



Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Distinguished Scientist Award

Purpose: The Texas Academy Distinguished Scientist Award honors 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 should be basic or applied, of recent origin and conducted in Texas.

Recognition: Award recipients will be recognized at the Texas Academy Annual Conference and Exhibition.

Requirements:

1. Must be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
2. Must be a Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.
3. Must work in Texas..

Selection will be made by the Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Nominating Committee. The application will be scored based on the criteria in the rubric below.

Click the link to access the [Distinguished Scientist Award](#) application.

Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Distinguished Scientist Award Scoring Criteria		
Category	Description	Possible Points
Membership	Must be an AND & TAND Member.	Required; No points awarded.
Professional Contributions/Contributions to Science	Grants (2 points for each)	30
	Publications (2 points for each)	
	Research presentations (2 points for each)	
	Examples of research (2 points for each)	
Community Service	Activities that promote nutrition outside professional organizations (1 point for each)	5
Leadership activities in the Academy, the Texas Academy, American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, American Institute of Nutrition, American Society of Clinical Nutrition, etc., including committee chair, project manager, etc.	<u>The Academy:</u> 1 point for each year of office, committee position or other leadership role in national organization (includes dietetic practice groups).	15
	<u>Texas Academy:</u> 1 point for each year of office, committee position or other leadership role in state organization (includes state practice groups such as consulting dietitians).	

	<u>Region Dietetic Association:</u> 1 point for each year of office, committee position or other leadership role in district/region organization.	
	Office/role held within other professional health or nutrition-related groups (1 point for each).	
Awards/Honors/ Scholarships	Awards recognizing contributions to Science and/or the Dietetic Profession (2 pts for each).	10
Personal statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe personal initiatives, attitudes and goals for the promotion of optimum health of the population. 	10
Letters of Recommendation 2 Required	Must give specific examples of how the nominee has made significant contributions in the field through research, leadership and community service.	10 (5 points for each letter.)
Total Possible Points		80

Applications will not be accepted after the deadline published on eatrighttexas.org/awards.

Completing the Online Application:

- Go to the [Distinguished Scientist Award](#) and complete the application.
- The form includes a section to upload your resume, letters of recommendation and personal statement.
 - Two letters of recommendation (one must be from someone outside the field of nutrition.) Letters must give specific examples of how the nominee has made significant contributions in the field through research, leadership and community service.
 - List of links to examples of grants, publications, research presentations or research which help optimize the health of the population through food and nutrition.
- See tips on asking for and [writing stellar recommendation letters](#) here.

If you do not have a google drive, or have other questions, contact us at: info.texas.and@gmail.com

Application will be disqualified if:

- Nominee does not meet criteria or has previously received this award.
- Application is incomplete..

