
OUTSTANDING DIETETICS EDUCATOR AWARDS CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES



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 and approved dietetics education programs. One educator or preceptor can be selected from each of 4 program types in each geographic area (a maximum of 4 awardees from each of the 7 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 *DEP-line*, 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.

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 or approved dietetics education programs:
 - Coordinated Program in Dietetics
 - Dietetic Internship
 - Didactic Program in Dietetics
 - 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.

Selection Procedure and Submission Dates

1. Nominations from peers or students will be made to the state association, which will select no more than one educator for each type of dietetics education program in the state (maximum 4). Complete responsibility for selection at this stage rests with the state association. States may choose not to participate or not select an award recipient for each of the 4 program types.
2. Nominees selected by state associations will be forwarded to the respective Dietetic Educators of Practitioners DPG (DEP) area coordinator by **January 15, 2011**. Each of the seven DEP geographic areas can select a maximum of one educator for each type of dietetics education program (maximum 4 per area for a total of 28 awardees). Access the DEP area coordinators from the Outstanding Educator Awards member homepage at http://www.eatright.org/ada/files/DEPlist_08-09.pdf.
3. DEP area coordinators will forward individual data sheets for each awardee to ADA education and accreditation staff by **February 16, 2011**.

Award Procedure

1. Recipients will be recognized at the DEP area meetings for educators each spring. Each will receive a certificate and congratulatory letter from the ADA president.
2. The list of outstanding educator award recipients will be published in the spring issue of the *DEP-line* and the September issue of the *Journal*.
3. Recipients will receive a name badge ribbon for use at the ADA Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo and/or state meetings following their selection.
4. State associations may wish to recognize nominees from their states at state meetings.