DAA General Policy and Procedure Manual

Awards

DAA Barbara Chester Memorial Award (BCMA) – QLD
(Award of Merit – branch level)

Rationale and Purpose of Award
This award honours the contributions of the late Barbara Chester who was the driving force behind establishing the DAA (Qld Branch). She was one of the first three dietitians employed in the major Queensland hospitals and assisted in developing the dietetic course at Queensland Institute of Technology. Barbara played a leading role in the training of new graduates in the 1970s.

Form of the Award
The successful nominee will be awarded:
- Barbara Chester Memorial Award Certificate
- A cheque for $500 (see ‘Sponsors of the Award’ below)

Sponsors of the Award
The Barbara Chester Award has been funded by the Qld Health Director General since 2004 in recognition of outstanding contribution to the profession of dietetics in Queensland.

Criteria for Selection
The Award and Recognition Advisory Committee will be responsible for the selection. The Barbara Chester Memorial Award is a fitting tribute to her life and dedication to her work.

Essential
Outstanding contribution to the profession of dietetics in Queensland; and

One or more of the following criteria:
1. Recognised leadership role in nutrition and dietetics within the profession or within the community.
2. Has improved the profile of dietitian-nutritionists within the community.
3. Has contributed significantly to Association activities without financial reward.
4. Has initiated the introduction of a policy in nutrition or dietetics at governments or industry level.
5. Is sought by the media as an expert in nutrition matters.
6. Has demonstrated innovative thoughts and excellence in practice, or has published in a new area of research.
7. Has contributed significantly to high quality student training.
8. Not previously selected as a recipient of the DAA BCMA

Method of Selection

1. QLD Branch members may nominate annually any number of candidates for the BCMA
2. Nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form to the Award and Recognition Advisory Committee.
3. Names of referees (proposer and seconder) must be supplied on the nomination form, including signatures.
4. Nominations must reach the National Office by 30 March.
5. Nominations and supporting documentation must address the selection criteria.
6. Nominations and supporting documentation must be in word processed form.
7. The Award and Recognition Advisory Committee will consider nominations in accordance with the selection criteria and interviews may be used as a mechanism in selection.
8. The Award and Recognition Advisory Committee will make its recommendations to the August Board meeting.
9. Only one BCMA may be made in any one year.

Application Process

Nomination documentation as outlined above is to be submitted to DAA National Office to the Services Manager servicesmanager@daa.asn.au by 30 March. Late applications will not be accepted.

Notification and Award Presentation

- The successful nominee and the member/s who made nominations will be notified of the Board’s decisions regarding particular nominations soon after the Board meeting.
- The DAA BCMA recipient will be published in the DAA Annual Report along with a short outline of the service for which the award is given.
- The Public Relations Dietitian is to write and distribute a media release regarding the award recipient.
- The successful nominee will receive the award in an official presentation at the DAA QLD Annual Branch Meeting (ABM). Registration to the ABM is complementary for all members. If the Branch however holds a continuing professional development or networking event alongside the ABM, registration for this event is not included.