

## **Emerging Dietetics Leader (EDL) Award Criteria**

**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.**

### **Eligibility & Qualifications**

1. A current member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2. Is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) or Dietetic Technician Registered (NDTR) in good standing
3. Not a previous EDL award winner in any state
4. 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)
5. Active participation in the national, state, or district/region level for at least 5 years
6. Demonstrated leadership in the Academy, community, and/or employment
7. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population

### **Scoring Criteria**

**Total Points Possible: 110**

#### **Leadership & Active Participation (50 points)**

1. Academy national leadership in elected or appointed positions, including DPGs and MIGs (10 points)
2. Affiliate state leadership in elected or appointed positions (10 points)
3. Affiliate district/region leadership in elected or appointed positions (10 points)
4. Non-Academy nutrition-related leadership in elected or appointed positions (10 points)
5. Active participation at national, state, district/region level (meetings, conferences, committees, volunteering etc) (10 points)

#### **Promotion of Optimal Health and Nutritional Status of the Population (60 points)**

1. Workshops, presentations, and programs in the community (10 points)
2. Publications, media, public relations (10 points)
3. Legislation, public policy (10 points)
4. Promotion of the profession (10 points)
5. Mentoring or serving as a preceptor (10 points)
6. Other nutrition-related volunteer activities (10 points)