



Non-competitive award that may be given to qualified individual club members.

This award is designed to recognize district or individual club members for outstanding achievements that go “above and beyond” the regular responsibilities of office or committee. The goal is to highlight exceptional contributions that may not have been formally acknowledged before. When selecting nominees, focus on those who have not yet been recognized for their superior service to the club, district, or federation.

Nomination Process

Each district sets its own deadline for nominations and determines which District Chairperson will oversee the applications. The Chairperson will also assess whether the activity or project qualifies for a Laurel. Laurels will be awarded at the Annual District Meeting in the fall.

There is no limit to the number of Laurels a District may grant to a club, although the typical range is from two to four. Districts may also introduce their own unique award to show appreciation.

Areas for Recognition - Members may be acknowledged for exceptional work in any of the following areas:

- A. Club Programming – Well-rounded programming, including horticulture, artistic floral design, conservation, or one area of civic activity (e.g., Junior Gardening, Horticulture Therapy, Civic Development).
- B. Conservation
- C. Civic Development
- D. Horticulture Therapy or Horticulture Therapy Support (beautification of grounds, providing floral designs or decoration)
- E. Horticulture
- F. Junior, Intermediate, or High School Gardening
- G. Landscape Design
- H. Scholarship
- J. Any other State or National Objective

How to Apply for District Laurels

Submit applications to the District Director or District Chairperson in August (deadline set by your District Director). Your application should include:

1. Club name
2. Date of submission
3. Nominee's name
4. Club President's name
5. Name of person submitting the application
6. A concise yet comprehensive description of the nominee's achievements justifying the nomination. No more than 3 pages, front only.