

EXCEPTIONAL HORTICULTURIST

Horticulture Award Submission
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This non-competitive award is given at your district annual meeting in September to a club member who has demonstrated outstanding horticultural skills. The Exceptional Horticulturist will have their name recorded in the [GCFP Book of Exceptional Horticulturists](#).

The qualifications for this award are as follows:

Experience - The candidate should cultivate a variety of plant materials such as trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, and houseplants, and be able to discuss with others how to grow these plants.

Education - The candidate should be well read and knowledgeable of books, magazines, flower and garden catalogs, and how to use the internet for information on horticulture. Additionally, the candidate should be familiar with the National Garden Clubs Inc.'s schools and programs. Hopefully, the candidate has attended one or more of the schools provided by the National Garden Clubs, but this is not a requirement.

Sharing - The candidate should share their knowledge and experience with friends and garden club members, as well as other civic and community organizations when called upon to do so. They should be able to represent the GCFP as a knowledgeable source of information.

There is no specific form to complete for this award, but you will need to submit a brief description (no more than 3 pages) of:

- the type of garden that they maintain
- the types of plants grown
- any accolades/awards achieved
- any programs that they presented on the subject of horticulture to their club or other clubs and/or organizations
- pictures are encouraged
- if they completed or attended any one of the NGC schools