

## **DHCC DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD**

The Distinguished Member Award is presented annually to a DHCC Member who has made significant contributions to the profession and organization, specifically at the national Academy and DHCC level.

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

1. Member of DHCC for at least three (3) years.
2. In practice for at least five (5) years.
3. Active participation at the national level.
4. Not previously selected as a DHCC Distinguished award recipient.
5. Not a current elected or appointed member of the DHCC Executive Committee.
6. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
7. Has demonstrated significant contributions to the profession and organization through one or more of the following:
  - Participation in national DHCC activities.
  - Served as presenter, author, editor, etc. of materials of service to the profession and organization.
8. Currently practicing as a nutrition professional to multiple health care facilities or full time within one post-acute long-term care setting; corporate dietetic professional working in health care.
9. Evidence of contributions and active involvement in the field of post-acute long-term care practice. (Articles, presentations, abstracts, poster sessions, etc.)
10. Demonstrated exceptional leadership to advance the role of the registered dietitian in post-acute care. (Positive changes in resident care/outcomes, innovations in dietetics/facility enhancement/cost savings or revenue generation, acted as a mentor to other dietetic professionals, promoting the value of the RDN with other healthcare professionals).

### **APPLICATION AND SELECTION:**

1. Application submitted by the designated date.
2. Any DHCC member may nominate a candidate (and is responsible for submitting the complete packet of information).
3. The submission packet includes:
  - a. Completion of the [online form](#)
  - b. Submission of a CV/resume (via the online form)
  - c. Submission of one (1) letter of support/reference (via the online form)
4. Selection will be based on the application information and the established criteria and scoring rubric for the award.

### **NOTIFICATION**

1. Notification of award will be sent to the awardee and the originator of application upon approval of the award recipient by the DHCC Executive Committee.
2. The award will be recognized on DHCC communication channels, website, and in the DHCC newsletter, **Connections**.