

Texas Awards	Purpose and Eligibility
<u>Bluebonnet Award</u>	<p>All applicants must be AND and TxAND Members at time of application.</p> <p>To recognize a non-dietitian who has made a significant contribution to the promotion, recognition or progress of nutrition and dietetics in Texas.</p>
<u>Media Award</u>	<p>To recognize an individual/group who has made a significant contribution to the promotion, recognition or progress of nutrition/dietetics in Texas through use of print, electronic or digital media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be a Non-RDN.
<u>Distinguished Scientist</u>	<p>To recognize and honor a Texas dietitian who has made outstanding and significant contributions to research in the field of dietetics, nutrition, food science or related sciences. The research may be basic or applied, of recent origin, and conducted in Texas.</p>
<u>Outstanding Nutrition Education Award</u>	<p>To honor a Registered Dietitian/Registered Dietitian Nutritionist who has made a major contribution to the field of nutrition education, has pioneered or advanced new concepts, applied studies, innovative teaching methods or means of reaching the public or professionals. The award winner has also demonstrated leadership in the nutrition field and has demonstrated accuracy in the created content.</p>
<u>Outstanding Preceptor Award: New or Veteran</u>	<p>To recognize preceptors for dietetic programs who show exceptional skills in teaching and mentoring students in a supervised practice setting. Two awards may be given: one for preceptors with less than 5 years as a preceptor and one for those with more than 5 years as a preceptor.</p>
American Academy of Nutrition Affiliate Awards	Purpose and Eligibility
<u>Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award (RYDY)</u>	<p>To recognize the competence and activities of younger dietitians in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and to encourage their continued participation in Academy activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 35 or < by May 1st, 2025 • One winner from each region may be chosen.
<u>Recognized Nutrition and Dietetics Technician of the Year Award</u>	<p>Recognizes the professional contributions of nutrition and dietetics technicians and encourages their continued participation in the community and Academy activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Dietetics Technician, Registered (DTR or NDTR).
<u>Emerging Dietetic Leader</u>	<p>Recognizes the competence and activities of members, regardless of their age, who are at the beginning of their dietetics careers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not previously selected as RYDY or RDTY. • Initial continuous practice experience 5-10 yrs., • Active participation in dietetic association for at least 5 years.
<u>Outstanding Dietetics Student Award</u>	<p>To recognize the emerging leadership and achievement of students in ACEND-accredited dietetics education programs and encourage their participation in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and local affiliates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AND & TxAND member by January 2025.
<u>Texas Distinguished Dietitian Award (aka Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award)</u>	<p>The highest honor! To recognize and honor a Texas dietitian who has made outstanding and significant contributions to the profession as well as the Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have worked in Texas for 10 years • Must have had leadership roles in the area, region, state or national level.

Do you qualify for an American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics National Honor or Award? These awards are completely separate from the TxAND awards; the nominations are submitted directly to AND. **For more information:**
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