

# Retired Membership

Individuals who qualify for the Active category and who are no longer gainfully employed in dietetics practice and are at least 62 years of age qualify for reduced membership dues so they may maintain their Academy membership to remain connected to their profession and colleagues.

If you qualify for Active category membership and can answer YES to any of the questions below, you qualify for Academy membership in the Retired category:

Verification documents you will need to submit:

Are you currently 62 years of age or older and are you no longer gainfully employed in dietetics practice or education?

Date of birth verification. (Gainfully employed is defined as making equal to, or more than, the current Federal poverty level for an individual.)

Are you on total (permanent) disability?

Copy of the Social Security Determination of Disability Form or a statement from a medical doctor attesting to your disability and its permanence.

# Member Benefits

## Become a Mentor

Enroll in the Academy's online Mentor Match and get matched to a mentor or mentee according to similarities in your profile interests and communication styles. You can even search for other participants by Academy DPG or MIG, geographic location, and name.

## Networking

The Academy offers many ways to network within the profession. Connect with others face-to-face by becoming active in your local affiliate or by attending the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE®).

## Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

The premier source for the practice and science of food, nutrition and dietetics, the monthly *Journal* offers in-depth research and practice information. In addition, it provides members opportunities for free CPEU.

## 50-Year Members

Those with 50 years or more of membership in the Academy receive special pricing on Academy dues. During their 50th Anniversary year they also receive FNCE registration to honor their commitment to the Academy and the profession.

## Volunteer

Committee leadership positions at the national, affiliate and DPG/MIG level provide opportunities to influence and stay connected to the field.

## Professional Recognition

Demonstrate your commitment to the food, nutrition and dietetics field by applying to become a Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (FAND). Only current members in the Active or Retired category may apply for this prestigious lifetime designation.

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*Joined in 1975*

*My career and Academy membership are deeply intertwined. I would have achieved the success and respect that I have today without being an Academy member.*

