

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FFGC AWARDS

- 1. My club has done a great project and I think it might qualify for an award. How do I know which award to apply for?** FFGC has many awards, and after reviewing them, you will probably find that your project fits the criteria for one or more of them. Study the FFGC awards descriptions and find one that matches your project. If you are having a difficult time, contact your District Awards Chairman and ask for help. In addition, Deep South Garden Clubs (DS) and National Garden Clubs (NGC) also offer awards to garden clubs. Awards offered by DS and NGC may be found on their respective websites: DS - www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com and NGC – www.gardenclub.org. Application forms (Cover Page) can be found on their websites.
- 2. I found an award that our club can apply for, however, what are the letters and numbers listed after some of the award names and what do they mean?** Most awards will be subdivided into classes or categories. This allows for clubs of similar sizes to compete against each other or in some cases, an award can be offered to an individual member and also to a club, district, etc. This allows for the possibility of many more awards being won! Awards that are offered only at the FFGC level and that do not correspond with any DSR/NGC awards may be subdivided into classes indicated by letters: A, B, C, etc. Read the description for each class to determine which class fits your application. FFGC awards that are eligible to be sent on to DS/NGC for further competition are subdivided into categories. Categories are numbered 1 thru 5 and may correspond to the categories used by DS and NGC. Again, study the category descriptions and enter the category that matches your club size.
- 3. What are the General Rules and where do I find Application forms?** General Rules and Application forms are found on the FFGC website.
- 4. How many pages am I allowed for my application?** Award applications are limited to 3 pages (front of page only). The first page will be the application form (you can use the bottom half of this page) and two additional pages. If there is an exception to this three page limit, it will be indicated under the description for that particular award.
- 5. How do I know what the judges will look for when they judge the applications?** NGC has one Scale of Points by which most awards are to be evaluated and FFGC follows this same procedure for most of its awards. This Scale of Points is listed in the FFGC Awards Rules. Some specific awards will have different criteria and that will be listed under the description for that particular award.
- 6. Can I apply for a DS or NGC award as well as an FFGC award?** Many FFGC awards will “match up” with DS and/or NGC awards. Applications that win at the FFGC level for these “match up” awards will be automatically sent to DS and/or NGC for further consideration. For DS or NGC awards that do not have FFGC counterparts, consult the DS and NGC websites for application forms and rules. The award applications must be sent to FFGC Awards Chairman by the State Awards Deadline who will forward the applications on to DS or NGC.

7. **I found three FFGC awards that would fit our project – can I apply for all three?** When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication of the application is not acceptable. A significant change must be evident in the summary regarding the projects.
8. **When is my award application due and where do I send it?** FFGC Award Applications are due on or before FFGC Award Due Date. They should be sent to where the procedures say to send them for that Award year. For awards with other due dates or mailing requirements, the information will be listed in “FFGC Awards Rules and Procedures”.
9. **What is a “BOE” - Book of Evidence?** Because of the importance of some FFGC Awards and the extent of accomplishment that they represent, or because some simply will not fit on the standard Awards Application form, a Book of Evidence (BOE) is required.
10. **How do I make a BOE?** Instructions for preparing a BOE are found on the FFGC website. Also, please contact your District Awards Chairman for help.
11. **Will you return my Awards Application or Book of Evidence?** No. It is important that you make a copy of your Awards Application or Book of Evidence for your records. Books of Evidence (including Flower Show BOE’s) will not be returned. This is up to the Awards Chair’s discretion.
12. **My club had a great flower show and we want to apply for a Flower Show Award – how do I do that?** These awards have special application forms, rules, and mailing information. Consult the FFGC website for details or contact FFGC Flower Show Consultant.
13. **I won the Tricolor Award for my design at the last flower show. Can I apply for an award?** Yes, there are a number of Flower Show Related Awards that are for individuals who have won top awards at a Standard Flower Show. Consult the FFGC website or contact FFSJ President for more details.
14. **Our club won an FFGC Award for our Yearbook at the last Convention. Can we apply for the Yearbook Award again this year?** No, a club/s, circle/s, or individual/s may not win the same award two (2) years in succession; however, when it is an award for an individual project, a different individual in the same club or circle may win in successive years.
15. **What about FFGC Junior Gardener, Youth Contests and Youth Awards?** These awards have special application forms, rules, and due dates. Consult the FFGC website. There are chairs for each division of the Youth Programs and Contests.

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