



Judging Criteria for Schools & Community Competitions

Based on the "BLOSSOM GRENADA" 4-H School & Community Enhancement Initiative

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The 4-H Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Grenada Tourism Authority and the Grenada Independence Celebration Committee, presents *Blossom Grenada*—a national school and community beautification challenge.

This initiative supports:

- The Independence Community Beautification Initiative
- Grenada Flower & Garden Festival 2026
- Youth leadership, creativity, and community pride

4-H members will revitalise unused or neglected spaces, transforming them into vibrant ornamental gardens that showcase Grenada's natural beauty.

PROJECT GOALS

- Beautify schools and communities
- Build national pride
- Strengthen community partnerships
- Promote environmental stewardship
- Support preparation for Grenada's Flower Festival
- Develop youth leadership and teamwork

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Registered 4-H Clubs
- Schools with at least 20 ft × 20 ft of available space
- Local community groups

Schools without adequate space may adopt a community area, such as:

- Police stations
- Medical stations
- Post offices
- Community centres
- Any public "virgin" area not previously beautified

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Each beautification site must include:

- At least 90% ornamental plants and flowers

Up to 10% decorative elements, including:

- Stones



- Seashells
- Recycled tires
- Mulch
- Creative art features

STUDENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4-H Members are expected to:

- Participate in planning and designing the space
- Assist with cleaning and site preparation
- Engage in planting and watering
- Contribute to decorating
- Maintain monthly documentation of progress

Community members are encouraged to:

- Assist with clearing and planting
- Provide materials and support
- Help maintain the site
- Promote pride, care, and protection of the space

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Participating groups must submit photos at the following stages:

- Before the project begins (showing the unkept/virgin state)
- Two weeks after planting
- One month after planting
- Monthly progress updates

JUDGING PERIODS

Evaluations will be conducted between 15 and 31 October 2026.



JUDGING CRITERIA (100 Points Total)

Judging Category	Points
Design & Aesthetic Appeal	20
Plant Health & Diversity	15
Sustainability & Environmental Practices	15
Community Participation	20
Functionality & Use of Space	10
Impact & Transformation	10
Maintenance & Longevity Plan	10

1. Design & Aesthetic Appeal – 20 pts

- Visual impact (first impression)
- Creativity and originality
- Cohesiveness of layout
- Effective use of colour and plant combinations

2. Plant Health & Diversity – 15 pts

- Overall plant health and vigour
- Appropriate species selection for the environment
- Diversity and balance (not overcrowded or sparse)

3. Sustainability & Environmental Practices – 15 pts

- Use of eco-friendly methods
- Water conservation
- Waste reduction efforts

4. Community Participation – 20 pts

- Number and diversity of participants
- Evidence of collaboration (photos, logs, testimonials)
- Inclusion of youth, schools, or vulnerable groups

5. Functionality & Use of Space – 10 pts

- Practical use (food, shade, recreation)
- Accessibility
- Safety

6. Impact & Transformation – 10 pts

- Before vs. after improvement
- Contribution to community pride



- Visibility to public

7. Maintenance and Longevity Plan- 10 pts

- Evidence of ongoing care, maintenance strategy, and durability of the project

Award Classification

Projects will be awarded gold, silver, or bronze distinctions based on independent judging, inspired by international horticultural standards. In addition, the public will play an active role by selecting their favourite projects through dedicated voting categories.

Score Range	Award
85 – 100	 Gold Award
70 – 84	 Silver Award
55 – 69	 Bronze Award
Below 55	Certificate of Participation

Additional Awards to build excitement and nationwide participation:

- Best Community Beautification Project (Public Vote)
- Best School Beautification Project (Public Vote)

Voting Methods (choose one or combine):

- QR code / online voting platform
- Social media engagement (likes, shares—with controls)