

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 by each state association (a maximum of four per state).

In addition to publishing the list of outstanding students in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, each awardee will receive a congratulatory letter and certificate signed by the president of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

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

1. Member of the 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 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.

Selection Procedure

1. Nominations will be solicited from program faculty or preceptors by the affiliate association.
2. Complete responsibility for the selection of outstanding students rests with the state associations. 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.
3. A maximum of one student from each type of dietetics education program within the state may be selected by each state (maximum four). States may choose not to participate or to select fewer than the maximum number.
 - a. Coordinated Program in Dietetics
 - b. Dietetic Internship
 - c. Didactic Program in Dietetics
 - d. Dietetic Technician Program