

Outstanding Student Scholarship Award

Purpose

The purpose of the Outstanding Student Scholarship Award is to recognize student members of the Clinical Nutrition Management Dietetics Practice Group (CNM DPG) who have exhibited academic excellence, outstanding service to the profession of nutrition and dietetics, and a passion for leadership.

CNM DPG will award two \$2,000.00 scholarships this year, one to a deserving undergraduate student and one a graduate student or dietetic intern. Recipients must be CNM DPG members at the time of application.

Awards Coordinator

A volunteer among the Member Services Committee (MSC) will be the Awards Coordinator with responsibility to distribute applications, set up selection call, and communicate to applicants. If there are not enough volunteers among the MSC, volunteers on the CNM DPG EC may be requested to assist in reviews.

A. Criteria for Selection of the Outstanding Student Scholarship Award

1. Applicants must be a member of the CNM DPG and currently enrolled in a college or university.
2. Not previously selected as the CNM DPG Outstanding Student Scholar.
3. Demonstrated active involvement in community, university, or professional organizations (professional and voluntary), such as committee work at area, state, or national organizations.
4. Demonstrated excellence in academic coursework.
5. Demonstration of leadership potential in a 500-word essay, resume, cover letter, and a letter of recommendation from community or professional leader supporting the applicant's application.

B. Procedure for Selection

1. The MSC is responsible for the management of the recruitment and selection of two Outstanding Student Scholarship recipients.
2. Each application will be evaluated by 3 reviewers from CNM DPG MSC
3. The scholarship will be awarded based on the following: academic achievement (cumulative GPA), demonstrated leadership, a 500-word essay, and letter of recommendation provided by a community or professional leader. A resume will be included along with the application.

C. Scoring

1. Scoring will be based on a 1 to 5-point system.
2. Four Categories will be rated
 - a. Academics (30% of total score)
 - b. Letter of Recommendation (25% of total score)
 - c. 500-word Essay (25% of total score)
 - d. Previous Leadership (20% of total score)

Academics – 30% of total score based on Transcript (does not need to be official) and cumulative GPA for current degree

Academics	
Grade Point Average (GPA)	Points
4.0-3.8 GPA	5 points
3.7-3.6 GPA	4 points
3.5-3.3 GPA	3 points
3.3-3.1 GPA	2 points
<3.0 GPA	1 point

Letter of Recommendation– 25% of total score

Demonstrated Leadership	
Roles	Points
Outstanding. Letter provided by a community or professional leader (professor, employer, volunteer coordinator, etc.) and fully supports and endorses student.	5 points
More than satisfactory. Letter provided by a community or professional.	4 points
Satisfactory. Letter provided by a community or professional leader.	3 points
Needs Improvement. Letter provided but did not support or endorse student.	2 points
Unsatisfactory. Not observed. No letter provided.	0 points

Leadership- 20% of total score

Information is reviewed from resume and student application letter: campus organizations, and/or professional associations, and/or community volunteer activities.

Demonstrated Leadership	
Roles	Points
Leadership role in two organizations and minimum of participation in two other volunteer activities.	5 points
Leadership role in one and minimum of participation in two other volunteer activities.	4 points
Participation in two volunteer activities.	3 points
Volunteer and leadership activities references were gleaned from application packet, though unable to quantify.	2 points
Volunteer and leadership activities references were not gleaned from application packet	1 point

Essay: – 25% of total score

In 500-words or less, applicant will share professional career planned trajectory as it relates to becoming an RDN or plan for engagement in professional leadership opportunities as an RDN. (**Subjective** rating by reviewers using 5-1-point scoring)

Essay Career Trajectory and Resume	
	Points
Student’s essay well written within guidelines and articulate. Student’s career plan, education and activities are congruent, well thought out and achievable.	5-points
Student’s essay written within guidelines. Student’s career plan, education and activities are well thought out and can be achieved.	4-points
Student’s essay written within guidelines. Student’s career plan, education and activities are on track.	3-points
Student’s essay NOT written within guidelines. Student’s essay not well thought out.	2-points
Student’s essay not submitted.	0-point

Total Score

Performance Category	Total Score 1-5	Score Weight	Total score x Percentage = total
Academics		30%	
Letter of Recommendation		25%	
Essay		25%	
Demonstrated Leadership		20%	
Total Score Range 5 to 1			