



## VAND Awards Descriptions

**Award Guidelines are available on the VAND “Members Only Download” webpage.  
The online Application Form is available on the VAND “Members Only Landing” webpage.**

**OUTSTANDING DIETETICS STUDENT-DIETETIC INTERN (ODS-DI):** Candidates must demonstrate their emerging leadership potential and academic achievements in an ACEND-accredited dietetic internship programs that is housed within the state of Virginia OR complete the majority of their supervised practice hours within the state of Virginia through an ACEND-accredited internship (distance internship or ISPP) program. Interns must be student members of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics AND the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they would receive the award.

**RECOGNIZED YOUNG DIETITIAN OF THE YEAR (RYDY):** RD/RDN candidates must be 35 years or younger as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year preceding the Annual Meeting date, and demonstrate the promotion of optimal nutrition, health, and well-being. In addition, they must demonstrate leadership qualities and performance in the Academy or their employment through education, clinical nutrition, foodservice management, public relations, career guidance, and legislation.

**RECOGNIZED DIETETIC TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR (RDTY):** DTR/NDTR candidates must 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 OF THE YEAR (EDL):** RD/RDN or DTR/NDTR candidates with initial practice experience between five and ten years consecutively are eligible for this award. Candidates must support the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the public by demonstrating leadership in legislation, research, education, management, and other areas related to the profession.

**OUTSTANDING DIETITIAN OF THE YEAR (ODY):** This is the highest honor the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics can bestow upon a member. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding service and leadership in the field of dietetics over an extended period of time in the Commonwealth of Virginia.