

Washington State Academy Outstanding Dietitian of the Year (ODY)

Applications are due January 31st

Purpose

The Outstanding Dietitian Award is the highest honor given by the Washington State Academy. The ODY Award recognizes the commitment to excellence made by an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the profession.

Criteria for Selection

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2. Active participation in the national, state, or district association
1. Is a Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist or the equivalent in their own country if an international member.
3. Not previously selected for this award in current or any other affiliate
4. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., in the Association, community or employment

Procedure for selection, notification & recognition

Selection Procedure

1. Washington State selects one recipient each year.
2. The responsibility for the selection of the recipient rests with the affiliate.
1. Nomination packets/information must be submitted **by no later than January 31st**.
2. Nomination packets must be completed **in accordance with the directions** provided.
3. The Awards chair will review all nominations to ensure packets are complete and candidates meet the specified criteria.
4. Screened nominations are sent to the Washington State Academy selection panel by no later than February 7th, with a return review date of no later than February 23rd.
5. The Awards chair will identify the nominee with the highest score.

Award Recognition

1. The award will be presented at the Washington State Academy Conference.
2. A letter will be sent to the recipient's identified supervisor and posted on social media channels.
3. An article in the Washington State Academy newsletter will highlight the accomplishments of the recipient.
4. A certificate of recognition will be sent to the submitter together with a congratulatory letter from the President of the Academy. T
5. 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.
6. The list of recipients for the year will be [published on the Academy website](#).

Submit nominations and required information via email only by **no later than January 31, 2026** to the Washington State Academy using the [application form](#).

Submission checklist (for completion by January 31, 2026)

- ☐ Complete the online application form here: <https://forms.gle/YRuD4tqkBcPQPFC77> which includes uploading the candidate's resume/CV and letter of recommendation).