The purpose of the RDTY Award is to recognize the professional contributions of dietetic technicians in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) and to encourage their continued participation in association affairs.

Criteria for Selection (Affiliates may develop more detailed criteria to meet their needs.)
1. Active membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
2. Is a Dietetic Technician, Registered.
3. Active participation in national, affiliate, or district association.
4. Not previously selected for this award.
5. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
6. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., legislation, research, education, clinical dietetics, food service management, public relations, career guidance, etc., in the association or employment.

Selection Procedure
1. The complete responsibility for the selection of the recipient rests with the affiliate association. The affiliate award chair, affiliate president, or person designated by the state should coordinate the process. Another state officer or person may be designated to coordinate award information/applications for the state if needed.
2. Each affiliate is allowed to select one recipient each year. Affiliates may choose not to participate in the award program.