

The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award (ODEA) 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.

### **Eligibility**

- Nominees must be a current member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, but are not required to be an NDEP member for consideration for this award.
- Preceptors are not eligible for this award as there is a separate award given to Outstanding Preceptors.
- Active NDEP Council members are not eligible for this award. For a listing of the current NDEP Council members go to [www.ndepnet.org](http://www.ndepnet.org).
- Previous ODEA winners cannot be nominated for the same program award again; however, they could be nominated for a different program award, if applicable.

### **Criteria for Selection of Outstanding Educators**

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2. Faculty with academic appointments in ACEND-accredited dietetics education programs:
  1. Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP)
  2. Dietetic Internship (DI)
  3. Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)
  4. Dietetic Technician Program (DT)
3. Demonstrated innovative teaching skills and techniques.
4. Demonstrated mentoring of students.
5. Demonstrated leadership; e.g., national, state, or district dietetic association activities, community service, honors received, scientific and professional presentations, publications, etc.

### **Selection Procedure and Submission Dates**

1. Nominations from peers and/or students will be sent to the Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors (NDEP) regional director (see page 2) in the corresponding geographic area **by January 15, 2017**. Each regional director will select no more than one educator for each type of dietetics education program (CP, DI, DPD, DT) in the area (maximum four).
2. Each nomination application will be a single PDF that includes the ODEA Data Sheet, curriculum vitae (or resume), and three reference letters. Nominations must be sent electronically. Jpeg documents or individual documents will not be accepted. Additional materials beyond the requested materials (data sheet, CV, letters) will not be reviewed.
3. The regional directors will form selection committees to review the nominations and select no more than one educator for each type of dietetic education program. This means there can be a maximum of four awardees per area for a total of 28 awardees a year.
4. Regional directors will request verification of Academy membership for each nominee with the Education Staff at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Non-members are not eligible for award.

5. Direct any questions about the selection procedure and submission process to the respective regional director (see page 2).
6. NDEP regional directors will forward electronically the ODEA data sheets for each awardee to the Education Staff at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics by **February 16, 2017**. Contact Academy Liaison at [ndep@eatright.org](mailto:ndep@eatright.org) or by phone at 312/899-4875. Retain award nominee applications for one year.

### **Award Procedure**

1. Regional directors will notify the respective state affiliate for each awardee. Affiliates may wish to recognize nominees from their states at state meetings.
2. Recipients will be recognized at the NDEP area meetings for each educators each spring. Awardees will receive a certificate and congratulatory letter from the Academy president. The Academy Education Staff will print the award letters and certificates and bring them to the area meetings.
3. 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*.
4. Recipients attending the Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE) the following autumn may pick up a ribbon for their badge at the ribbon booth near registration.

### **Submission Instructions**

1. Electronically send the entire application as a single PDF (ODEA Data Sheet, CV (resume), 3 reference letters) to the respective regional director.
2. Direct any questions to the NDEP regional director in your area.
3. The submission deadline for nominations is **January 15, 2017**.

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Area 6	Area 7
Alaska	Iowa	Alabama	Arizona	Illinois	Delaware	Connecticut
California	Michigan	Arkansas	Colorado	Indiana	District of	Maine
Hawaii	Minnesota	Florida	Kansas	Kentucky	Columbia	Massachusetts
Idaho	Missouri	Georgia	Nevada	Ohio	Maryland	New Hampshire
Montana	Nebraska	Louisiana	New Mexico	Tennessee	N. Carolina	New Jersey
Oregon	N. Dakota	Mississippi	Oklahoma	West Virginia	Pennsylvania	New York
Washington	S. Dakota	Puerto Rico	Texas		Virginia	Rhode Island
Wyoming	Wisconsin	S. Carolina	Utah			Vermont
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