

# 2026 Award Application

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Application submission deadline: **March 6, 2026**

Award winners and applicants notified: **April 15, 2026**

Winners will receive:

A wall hanging plaque to commemorate this award

A \$300 award to support you in your continued success

Listing as an award winner on the NI DPG Website and social media shout outs

Award winners honored at FNCE 2026 NI DPG member reception

Applicants and nominees must be a current active member of the Nutrition Informatics DPG.

For more information about the awards, please visit the [NI DPG Website](#)

If you have additional questions, please email us at: [nutritioninformatics@eatright.org](mailto:nutritioninformatics@eatright.org)

## Which award are you applying to today?

Innovator Award

Ambassador Award

## Innovator Award

### Description

The Nutrition Informatics Dietetic Practice Group (NI DPG) Innovator Award recognizes forward-thinking trailblazers harnessing the power of informatics at the intersection of nutrition, information, and technology. The award aims to recognize an NI DPG member that leads a cutting-edge initiative or repurposes existing technology to address a specific challenge. These initiatives are generalizable and scalable and demonstrate impactful outcomes to advance the practice of nutrition and dietetics informatics.

### Applications

Strong applications will consider the description of the award within the questions asked below. There are some questions with additional points to consider to strengthen your responses. Ultimately, we want to really understand your work, your leadership, your impact, and your innovation.

We suggest you read all of the questions before you begin answering.

## The Work

**Please describe the work you've done which demonstrates innovation in your practice of Nutrition Informatics.**

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Please also consider the following:

- Describe the problem you sought to address and why this work was necessary and important.
- Describe the impact of the problem, such as how many people, departments, sites, etc. the problem effects.
- Is this problem very specific to your workflow, department, institution, etc.?
- Is this a problem that others who work in a similar field may face?

## The Team

We would like to know more about your specific role on the team and how you worked with others.

**Please describe the team involved and your specific role on this team.**

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## The Outcomes

We would like to know more about what you learned through this work.

Please also consider the following:

- Describe your role at each phase as applicable from initiation, development, implementation, or outcomes.
- Did you lead the team, participate on a team, and/or bring your expertise to a multidisciplinary team, etc.?
- Were you in a position to make decisions that would affect the overall direction of the work?

**Describe the outcome(s) and impact of your work and valuable things you learned.**

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Please also consider the following:

- Describe any metrics or data you used to determine the outcome of this work.
- Discuss whether the work is generalizable to other settings such as other areas within your scope of influence, by other nutrition informatics professionals, or others.
- If you weren't able to show an improvement, did you learn things that informed or will inform subsequent work?
- Is the solution sustainable, or in other words, will the work continue beyond your involvement? What steps did you take to ensure this?

## Ambassador Award

### Description

The Ambassador Award recognizes a member of the Nutrition Informatics Dietetic Practice Group (NI DPG) who exemplifies outstanding commitment to advancing the field of nutrition informatics. This award honors an individual whose sustained contributions and influential presence have significantly elevated the visibility, credibility, and integration of nutrition and dietetics informatics. Whether through public speaking, mentorship, writing, teaching, or collaboration across healthcare teams, this individual amplifies the voice of nutrition informatics and broadens its impact.

### Applications

Strong applications will consider the description of the award within the questions asked below. There are some questions with additional points to consider to strengthen your responses. Ultimately, we want to really understand your work, your leadership, your impact, and your creativity.

We suggest you read all of the questions before you begin answering.

**Do you have at least 5 years of experience as an NDTR or RDN, working in the field of nutrition informatics?**

Yes

No

## Brief History

This is an overview. You will have an opportunity to talk about your experience in more depth later on this form.

**Please briefly describe your experience in the field of Nutrition Informatics. This may include work history, volunteerism, or personal projects. Bullet points are appropriate.**

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## Presence

Part of elevating Nutrition Informatics comes from sharing the value, power, and uniqueness of this field to others.

The following question relates to your experiences representing the field of Nutrition Informatics. Please describe your experiences within each modality including:

- Multi-disciplinary collaboration
- Public speaking
- Writing and Publishing (this includes peer-reviewed journals, professional newsletters, professional organization outlets, magazines, newspapers, etc. Social Media and independent websites/blogs are covered in subsequent questions)
- Providing education

We recognize that applicants may have differing levels of experience across these modalities. Applicants are encouraged to share any relevant experiences they have, regardless of size or setting, and to provide at least one example (or more) where possible for each of these 4 areas.

**Describe how you've represented nutrition informatics at the regional, state, national, or international level through multi-disciplinary collaboration, public speaking, writing and publishing, and providing education to others.**

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Please also consider the following for all modalities:

- Briefly describe your audience and their potential level of exposure to the field of nutrition informatics.
- Briefly describe the reach of the effort (local, regional, etc.)
- Do you think any of this stands out from what already exists? What makes this a creative or innovative way to reach people?
- Are you able to identify any measurable outcomes that resulted from your efforts? Have you seen or experienced any changes as a result of your efforts?

## Community Building

We would like to know more about how you've built groups or communities around the work you do in Nutrition Informatics.

The following question relates to your experiences in both formal and informal settings. Formal settings may include professional organizations, whether dietetics specific or not. Informal settings may include websites or blogs, social media presence, or other outlets outside a professional structure.

This may include directly promoting awareness of nutrition informatics as a career pathway. Also consider promotion of work embracing the role of the dietitian in the use of data and technology in daily dietetics practice, such as patient care, data-informed decision making, workflow improvement, use of nutrition and meal management systems, etc.

We recognize that experience may vary in each setting (formal & informal). Applicants are encouraged to share any relevant experiences they have, regardless of size, and to provide at least one example (or more) where possible for each setting.

**Describe your role in building and maintaining communities to grow awareness and understanding of nutrition informatics.**

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Please also consider the following for both settings:

- Briefly describe your audience, their potential level of exposure to the field of nutrition informatics, and the reach of the effort (local, regional, etc.)
- Do you think any of this stands out from what already exists? What makes this a creative or innovative way to reach people?
- Describe your role within the initiative. Did you initiate this effort or did you engage with an existing effort?
- Are you able to identify any measurable outcomes that resulted from your efforts? Have you seen or experienced any changes as a result of your efforts?
- Is the work sustainable, or in other words, will the work continue beyond your involvement? Or, if you have left your role, has the work sustained? What steps did you take to ensure this?

**Describe your efforts and/or plans to share this work outside of those directly involved.**

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Please also consider the following:

- If you have not shared yet, do you have plans to?

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What impact would you like to see from sharing your work with others?

- Who may benefit from learning about your work?

**Email \***

example@example.com

## Please provide your contact information

**Name \***

First Name

Last Name

**Phone Number \***

Please enter a valid phone number. We ask for this in case we cannot reach you via email.

**Academy Member Number \***

We use this to verify your DPG membership

**Employer**

This is not required, but will help us get to know you.

**Job Title**

This is not required, but will help us get to know you.

**Sometimes your job title doesn't reflect what you actually do. If you'd like, you can give us a better description of your role.**