



## WASHINGTON STATE DIETETIC ASSOCIATION Public Policy Maker of the Year

The WSDA Public Policy Maker of the Year Award is given annually to an exemplary individual who sponsors legislation and/or supports nutrition programs, including the following:

1. Ensure adequate access to food throughout the life span in all settings.
2. Promote a safe food supply.
3. Support licensure and monitoring of credentials of those making claims.
4. Promote education programs to increase a awareness of the relationship between nutrition and health.

### Procedure:

1. A request for nominees will be sent to district presidents and the WSDA State Public Policy Committee Chair in the fall. Requests for nominees will also be solicited through the WSDA newsletter and on the website.
2. The person(s) nominating the candidate should fill out the application form. **The completed application should be submitted to the Education and Awards Chairperson by no later than January 31.** Nominations postmarked later than January 31<sup>st</sup> will not be considered.
3. The selection panel for this award shall consist of the State Public Policy Committee, the Delegate and the Public Policy Coordinator.
4. The nominations will be sent to the selection panel by no later than February 7th. The panel will meet (via email and conference call) to select a recipient. The committee will notify the Education and Awards Committee Chairperson, via email, of their selection by no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. The WSDA President, the Director of Communications and the WSDA Office will be notified of the selected recipient.
6. The Education and Awards Chairperson (in coordination with the WSDA Office) will send a letter of congratulations to the recipient and invite them to the WSDA annual meeting recognition event. (The WSDA Office will be the reference point for the RSVP).
7. A press release will be sent to the Olympian newspaper, legislative newsletter and to the local media of recipient and meeting site to encourage media coverage at the annual meeting.
8. A recognition item will be presented to the recipient at the WSDA annual meeting. If the recipient is unable to attend the meeting, the recognition item will either be sent or personally presented.

### **Return completed applications to:**

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Education and Awards Chair  
Kathy Dirks  
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Mead, WA 99021