

2022-2023 GCFP Award Deadline Dates (Updated 7/2022)

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Deadline Date	GCFP Award Name	CAR-SGC or NGC Award Name	<p align="center">APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDANCE Consult the GCFP 2022-2023 Awards Manual GCFP 2022-2023 Awards Summary CAR-SGC Awards Rules 2021-2023 NGC 2021-2023 Awards Handbook for Requirements and Rules UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ONE (1) GCFP/NGC/ CAR-SGC APPLICATION IS REQUIRED WITH EACH SUBMISSION</p>	Send application to...
July 1, 2022	District and GCFP Perennial Bloom Award	CAR-SGC Golden Perennial Bloom Award for Regional Winners	Use the current Rules & Application form available on either the GCFP or CAR-SGC Awards Website. Include a photo of your applicant, and no more than 3 pages of supportive data. Your club's applicant should be a long time, enthusiastic, supportive leader, ideally a club officer or chair who was/is instrumental to the longtime success of your club. Your club is encouraged to plant a tree in honor of your Perennial Bloom. The GCFP Perennial Bloom will be announced at the October GCFP Board Meeting, and will be honored at the GCFP Convention.	Your District Director (or District Awards Chair) who sends one entry from the District to the State Awards Chair by AUGUST 1 . The winning GCFP entry is forwarded to the CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Award Chair by AUGUST 31 . The CAR-SGC Golden Perennial Bloom and State Winners are announced at the CAR-SGC Fall Convention.
August 2022	District Laurels		Follow your District's guidelines and refer to p.4-5 of the 2022-2023 GCFP Awards Manual. There may be various due dates for various District Awards that may be presented at the Annual District Meeting.	Your District Director or District Awards Chair before your District's specified deadline. The District Awards Chair oversees printing and distribution of District Awards Certificates which are presented at Annual District Meetings.
August 2023	District Forget Me Not Honorary Award		The Executive Board voted to make this a District Award that is presented at each District's Annual Meeting. Refer to pg. 5 of the GCFP Awards Manual for the 6 qualifying criteria. Each nominating club will complete an Awards/Cover Sheet and provide a one-page narrative describing their nominee's qualifications, and a photo suitable to submit to the KG Online. An article showcasing each District's Forget Me Not Honoree will be shared in the KG Online. AWARD IS ON HOLD FOR THE 2022 AWARDS YEAR.	Your District Director or District Awards Chair before your District's specified deadline. Photo and brief write-up of Honoree should be forwarded to the Awards Chair to be submitted to the KG Online. AWARD TO BE RESUMED IN THE 2023 AWARDS YEAR.
October 15, 2022		PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants	Guidelines and Application can be downloaded and from the NGC Forms site. Email one application form and one budget form. (2 PAGES TOTAL) DO NOT SEND PHOTOGRAPHS. Recipients of grants will be notified and all money will be awarded by January 31, 2023. Projects must be completed by February 28, 2024, and final reports are due by April 1, 2024. Up to \$1000 is available to be used for direct expenses of 2023 projects.	Email the application and budget forms, or questions to David Robson, Plant America Project Chair, PlantAmericaGrants@gardenclub.org
Dec. 1, 2022	GCFP Club Yearbook Award	CAR-SGC YB-1 Yearbook Award	Send 2 fully completed GCFP/CAR-SGC/NGC Application/Cover Sheets with your hard copy of your yearbook . Fold one copy and insert inside the yearbook, and tape the other to the outside of the yearbook before enclosing in an envelope and mailing to the GCFP Yearbook Chair. The Award number is YB-1, Name of Award is the Club Yearbook Award. Refer to the GCFP Awards Manual, p. 9-10, for judging criteria. HARD COPY SUBMISSION REQUIRED.	Iris Cisarik, GCFP Club Yearbook Awards Chair. List of all winners, and 1 st place yearbooks are forwarded to the GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, by January 5, 2023 , who forwards top entries to the CAR-SGC Regional Chair before January 15, 2023 .

December 1, 2022	MAE-1 Membership Awareness	MAE-1 Membership Awareness	Given for the most innovative activity, set of activities, or most outstanding effort to increase public visibility, club membership, or make the public aware of the mission and activities of garden clubs. This includes publications such as membership brochures, leaflets, or other publications as well as publicity received. Refer to p. 32 of the NGC Awards Manual and MAE-1 Specific Scoring Rubric, p. 33. HARD COPY SUBMISSION REQUIRED.	GCFP State Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry. First place winners in each size category are forwarded the NGC Publications Chair before January 15, 2023.
December 1, 2022	MAE-2-A or C Websites MAE-2-B or D Social Media Pages	MAE-2 A or C Websites MAE-2 B or D Social Media Pages	Refer to p. 34 of NGC Awards Manual to select category eligibility and club size. Narrative attached to the Awards Application/Cover Sheet should include the WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESS , who maintains the site, frequency of updates, yearly cost to maintain, and website platform used. Refer to the MAE-2 Specific Scoring Rubric on p. 35 of the NGC Awards Manual. When filling out the Name of the Award and Number, clearly specify on the Application/Cover Sheet whether the application is for a WEBSITE (Categories A or C) OR SOCIAL MEDIAPAGE (Categories B or D).	GCFP Websites/Social Media Chair, Marilyn Small First place winners in each size category and list with breakdown of all winners and places are forwarded to GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, who forwards 1 st Place Winners to the NGC Awards Chair before January 15, 2023.
December 1, 2022	MAE-3 Digital Media Presentation	MAE-3 Digital Media Presentation	Only Digital Presentations that can be forwarded electronically will be accepted. (Examples: PowerPoint or Flash drives) Presentations that support NGC objectives may include History/Archives, private or public garden tours, Flower Shows, Projects, Programs, or other. Audio quality, clear images, design, and creativity are among the presentation elements emphasized in the rubric. Refer to p.36 of NGC Awards Manual for the MAE-3 Specific Scoring Rubric. For examples, visit the NGC Website "Video Café" found under Member Resources.	GCFP State Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry First place winners in each size category are forwarded to the NGC Awards Chair before January 15, 2023.
December 1, 2022	MAE-4 (A thru G) - (1 thru 5) Publications (EX. MAE-4 B-1S) GCFP Newsletter/Magazine Award	MAE-4 (A thru G) - 1 thru 5) Publications (EX. MAE-4 B-1S) NGC Newsletter/Magazine Award	Refer to p. 37-39 of the NGC Awards Handbook for MAE-4 Specific Scoring Rubric, determination of publication category, (A-G), and group/size identifiers. Categories A-D enclose 3 issues in a large manilla envelope with 3 completed Application/Cover Pages. (Staple one application to outside of the manilla envelope, enclose one with newsletter samples inside envelope, and the third copy is kept for the Chair's records.) Forward packet in a mailing envelope. HARD COPY SUBMISSION REQUIRED.	GCFP Club Newsletter Awards Chair, Joyce Peterson First place winners in each newsletter size category and club size category and list of all place winners will be forwarded to the GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, who will forward all First Place Winners in each size category to the NGC Publications Chair before January 15, 2023.

December 1, 2022	GCFP FS-(1 thru 16) (A thru D) Flower Show Achievement Awards	FS-(1 thru 16)-(A thru D) Flower Show Achievement Awards	Refer to p.25 of the NGC Awards Handbook, the NGC Website Guidance for the Flower Show Achievement Award Application, and all other required forms in the FORMS section of the NGC website for guidance. Enclose <u>2 NGC FS Achievement Award Applications</u> , and <u>1 GCFP Application for Flower Shows</u> with your Flower Show Book of Evidence. (BOE) Enclose a stamped self-addressed mailing envelope for return of BOE. (A Flower Show BOE example can be found on the NGC FS Forms site) HARD COPY SUBMISSION REQUIRED.	GCFP Flower Show Book of Evidence (BOE) Evaluation Chair, Deb Stumpf A List of all winners and the First Place Winners in each category are forwarded to the GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, by January 10, 2023. GCFP First Place Winners scoring 95+ are forwarded to the NGC Awards Chair before January 15, 2023.
December 1, 2022	GCFP Standard Flower Show Schedule Award GCFP Youth FS Schedule Award	CAR-SGC Standard Flower Show Schedule Award	Refer to pg. 7-8 of the CAR-SGC Awards Manual and p.14 and 24 of the GCFP Awards Manual. Enclose 1 GCFP Flower Show Application with your schedule. (Judges use the NGC Form 29 (3/2021) Scale of Points to evaluate each schedule.) HARD COPY SUBMISSION REQUIRED.	GCFP Flower Show Schedule Award Chair, Charlotte Crissey A list of all winners and First Place Winners in each category are forwarded by February 15, 2023 to the GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry. First Place Winners scoring 95+ in each category are sent to the CAR-SGC FS Schedule Chair before April 1, 2023.
December 1, 2022	GCFP Youth Poetry Contest GCFP Youth Sculpture Contest	CAR-SGC/NGC Youth Contest Awards (With CAR-SGC Winners) Poetry Contest (Grades K-9) "Seeds, Trees and Bees...Oh My! Exploring the Glory of Nature" Youth Sculpture Contest (Grades 4-8) High School Essay Contest (Grades 9-12) "How Can We Protect Our Natural Resources?"	For all Contests: Refer to GCFP Awards Manual p. 19-21 and CAR-SGC Awards Rules pgs. 18-19. Judge entries for all three contests on LOCAL level, and mail ONLY First Place through Honorable Mentioned Winners for each contest and grade level to Chris Hawthorne. An Application/Cover Sheet is required for each entry. One Parental Permission Slip Per Winning Student is Required before posting locally and/or forwarding entries to GCFP. Refer to GCFP Website Forms Library. (www.pagardenclubs.org) POETRY: When working with teachers, emphasize that the theme is not to be used as the poem title. Student contact info is to be placed on a label taped to the back of the entry. SCULPTURE: Mail up to 4 photos of recycled sculpture (ideally placed before staging panels) attached to completed NGC Sculpture Entry Forms. (Size Limit: Sculpture must fit onto 8 x 10" piece of paper.) ESSAYS: Refer to GCFP Awards Manual p.21, CAR-SGC Awards Rules p. 9, REQUIRES HARD COPY SUBMISSION.	GCFP Chair of Youth Activities, Chris Hawthorne TOP LOCALLY JUDGED POEMS AND PICTURES OF SCULPTURES WITH THEIR SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1ST. JUDGING IS DECEMBER 2ND. Winning entries in all categories with list of judged results are forwarded to GCFP Awards Chair by January 15, 2023 deadline. Winning entries are forwarded to the CAR-SGC Chair before February 1, 2023. Winning CAR-SGC entries are forwarded to the NGC Chair by March 1, 2023. Contact Chris Hawthorne with further questions.
December 1, 2022		All other NGC Awards	Refer to the NGC Awards Handbook for Award Names, numbers, size categories, and appropriate Scoring Rubric. A completed application includes a completed Application/Cover Sheet with up to 3 pages of narrative describing the project, event, or individual. Must be sent electronically.	GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry First place winning entries are forwarded to the appropriate NGC Awards Chair before January 15, 2023.

January 1, 2023	GCFP SR-4 Member of Honor Award	GCFP/CAR-SGC/NGC SR-4 Member of Honor Award	Refer to p.6 of the GCFP Awards Manual, p.43 of the NGC Awards Manual, and p.16 of the CAR-SGC Awards Manual. Requires SR-4 application found on the NGC Forms site and Book of Evidence. BOOK OF EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY OR AS A HARD COPY.	GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, by January 1, 2023. First Place Winner is forwarded to CAR-SGC Member Award of Honor Chair before February 1, 2023. The CAR-SGC winner is forwarded to the National Award of Honor Chair before February 20, 2023.
January 15, 2023	GCFP Gold Seal Award GCFP Silver Seal Award		Refer to p.15 of GCFP Awards Manual. A substantial Book of Evidence describing the nominee's efforts toward the advancement of garden club work and its far-reaching influence is required. Scoring is based on rubric found on p.15 of GCFP Awards Manual. Enclose Application/ Cover Sheet with Book of Evidence. Silver Seal is awarded to a non-member, or to an institution or organization other than a garden club. Refer to p. 15 for eligibility requirements and scoring rubric. HARD COPY BOOK OF EVIDENCE REQUIRED.	GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, by January 15th.
January 15, 2023	GCFP Governor's Trophy Award		LARGE CLUBS (51+ MEMBERS) MAY APPLY FOR THE 2022 AWARDS YEAR. Refer to p.16 of GCFP Awards Manual for requirements and special scoring rubric. A substantial Book of Evidence with up to 25 pages/50 surfaces is required. HARD COPY BOOK OF EVIDENCE REQUIRED.	GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, by January 15th.
January 15, 2023	All other GCFP only awards categories including Awards for: Civic Achievement Conservation/Environment Horticulture Special Recognition (A-H) Club Program A or B (A-L)		Refer to GCFP Awards Manual for requirements and guidance on particulars for each award, and appropriate scoring rubric. Attach narrative of up to 3 pages with Application/Cover Sheet and submit electronically.	GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, by January 15th.
January 24, 2023	GCFP Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest (Grades 1-5)	CAR-SGC/NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest (Grades 1-5)	Refer to p. 20 of GCFP Awards Manual and p. 10-11 of CAR-SGC Awards Rules. Updated rules are released in August and are found in the NGC Forms Library at www.gardenclub.org. Grade 1-5 Students draw Smokey Bear in his official colors to communicate 5 rules of fire prevention on 11 x 17" poster. HARD COPY SUBMISSION OF POSTER REQUIRED.	GCFP Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl (SBWO) Chair, Paula Mohler Winners in every grade category are reported to GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry. Winning posters in each grade are forwarded directly to the CAR-SGC SBWO Chair before February 15, 2023.Regional winners are forwarded to the NGC Chair before March 16, 2023.

January 25, 2023	GCFP Publicity Press Book	CAR-SGC Publicity Press Book	Refer to p.8 of the GCFP Awards Manual and p. 6 of the CAR-SGC Awards Rules for requirements and scoring rubrics. Requires Book of Evidence. 2 Application/Cover Sheets should accompany BOE. Include a stamped, self-addressed mailing envelope for return of BOE. HARD COPY BOOK OF EVIDENCE REQUIRED.	GCFP Publicity/Pressbook Chair, Georgieann Dettinburn Winners in every category are reported to GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry by February 19 th , 2023. Winning BOE's are forwarded directly to the CAR-SGC Press Book Awards Chair before February 23, 2023.
February 1, 2023	GCFP Scholarships (13)		Scholarship forms may be downloaded from the GCFP Website Forms Library. Applicants apply through their local sponsoring clubs. The completed application must be signed by the President of the Sponsoring Garden Club.	GCFP Scholarship Chair, Sandra Hendricks Sponsoring Clubs forward their applicants to the Scholarship Chair who provides the GCFP Awards Chair, Sheri Lowry, with a listing of winners.
February 15, 2023	GCFP Seed Money		Download and complete the Seed Money Application from the GCFP Website Forms Library. (One Application Per Club) for ONE project. If possible, Include before/after pictures of project.	GCFP Seed Money Chair, Marjorie Stilwell Sears Applications are judged and winners are announced at the 2023 GCFP Convention.
June 15, 2022	GCFP Seeds of Service-District President's Project-Blooming Youth		Download and complete form from GCFP Website/Awards page. Include 1 page description addressing 1 or more categories out of 4, and 1 photo of project(s) done between May 1, 2021-May 1, 2022. AWARD DEADLINE HAS PASSED.	YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR Top applicants in each of the 4 categories from each District are forwarded to the President's Project Chair, Darryl Jones, by June 30, 2022. Winners are announced at the Annual District Meetings and noted in the Keystone Gardener/KG Online.

References to the GCFP Awards Manual, CAR-SGC Awards Rules, and NGC Awards Manual refer to the most current updated documents found on the corresponding websites. Links to these manuals and supporting documents can be found on the Awards Page of the GCFP Website, www.pagardenclubs.org. Contact information for the Special Awards Chairs can be found on the Directories Page of the GCFP Website. **(This information is password protected. Contact your Club President or District Director for the password.)**

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by Sheri Lowry
2021-2023 GCFP Awards Chair

