

# Student Membership

The Academy’s membership category for pre-professionals enrolled in (or stating their intent to enroll in) an approved dietetics education program. Student category members enjoy reduced dues while gaining access to the vast majority of benefits Active members enjoy, including career resources and scholarships.

The Student classification carries an eight-year limit.

If you can answer YES to any of the questions below, you qualify for Academy membership in the Student category:	Verification documents you will need to submit:
Are you enrolled in a dietetics education program approved/accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)?	Statement of Student Status (transcript, confirming statement or acceptance letter)
Do you intend to enroll in a dietetics education program approved/accredited by ACEND?	Statement of Student Status
Are you enrolled in a regionally accredited advanced degree program (master’s or doctoral) that ACEND has not accredited or approved but will qualify you for Active category Academy membership upon completion?	Statement of Student Status
Are you currently an Active category member returning to school on a full-time basis to complete a bachelor’s degree, advanced degree or to complete an ACEND accredited or approved dietetics program?	Annual submission of the Academy’s Returning Student Application Form and Statement of Student Status. (Student membership as a returning student is not included in the eight year term limit.)

**Graduating soon? You may be eligible for reduced membership dues!**  
 The Academy’s Career Starter Dues Program helps you get established in the profession by offering reduced dues rates for members in their first five years of Active category membership eligibility. Call the Academy Member Service Center at 800/877-1600, ext. 5000 for more information.

# Member Benefits

**Get Involved**  
 Student members are integral to the Academy—you represent the future of the food, nutrition and dietetics profession. Sign up to become a Student Liaison at your school or program and connect with national level leaders, access special resources and help support the profession.

**Apply for Scholarships**  
 The Academy Foundation offers nearly \$500,000 in scholarships annually to qualifying dietetics Student members at all levels of study.

**Refine Your Job Search**  
 The Academy’s online job board, EatRight Careers, features newly posted positions monthly and allows you to create custom e-mail alerts, respond directly to job listings, post your résumé for employer searches and target your search by specialty or geographic location—all for free for job seeking members.

**Stay Informed**  
 Enjoy complimentary subscriptions to the Academy’s award-winning publications, which help you stay on top of breaking news and learn about your future profession:

- *Food & Nutrition Magazine*®: This bi-monthly digital magazine emphasizes breaking news and trends in nutrition, diet, health, culinary arts, food service, sports nutrition, fitness, integrative nutrition, food safety and other professional services. Available online and emailed to members
- *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*: Your premier source for information on the practice and science of food, nutrition and dietetics. Available online and in the Journal app (iOS and Android).
- *Student Scoop*: The Academy’s monthly Student member e-newsletter. Learn about trends in the profession and gain insight into starting your career.

“The Academy has helped me stay up-to-date with current research and trends so I am best informed as both a student and professional. It is important that my work translates accurately in what I do - the Academy makes that easier to implement.”

**Jacqueline Tien, CHES**  
 Joined in 2017

