



Each year the Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has the opportunity to join with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to recognize the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year (RYDY), Recognized Dietetic Technician of the Year (RDTY), Emerging Dietetic Leader (EDL), and Outstanding Dietitian of the Year (ODY) in conjunction with the Academy. Names of those selected are printed each September in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Information from the Academy may be accessed at <https://www.eatright.org/affiliates/>

We also have two Idaho-specific recognitions: the June Yerrington Award and the Gem award.

Please consider nominating your colleagues for one of these awards. Feel free to ask other dietitians or professional colleagues to also submit letters of support; we have many outstanding dietitians in this state. This is a fantastic opportunity to our colleagues know Idaho Academy members recognize and appreciate their skills.

The qualification for each award is described below. Award recipients will be announced at the state meeting. Letters of nomination will be shared with the award recipients as part of a remembrance for the recipient.

For more information visit <http://www.eatrightidaho.org>

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year (RYDY)

This award recognizes qualified dietitians within their state. Members eligible to receive this honor should be 35 years of age or younger and demonstrate leadership qualities and performance in legislation, research, public relations, education, community outreach, management, and other areas related to the profession. Their contributions on the job and in the community will merit this recognition. At least one letter explaining why the nominee is deserving of the reward is required.

Recognized Dietetic Technician of the Year (RDTY)

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recognizes the professional contributions of dietetic technicians and encourages their continued participation in the community and Academy activities. Award recipients are selected by their affiliated dietetic organization. They demonstrate leadership qualities and performance in the Academy or their employment through education, clinical nutrition, foodservice management, public relations, career guidance and legislation.

Emerging Dietetic Leader (EDL)

The Emerging Dietetics Leader Award recognizes the competence and activities of members, regardless of their age, who are at the beginning of their dietetics careers. Members who receive this honor support the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the public through demonstrating leadership in legislation, research, education, management and other areas related to the profession. At least one letter explaining why the nominee is deserving of the reward is required.

Outstanding Dietitian of the Year (ODY)

Each year the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recognizes those individuals who receive the affiliate's top member award. At least one letter explaining why the nominee is deserving of the reward is required.

June Yerrington Award

The Idaho Academy membership recognizes an individual who has been a member for at least 10 years. A member who receives this award has contributed to Idaho Academy in a significant way during his or her professional career. This member must have made a significant impact in his or her community and has earned respect from within the community. This award honors the respect the recipient has earned from his or her colleagues. At least three letters explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award are requested for the nomination.

Gem Award

The Gem award recognizes nonmember of Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics that have promoted and/or encouraged good health with an emphasis on sound nutrition habits through efforts to educate the public. In addition to financial contributions, this can be done through individual, company or organizations efforts. This award goes to nonmember who have supported activities of the Idaho Academy through financial or in-kind contributions. The promotion, encouragement or support should have been provided on a regular basis for several years. A company or organization may also qualify for an outstanding "one time" effort. At least three letters of support are required for nomination