinguished Dietitian Award should contact the BRDA Awards/Scholarships Chair or the BRDA President **no later than January 15, 2011**.

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Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award

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 dietetics education programs. One educator or preceptor can be selected from each of 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 American Dietetic Association* and *DEPline*, each awardee will receive a certificate and congratulatory letter from the ADA president. Awards will be presented at the DEP area meetings for educators each spring. ***There are no limits on the number of nominees that can be submitted from any given district; as such, nominations are sent directly to the state level.***

Criteria for Selection of Outstanding Educators

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association.
2. Faculty with academic or supervised practice appointments or preceptors in CADE-accredited dietetics education programs:
 - o Coordinated Program in Dietetics
 - o Dietetic Internship
 - o Didactic Program in Dietetics
 - o 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.

Application Materials

1. Resume or curriculum vitae outlining education experience and leadership experience
2. Three letters of recommendation from students; Letters should give specific information about teaching/mentorship role of the nominee and innovating teaching skills and techniques.

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Outstanding Dietetics Student Award

The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award program is to recognize the emerging leadership and achievement of students in CADE-accredited 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 by each state association (a maximum of four per state).

In addition to publishing the list of outstanding students in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, each awardee will receive a congratulatory letter and certificate signed by the president of the American Dietetic Association. ***There are no limits on the number of nominees that can be submitted from any given district; as such, nominations are sent directly to the state level.***

Criteria for Selection of Outstanding Students

1. Member of the American Dietetic Association. Students must be members by January 1 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 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.

Application Materials

3. Copy of ADA membership card
4. Resume outlining leadership and professional potential, honors, community involvement, etc.
5. 2-3 letters of recommendation from program faculty or preceptors, verifying enrollment in a CADE-accredited program and providing examples of academic achievement, community involvement, and ability to contribute to the profession

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