Outstanding Dietitian of the Year (ODY) Award Criteria

The ODY Award recognizes the commitment to excellence made by an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the profession.

Eligibility & Qualifications

1. A current member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and a member for a minimum of 10 years total
2. Is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) in good standing
3. Not a previous ODY award winner in any state
4. Active participation in the national, state, or district/region level
5. Demonstrated leadership in the Academy, community, and/or employment

Scoring Criteria
Total Points Possible: 90

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. Impact on dietetics as a whole, such a legislation, research, or education in the Academy, community, or employment (10 points)

Personal & Professional Qualities (40 points)

1. Instrumental in moving the profession forward (advanced practice, quality improvement, max influence of RD within practice etc) (10 points)
2. Source of inspiration and outstanding role model and mentor (10 points)
3. Promotion of the RDN, NDTR and overall food and nutrition profession (10 points)
4. Service to others in allied fields and the community (10 points)