

The EDL Award recognizes the competence and activities of dietitians regardless of their age, who have made distinctive contributions early in their dietetics careers to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

**Criteria for Selection** (Affiliates may develop more detailed criteria to meet their needs.)

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
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, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist 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.

**Selection Procedure**

1. Each affiliate is allowed to select one recipient each year. Affiliates may choose not to participate in the award program.
2. The complete responsibility for the selection of the recipient rests with the affiliate association. The affiliate award chair, affiliate president, or person designated by the state should coordinate the process. Another state officer or person may be designated to coordinate award information/applications for the state if needed.