Student Membership

The Academy’s student category is 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:

- 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 USDE recognized 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.)

Verification documents you will need to submit:

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. Make personal connections with students from all over the country through the complimentary online Student Community.

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.

- 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.
- Student Scoop: The Academy’s monthly Student member e-newsletter. Learn about trends in the profession and gain insight into starting your career.

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Joined in 2016

I continued my student membership with the Academy every year so I would know the resources available to me as a practicing dietitian. I could readily reach out to friends within Dietetic Practice Groups (DPGs) for questions or mentorship, leverage the Evidence Analysis Library (EAL) to help me study, and so much more.