

APPLICATION IS DUE APRIL 30, 2023

The purpose of the RYDY program is to recognize the competence and activities of younger dietitians in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and to encourage their continued participation in association affairs. This group will be an additional resource from which the leadership of the Academy will develop both at the district, state, and national levels.

Criteria for Selection

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
2. Age limit as of April 30, 2023: 35 years or younger.
3. **Active participation** in the national, state, or district association.
4. Is a Registered Dietitian/Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.
5. Not previously selected as an RYDY.
6. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
7. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., either in the Association or employment.

Selection Procedure

1. The complete responsibility for the selection of the recipient rests with the Colorado Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Member Benefits team.
2. One Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year will be awarded from Colorado in 2023.

Submission to the Academy Procedure

1. Applications are due to the Member Benefits Committee at eatrightcolorado@gmail.com by April 30, 2023. A complete application includes the following:
 - a. One or two letters of recommendation for the nominee (no more than 2)
Letters should address how nominee has demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population and/or leadership in legislation, research, education, management, etc. in either the Association or employment.
 - b. Nominee resume (optional)
 - c. Please include the following in the body of the email submitted:
 - i. Nominee Name and Email
 - ii. Nominee Credentials
 - iii. **Nominee Academy Member ID number**
 - iv. Colorado District (Northern, Denver or Southern)

Award Recognition

1. The recipient and nominator will be notified of the winner by **May 5th**.
2. A certificate of recognition will be sent to the selectees together with a congratulatory letter from the President of the Academy.
3. Awardees will be recognized and mailed a plaque.
4. Recipients attending the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE®) the following fall may pick up a ribbon for their badge at the ribbon booth near registration.
5. The list of recipients for the year will be published in a fall issue of the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*.