DIFM EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE AWARD

Application Deadline: May 20, 2020

A. PURPOSE

1. To recognize an individual DIFM DPG member who has demonstrated extraordinary skills and commitment in the practice of integrative and functional nutrition including nutritional genomics, whole foods, dietary supplements, and/or natural healing modalities. Nominees will be considered for this award based on active participation and leadership in DIFM DPG, promotion of DIFM DPG outside the practice group, involvement in other dietetic organizations that promote the registered dietitian in integrative and functional nutrition practice, and/or contributions to research in the area of integrative and functional nutrition.

2. $500 awarded to chosen recipient.

B. ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIRED CRITERIA

All active members in good standing with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and DIFM DPG are eligible. Exempt members include the following: previous winners of the Excellence in Practice Award and any current DIFM Executive Committee member (or currently on ballot for DIFM elected office). Required criteria include the following:

1. Academy and DIFM member for a minimum of 5 years
2. RDN for a minimum of 10 years
3. One professional letter of recommendation
4. Demonstrated excellence in practice, as evidenced by work that is innovative, creative, and recognized as exemplary by professional peers
5. Currently practicing clinical integrative and functional nutrition

C. OPTIONAL CRITERIA

1. Founding member of NCC/DIFM
2. Leadership/volunteerism in DIFM or Academy (elected or appointed positions)
3. Precepting/mentoring experience
4. Teaching/educating experience
5. CPE presenter in integrative and functional nutrition
6. Volunteer/public service to promote nutrition
7. Published author or editor on integrative and functional medicine topic (e.g. DIFM newsletter, journal, book)
8. Research contributor (completed work)
9. Media contributor
10. Advanced education degree or credential/certification in integrative/functional nutrition
11. Fellow of the Academy
12. Professional awards

D. PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Nominations for the Excellence in Practice Award can be submitted by any member of DIFM. Members are encouraged to nominate qualified peers and/or self-nominate.
2. Whether nominating a colleague or self-nominating, the following documents must be submitted for the nominee via email to the Nominating Committee by May 20, 2020:
   - Award application form (below)
   - Curriculum vitae (CV)
   - One letter of recommendation
3. Application documents are reviewed by the Nominating Committee and selection will be made by June 2020. The nominee with the highest score will be selected as the recipient of the Excellence in Practice Award.
4. The award recipient will be notified by email and announced in the DIFM newsletter, The Integrative RDN, the DIFM Website and social media outlets. Recognition will also be given at DIFM’s annual FNCE events.

E. TO APPLY OR NOMINATE

1. Completed applications are accepted through May 20, 2020.
2. Please submit the Award Application Form (below), a curriculum vitae (CV), and one letter of recommendation via email to all members of the Nominating Committee, with the subject line, Application Documents for Excellence in Practice Award for your review:

   Nominating Committee Chair, Alicia Galvin at alicia@aliciagalvinsmith.com
   Nominating Committee Chair-Elect, Teryn Buchanan at teryncbuchanan@gmail.com
   Nominating Committee Member, Danielle Omar at 2eatwell@gmail.com

Questions, please contact Alicia Galvin at alicia@aliciagalvinsmith.com and Teryn Buchanan at teryncbuchanan@gmail.com
Dietitians in Integrative and Functional Medicine (DIFM) Dietetic Practice Group
Excellence in Practice Award
Award Application Form

Name of Candidate and Credentials: ____________________________________________
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Email Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________
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Academy Number: __________________________________________________________________

Years as a DIFM Member: __________________________________________________________________

Years as an RDN: ____________________________________________________________________

Current Position, Title and Location: _________________________________________________
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Provide a brief statement explaining why you are applying for this award (or are nominating a colleague):
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If you are nominating a colleague, please provide the following information:

Your Name and Credentials: _________________________________________________________
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Academy number: __________________________________________________________________

Email address: ________________________________________________________________