

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 listed on the FFGC website 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 Region (DSR) and National Garden Clubs (NGC) also offer awards to garden clubs. Awards offered by DSR and NGC may be found on their respective websites: DSR - www.dsregion.org and NGC – www.gardenclub.org. Application forms can be found on the websites and are consistent with the FFGC application form.

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 DSR/NGC for further competition are subdivided into categories. Categories are numbered 1 thru 5 and correspond to the categories used by DSR 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 (found on FFGC website). Some specific awards will have different criteria and that will be listed under the description for that particular award found on the FFGC website.

6. Can I apply for a DSR or NGC award as well as an FFGC award?

Many FFGC awards will “match up” with DSR and/or NGC awards. Applications that win at the FFGC level for these “match up” awards will be automatically sent to DSR and/or NGC for further consideration. For DSR or NGC awards that do not have FFGC counterparts, consult the DSR and NGC websites for application forms and rules. The award applications **must** be sent to FFGC- NGC/DSR Awards Chairman, Jennifer Condo, who will forward the applications on to DSR 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 December 1. They should be sent to FFGC Headquarters. For awards with other due dates or mailing requirements, the information will be listed on the award description.

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.

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 Barbara May.

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 Mary Silas 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 and Youth Awards?

These awards have special application forms, rules, and due dates. Consult the FFGC website or contact FFGC Youth Awards Chairman, Marci Wilcox with specific questions.

16. What about the Youth Contests sponsored by NGC?

These contests are new each year and have special application forms, rules, and due dates. Consult FFGC website or contact Sandra Lynch with specific questions.

More questions? Please feel free to contact any of the Chairmen listed below with your questions.

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NGC Youth Contests	Sandra Lynch
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Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl	Cindy Rieger
Yearbook Awards	Tina Tuttle