MEDALLION AWARD  One awarded yearly

Purpose: To recognize an individual member of MAND who has demonstrated leadership in Minnesota above and beyond job requirements in the State Association and professionally, and who has made outstanding contributions to the profession. This is MAND’s highest award.

Criteria: (established by MAND)

1. Active membership category of AND
2. Active in national, state, and region Association
3. Not previously selected for this award
4. Is a RDN or DTR
5. Demonstrated leadership in Minnesota beyond expectations.
6. Outstanding contribution to the profession
7. Three letters of support plus MAND form and resume/curriculum vitae

**AWARD OF VALOR**  One or Two Awarded Yearly

**Purpose:** To recognize the contributions of RDs and DTRs who deserve recognition for invaluable volunteer service on multiple levels for extended periods of time.

**Criteria:** (established by MAND)

1. Active membership in AND
2. Active participation in national, state and/or region Association
3. Five or more years of service to the dietetic profession on 2 levels: region, state and/or national or may substitute service of two or more years to a DPG or other allied association such as MNCH/SNE, School Food Service, ASPEN, etc as part of the five years
4. Demonstrated leadership
5. No age requirements
6. Not previously selected for this award or the Medallion award.
7. The information in the nomination will be used in place of letters of support; neither the nominee nor MAND will ask for letters of support. The nominee could also be asked to compile a list of accomplishments.

RECOGNIZED YOUNG DIETITIAN OF THE YEAR (RYDY)  One can be awarded in each region..

Purpose: To recognize the professional and volunteer activities of younger dietitians in the Association and to encourage their continued participation in Association affairs.

Criteria: (established by AND)

1. Active membership category of AND
2. Age limit at May 1st in year award to be presented: 35 years or younger
3. Active participation in national, state, and/or region Association
4. Is a Registered Dietitian
5. Not previously selected as RYDY
6. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimum health and nutritional health of the population
7. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., either in the Association or employment.
8. Two letters of support

RECOGNIZED DIETETIC TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR (RDTY) One awarded yearly.

**Purpose:** To recognize the professional and volunteer contributions of dietetic technicians in the Association and to encourage their continued participation in Association affairs.

**Criteria:** (established by AND)

1. Active membership category of AND as a technician
2. Is a DTR
3. Active participation in national, state, and/or region Association
4. Not previously selected for this award
5. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimum health and nutritional health of the population
6. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., either in the Association or employment.
7. **Two** letters of support

Past recipients: Betty Kay Crothers, Betty Ann Roussin, Elizabeth Anderson, Josie Klein, JoAnn Anderson, Jo Flesner, Mary Buckley, Joanne Hawkins, Chris Newman, Anne Beyer, Carol Leaders, Sheila Swenson, Sheila Oak, Jennifer Jorgenson, Diane Juth, Amanda Ryan, Angela Brekken
EMERGING DIETETIC LEADER AWARD (EDL)

Purpose: To recognize the competence and activities of dietitians, regardless of their age, who have made distinctive contributions early in their dietetics career to the Association. The award encourages their continued participation in Association leadership roles.

Criteria: (established by AND)

1. Member of the AND
2. Initial practice experience not less than 5 years and not greater than 10 years throughout entire career, not in Minnesota Interrupted careers or time periods not in practice, are not to be considered in the 5-10 years of professional practice experience.
3. Active participation in the national, state or region association for at least 5 years.
4. Is a RDN or DTR
5. Not previously selected as RYDY or RDTY.
6. Demonstrated concern for promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of population.
7. Demonstrated leadership.
8. Two letters of support.

Past Recipients: Cindy Flannery, Initial participation in EDL 1999-2000 MAND membership year, Debbie Motley, Kim Edens, Sue McCoy, Jennifer Haugen, Tanya Christopherson
**GOLDEN APPLE AWARD** One or Two Awarded Yearly

**Purpose:** The purpose of this award is to recognize organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to the profession of dietetics in Minnesota. The award is based on the nomination letters/packet. The award helps the Minnesota Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics its appreciation to organizations and businesses for their support of the dietetics profession.

**Criteria:** (established by MAND)

1. Portfolio documenting **significant** contribution made to the profession of dietetics in the State of Minnesota.
2. **Two or three** letters of support.

OUTSTANDING DIETETICS EDUCATOR AWARD-AREA II DIETETIC EDUCATORS OF PRACTITIONERS

Purpose: To recognize the teaching, mentoring, and leadership activities of faculty and preceptors in AND-accredited and approved dietetics education programs. One state nominee from each of four program types.

Criteria: (established by DEP)

1. Active membership category of AND
2. Faculty with academic or supervised practice appointments in CP, DI/ AP4, DPD, or DT programs.
3. Demonstrated innovative teaching skills and techniques.
4. Demonstrated mentoring as documented by letters from students (limit 3)
5. Demonstrated leadership; e.g. national, state or region dietetic association, community service, honors received, scientific and professional presentations, publications, employment, etc.

Past Recipients: Paula Eilertson, Betty Orchard, Phyllis Osborne, Vicki Erdmann, Sharon Stewart, Diane Veale Jones, Teri Burgess-Champoux, Pat Ode, Amy Olson, Becky Rude, Carrie Earthman, Krista Jordheim
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding students in the various education programs as selected by the faculty of that institution.

Criteria: (established by AND)

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.