

## Washington State Academy Outstanding Dietitian of the Year (ODY) Applications are due January 31<sup>st</sup>

### Purpose

The Outstanding Dietitian Award is the highest honor given by Washington State Academy. The purpose of the ODY award is to recognize the accomplishments of dietitians in the state of Washington. This award will be reserved for special citations given only for notable leadership, ability, and service. One award may be presented each year.

### Award criteria

1. Member of the Academy for a minimum of 8 years and current Washington State Academy member.
2. Active participation in the district, state, or national association for at least 5 years.
3. Has served as an outstanding role model of professionalism and as a source of inspiration to others in dietetics.
4. Has demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, clinical dietetics, career guidance, public relations, community nutrition, etc. in the association or employment.
5. Age requirement on the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, 35 years of age or greater.

### Procedure for selection, notification & recognition

1. Nominations may be submitted by individuals or groups.
2. A request for nominees will be sent to district presidents and will be published in the newsletter and on the website.
3. Nomination packets/information must be submitted **by no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>**.
4. Nomination packets must be completed **in accordance with directions** provided.
5. The Awards chair will review all nominations to assure packets are complete and candidates meet the specified criteria.
6. Screened nominations are sent to the Washington State Academy selection panel by no later than February 7<sup>th</sup> with a return review date of no later than February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
7. The Awards chair will identify the nominee with the highest score.
8. The award recipient will receive the following recognition:
  - a. The award will be presented at the Washington State Academy Conference.
  - b. A letter will be sent to the recipient's identified supervisor and a press release to the local newspaper of the recipient.
  - c. An article in the Washington State Academy newsletter will highlight the accomplishments of the recipient
  - d. The recipient's name will be submitted to the Academy for publication in the Journal.

Submit nominations and required information via email only by **no later than January 31, 2025** to the Washington State Academy at [wsand@quidnunc.net](mailto:wsand@quidnunc.net)

### Submission checklist (for completion by January 31, 2025)

- Completed online application form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WA-ODYapp> (which includes uploading the candidate's resume/CV and letter of recommendation).