Purpose
The purpose of the Outstanding Student Member of the Year Award is to recognize a student member of the Public Health/Community Nutrition Practice Group (PHCNPG) who has exhibited outstanding service, leadership and accomplishment.

A. Criteria for Selection of the Outstanding Student Member of the Year Award
   1. Member of PHCNPG with Student Member status through the Academy for a minimum of one year.
   2. Not previously selected as the PHCNPG Outstanding Student Member or Young Member of the Year.
   3. Participated and provided leadership in PHCNPG activities, such as committee service, newsletter contributions, or involvement in association activities at district, state and national levels.
   4. Demonstrated active involvement in health-related organizations (professional and voluntary), such as committee work at area, state, or national organizations.
   5. Demonstrated involvement in academic coursework, thesis or intent to practice in public health/community nutrition.

B. Procedure for Selection
   The complete responsibility for the selection of the Outstanding Student Member of the Year Award rests with the PHCNPG. The coordinator is the DPG Awards Committee Chair.

C. Action Following Selection
   Each year, the individual selected will receive an award of $500 and an inscribed plaque, presented at the PHCNPG Business Meeting at the Academy’s Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE®).