

2018-2020 - GFWC-NC Awards and Contest Information

Awards and Contests

GFWC Awards Program

GFWC gives awards for outstanding achievements in each Special Program (*Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention* and *Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children*), Community Service Programs (Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues), and Advancement Areas (Communications and Public Relations, Fundraising, Leadership, Legislation and Public Policy, Membership, and the Women's History and Resource Center).

Most awards are offered annually, though some are offered on an administration basis. Select GFWC partners may also provide awards and other recognition in these areas. Awards are granted to eligible State Federations, clubs, and individuals.

GFWC recognizes State Federations for outstanding projects and clubs for creative projects in implementing effective Special Programs, Community Service Programs, and Advancement Areas. The GFWC-NC Leadership follows the required steps by GFWC in order to submit the award entry forms for each of the programs and advancements. In addition, the GFWC-NC Leadership submits one club entry for the creative project award in each eligible program and/or advancement. (*See Club Creativity Project Award on page 4 for more information.*) Clubs will not submit entries to GFWC.

For GFWC awards, clubs are judged against clubs and the states are judged by membership category. A GFWC club winner may not necessarily be an indication that the club was also a State winner. Judging criteria and competition are different. There are some GFWC awards that do not have comparable State awards.

GFWC-NC Awards

The GFWC of North Carolina maintains an awards program to recognize the outstanding work of its clubs, districts and individual clubwomen. Depending upon their activities and the reporting of those activities, clubs, districts, and individuals may be rewarded with silver, pewter, or ceramic pieces or with certificates at the annual convention of GFWC-NC. Such awards are traveling awards, which are held by the recipients until returned the following year (as directed), and are not engraved with winners' names. Entries should be sent in triplicate for all awards.

- **Community Service Program: Community Service Projects and Creativity Awards** are given to local clubs reporting the best work in the Community Service Programs; and a second award is given to the local clubs reporting the best Creativity program or project in the individual CSP.
- **Specific Project Awards** are given to clubs for outstanding achievement in specific areas of work, including the Advancement areas and the Special Projects.
- **Individual Awards** are given to outstanding clubwomen based on specific criteria established for each award.
- **Student Awards** are presented to individuals through contests held in conjunction with the State Arts Festival, State Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship, and Mary K. Whitener Piano Scholarship competitions.

Awards Notes:

- The name of the person to send each entry to is either on the entry form or can be found under the specific award information if it is to be sent with the Specific Project Award Form (please copy for each entry).
- Addresses can be found in the Directory Section.
- Please observe all deadlines as indicated.
- Local clubs shall follow District rules and deadlines for award entries within the District.

- Do note that the Community Improvement Program Award under GFWC is a two-year award and entries can only advance from the state competition. The GFWC-NC Community Improvement Program Award will only be presented at the even year annual convention.

Entering For Awards

Top 5 Projects/Programs

For all Community Service Programs, GFWC Special Projects, GFWC-NC President's Special Project, GFWC-NC Director of Junior's Special Project and Advancements: a club must complete the associated Award Entry Form listing (up to but no more than) the **top five** (5) club activities, projects and/or programs. A narrative, up to three pages, single-spaced, may be submitted with the entry form. Three copies mailed or one emailed to the appropriate Chairman listed on the award entry form and postmarked or submitted no later than midnight, February 1. Should this date fall on a weekend, reports will be due the following Monday.

Please note: Information regarding a single project may be submitted in only one CSP/Advancement/Special Project. The local club will make the determination as to which award entry under which a project will be listed. The project should align with the stated mission of the Community Service Program, Special Project or Advancement. Information taken from the CP&S (Club Participation & Statistical) Report Form and from records at GFWC-NC Headquarters is also used to determine some Specific Project Award winners.

Club Creativity Project Award

For all Community Service Programs, GFWC Special Projects, GFWC-NC President's Special Project, GFWC-NC Director of Junior's Special Project and Advancements: a club may specify one Project or Program for the Creativity Project Award.

For the Community Service Programs, there will be a General, Junior, and Juniorette winner. The General Chairman and the Junior Chairman will make the decision on which Club Creativity Project winner will be submitted to the GFWC Contest. Only one from each state, per CSP, may be submitted.

Cross Submissions:

There is **NO** cross submissions among the Community Service Programs, Special Projects and Advancements. Example: You cannot list a domestic violence project under both Home Life and the Domestic Violence program.

EXCEPTIONS: These reports/awards are the only ones that a project/program may be listed in more than one area.

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| • Boys & Girls Homes | • Federation Day |
| • Child Self Esteem | • President's Special Project |
| • Drug Education | • Director of Junior's Special Project |
| • Community Improvement Program | • Membership Cooperation & Involvement |

These are the **only** exceptions.

Individual Awards:

Entries for the General and Junior Clubwoman of the Year Awards and for the Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism Award are submitted to the Districts for judging. District winners then become eligible for the State competition. The McPhaul Clubwoman with Heart and the Pearce Junior Magic Awards are submitted directly to State competition. Specific rules for these individual contests can be found on the award entry form.

District Awards:

District Awards are determined from the annual reports submitted by the District Presidents and from records at State Headquarters for the previous calendar year. Rules governing awards within a District are subject to District regulations.

Judging Award Entries

Each chairman will select three judges and at least one of the judges shall be a clubwoman. Community Service Program Judges should have knowledge in the respective CSP areas. There is no remuneration for judges. Judges will base their decisions on achievement of aims as outlined for the Community Service Program, Advancement area, or project by GFWC and GFWC-NC, as related to the individual community, and for excellence of accomplishment in the given field. Club size and population of its community will be taken into consideration. Judges may work together or separately.

It is suggested that Award Entries be scored as follows: 3 points for winner, 2 points for 1st runner-up, and 1 point for 2nd runner-up. Awards are made on the basis of total points scored. In case of a tie, judges should be consulted to break the tie. In case of a tie for awards based on statistics, the club with the smallest membership will win. There will be a winner announced in each contest. The chairman responsible for the judging will present each award at the GFWC-NC Convention.

Responsibilities of Recipients

All traveling awards given at the GFWC-NC Convention are to be returned at the State Arts Festival in March of the following year. The Awards Committee will provide club presidents and individual award winners instructions regarding the return of the awards. All awards are to be carefully cleaned and polished by the award recipient prior to returning the award. Awards returned by mail must be insured.

When an award is broken or damaged while in the club's and/or individual's possession, the club or individual shall have it repaired. If an award is broken or damaged by a public carrier, the person receiving the damaged award shall file a claim with the carrier. It is important to check the award as soon as it is received to ensure that it is in good condition.

If an award is lost while in a club's and/or individual's possession, the club or individual shall replace the award, choosing a similar piece of like value. If an award is lost while in transit with a public carrier, the sender must initiate a tracer with the carrier and follow the carrier's instructions for filing a claim. For information concerning the value and description of an award, which is to be replaced, contact the Awards Chairman or GFWC-NC Headquarters.

Creating/Renaming/Retiring Awards

Clubs or individuals wishing to present new awards should contact the State First Vice President who will present the proposal to the Executive Committee for approval. Awards will be accepted on the basis of need within the structure and program of GFWC-NC. Donors of new awards will pay for engraving the name and donor, if it is desired and appropriate. After a new award is purchased and engraved, the donor shall deliver it to GFWC-NC as directed by the GFWC-NC Executive Committee.

Should the original program for which an award is given be dropped or merged, the Executive Committee may, after contacting the donor, designate the award for a different program. Should the donor object, the award may be withdrawn.

The decision to retire awards is made by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Awards Chairman. Retired awards remain the property of GFWC-NC and are kept at Headquarters until further use.