A $1,000 award will be given to a dietetics educational program accredited/approved by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®), Academy affiliate, dietetic practice group, member or interest group or other recognized Academy group in recognition of past accomplishments to successfully recruit and retain diverse individuals.

**ACADEMY IDEA PHILOSOPHY**
The Academy encourages inclusion, diversity, equity and access (IDEA) by striving to recognize, respect and include differences in ability, age, creed, culture, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, size, and socioeconomic characteristics in the nutrition and dietetics profession.

**QUALIFICATIONS**
a. Applicant is an Active category member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics from an ACEND® accredited/approved dietetics educational program, Academy affiliate, dietetic practice group, member interest group or other recognized Academy group.
b. Application focuses on the successful recruitment, retention and/or leadership development of an underrepresented community as outlined by the Academy’s IDEA Philosophy.
c. Award recipient agrees to share program/project information with Academy as requested.

**OVERVIEW OF AWARD**
a. A $1,000 award will be provided per year to an ACEND® accredited/approved dietetics educational program, Academy Affiliate, dietetic practice group, member interest group or other recognized Academy group.
b. The award may not be given multiple times to one group for the same program.

**SCORING CRITERIA**
*Grant reviewers will use the following criteria when scoring applications. Check your application prior to submission to ensure all areas are addressed.*

Use the following criteria when scoring each application. For each section, select a single number, with 1 as a low score, on each criterion scale. 1-3 represent poor criteria alignment, 4-7 represent average criteria alignment, and 8-10 represent strong criteria alignment. (100 points total)

* Successfully increase the number of underrepresented students or members in Academy institution or Academy program (30 points total)*
1. Data shows increased number of underrepresented students or members through program
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
2. Articulates why there was a need to implement the program
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
3. Demonstrates the benefits of increasing the number of underrepresented student or members
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Provide an atmosphere that nourishes and encourages students or members from underrepresented groups to successfully participate in the educational institution or Academy program (40 points total)
1. Identifies how program provides an inclusive atmosphere that encourages diverse participation
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10
2. Describes implementation of program
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10
3. Describes how program fits into the larger educational institution or Academy program to increase awareness of the importance of IDEA
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10
4. Demonstrates program’s long-term commitment to fostering positive change in the nutrition and dietetics profession
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

* Serve as a model and/or resource for other dietetics educational programs or Academy organized units in the areas of diversity and inclusion (10 points total)
1. Successfully demonstrates applicability of program for other educational institutions or Academy programs in the IDEA area
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

* Ongoing support for IDEA efforts and accomplishments (20 points total)
1. Describes efforts to continue IDEA efforts beyond program highlighted in application
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10
2. Describes next steps for underrepresented students or members who participated in program
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10