



FFGC 2023-2024 YOUTH AWARDS

CATEGORIES, DESCRIPTIONS, PROCEDURES + RULES

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Deadline: November 22, 2023, *unless stated otherwise.*

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AWARDS RULES & PROCEDURES 2023-2025

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Deadline: November 22, 2023, *unless stated otherwise.*

The award period is projects that occurred between Jan 1-Dec 31, 2023.

Projects that occur between Nov 22-Dec 31, 2023, may submit late, but will not be forwarded to Deep South or National Garden Club for consideration of their awards.

Please refer to this document for *how and where send your awards*, due dates, category or class for Adult Awards, Flower Show Achievement, Flower Show Related, Smokey Bear, Junior Gardeners, and Youth Awards.

You will find this document repetitive, but we would rather repeat items than have them be missed.

Submit all applications via email to FLawards2024@gmail.com ***unless stated otherwise.***

ELIGIBILITY

- A. Only Florida Federation of Garden Clubs members are eligible to apply for FFGC awards unless otherwise stated in the award description. Members are defined as a member garden clubs/circles, groups of member clubs, and individual members of garden clubs. Junior, Intermediate, High School Garden Clubs, Individual Youth must be sponsored by a member garden club to be eligible for specific FFGC and NGC awards.

The award application form is a single page; however, you may submit up to two additional pages (the application plus two pages, front only), if required to answer the questions. That space includes images, as well. That single page is referred to as page one in this document.

From: YOU
To: FLawards2024@gmail.com
Cc: **Your Club President**
Date: On or before November 22, 2023
Re: FFGC Award # Award Name, Name, School

Attached is **one** copy of an application for Award #12, XYZ Garden Club.

>>Do Not Send To FFGC HQ.

Harry Potter

YOUTH AWARDS

S – 1 SCOUT ARBOR DAY AWARD

Description/Purpose: To recognize a Garden Club that works with Scouts to encourage them to create an activity that promotes FFGC/NGC goals and objectives for Florida Arbor Day.

Proof of Accomplishment: Narrative style. Photographs of this activity can show the progression of the event and how it was presented. The program should involve activities which include environmental elements or horticulture lesson. The activity may be one day, or one week in length. Project expenses or means of funding should be provided. Number of Garden Club members and Scout numbers should be included. Continued involvement should be mentioned. All age groups are included. The younger ones will be helped by leaders.

Award: An award of \$25 is offered to one (1) individual Garden Club or Circle.

Due: January 30

BASIC SCALE OF POINTS

Unless another Scale of Points is indicated under a specific award, the Basic Scale of Points will be used to judge all FFGC Awards Applications. Be sure to study the requirements for each award and understand which Scale of Points will be used for judging that award.

Presentation 5

Neat, concise, all information included on the FFGC Awards Application Form (three sheets allowed) or in the Book of Evidence (if required).

Achievement 65

Size and scope of project, need and fulfillment, benefit, accomplishment, comprehensiveness of work, activities to attain goals, evaluation of ^{FFGC} goals reached, educational value, prior planning, very brief history if continuing project, financial report, other. Reflects the Aims and Goals of FFGC and NGC.

Participation 15

Size of club, involvement of members (this can be suited to project scope), youth, community, professionals, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these must be involved.

Record or Documentation 15

Supporting data (as applicable) clear and well-labeled, clear before and after photographs (if applicable), landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), financial report (even if the project did not cost anything to initiate, state the financial plan of the event or project anticipated and where the money came from) letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles, Facebook Screenshots, (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.

Total:

I-1 Youth Environmental Educational Award

Description and Purpose: To the overall winner of a Youth Garden Club, sponsored by a FFGC Garden Club, for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source but must do the actual gardening themselves.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. Entry should include:

1. Size of Outdoor Area planted
2. Names and Amount of Horticulture Planted
3. Names and Amount of Horticulture Harvested
4. Those Benefiting from Your Outdoor Garden

Category:

1. Grades 6-8

An award of \$25 is offered.

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661 | Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-463-0246

I-4 Field Trip Award

Description and Purpose: Where did you go and what did you learn on your field trip?

Proof of Accomplishment: Give specifics in your electronically produced report (100-200 words) about the information you gained at the park, school, garden, nursery, program, flower show, or urban garden center, and talk about your participation.

An award of \$25 is offered.

Due: January 15

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661 | Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-463-0246

I-8 Wildflower Folder Award

Description and Purpose: An award may be given to the Intermediate Youth Gardener compiling the best folder about wildflowers.

Proof of Accomplishment: Include drawings or pictures of at least 5 wildflowers, identified botanically, with information on each one. Tell about their culture: blooming time, how and where they grow, their usage and importance. Attach the completed FFGC Awards Application to folder. An award of \$25 is offered.

Due: January 15

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661 Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-463-0246

I-10 THE MARY NEWSOME AWARD FOR A FLORIDA STATE PARK

Description and Purpose: The Intermediate Youth Gardener who submits the best folder on a Florida State Park.

Proof of Accomplishment: Your folder should include the history of the park, its importance, location, available facilities, drawings or pictures of plants, photographs, maps, and information on wildlife within the park. Report needs 100-200 words.

Attach the completed FFGC Awards Application to folder.

An award of \$25 is offered

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Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-463-0246

Due January 15

I-16 THE MRS. MORGAN P. GILBERT TREE AWARD (Native Tree Award)

Description and Purpose: The Intermediate Youth Gardener who provides the best report on a Florida native tree.

Proof of Accomplishment: Provide its botanical name and common name, benefits of growing this tree. Does it have edible fruit, is it ornamental, or grown for its wood? Photographs or drawings of the entire tree are necessary. Other visual presentations may include leaves, flowers, fruit and/or byproducts of the tree. Discuss its growth, positive impact and how it survives in the Florida landscape. Attach the completed FFGC Awards Application to folder.

An award of \$25 is offered.

Due: January 15

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661

Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-463-0246

I-18 Butterfly Conservation Award

Description and Purpose: An award to an Intermediate Youth Gardener for the most informative report of on the life cycle of one or more butterflies.

Proof of Accomplishment: The report should have 100 – 200 words and include pictures or drawings with information on habits and plant hosts. 8 1/2" X11" paper size

An award of \$25 is offered

Due: January 15

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JUNIOR GARDENER AWARDS

FFGC AWARDS J-1 THRU J-4 DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 22

Applicant must be a registered Junior Garden Club

Submit: Download the FFGC Award Application form 2023-2025

Submissions: for J-1 thru J-4

Please note: **J-2** is sent to Barbara May, Flower Show Consultant
4521 Barclay Fairway, Wellington FL 33449 by Nov 30.

→→→Please Note: J-10-- J-40 are due January 2 to Brenda Davis.

FFGC J-1 JUNIOR DESIGN AWARD

Donors: FFGC

Description/Purpose: To recognize and award the best blueribbon design exhibited by a junior gardener during the current award year in the Youth division of any NGC Standard Flower Show, or in any Youth Show adhering to National Garden Club standards.

Proof of Accomplishment: Complete the FFGC Awards Application and include two color photographs of the design exhibit. Include photocopies of the entry card and ribbon dated and signed by the flower show judges evaluating the design. The age and grade of the exhibitor should be indicated. Copy and paste an excerpt from the Flower Show Schedule that includes the section/class of the exhibit.

Submission: Email FFGC Awards Application to FFGC Awards Chairman, Sandra Arnold by **Nov 23**.

Award: An award of \$25 may be offered in the following

Classes:

A. Grades 3 and 4

B. Grades 5 and 6

Scoring based on: Neatness, Accomplishment of Purpose, Creativity, Adherence to NGC Standards, Appropriate documentation.

FFGC J-2 YOUTH FLOWER SHOW OR YOUTH SECTION OF AN ADULT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Donors: FFGC

\$25 is offered in Classes A, B, and C. Entries winning in any of these classes will be sent to NGC for consideration of NGC Red Rosette.

A. Youth flower show held by one (1) NGC Youth club or Youth group, sponsored by an NGC member club.

B. Youth Flower show held by two (2) or more NGC Youth clubs or Youth Groups, sponsored by an NGC member club.

C. Youth participation in an adult Standard Flower Show.

Due: November 30

Submission: Send completed application to

Send FFGC Awards Application to Barbara May, 4521 Barclay Fairway, Wellington FL 33449 by November 30.

FFGC J-3 SCHOOL GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Donors: FFGC

\$25 is offered annually to a Junior Gardener Club for the greatest improvement in an established school yard or for contributions in the landscaping of a new school.

Photographs before, during and at the completion of work on the project will be required, along with a written account, a planting plan, and a list of materials used. It is the intention of this award to encourage Junior Garden Clubs, Scouts, 4-H groups, Future Farmers, and students to participate in the beautification of the school grounds of Florida.

Class:

A. Pre K-2nd grade class B. 3rd-5th grade class

Submission: to FFGC Awards Chair, Sandra Arnold by **Nov 23**.

Scoring based on: Neatness, Accomplishment of Purpose, Creativity, Adherence to NGC Standards, Appropriate documentation.

FFGC J-4 YOUTH HORTICULTURE EDUCATIONAL AWARD (NEW)

Donor: FFGC

Description and Purpose: To the overall winner of a Youth Garden Club, sponsored by a FFGC Garden Club, for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source but must do the actual gardening themselves.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style.

Entry should include:

1. Size of Outdoor Area planted
2. Names and Amount of Horticulture Planted
3. Names and Amount of Horticulture Harvested
4. Those Benefiting from Your Outdoor Garden

Category: Grades K-5

An award of \$25 is offered.

Submission: to FFGC Awards Chair, Sandra Arnold

ALL REMAINING AWARDS (J-10 THRU J-40) APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

JUNIOR GARDENER CHAIRMAN, BRENDA DAVIS

2270 N. Volusia Point, Hernando FL 34442

(904) 613-9341 **EMAIL:** cresseycaligus@gmail.com **DEADLINE: January 2**

**Please Note age divisions for Junior Gardeners has changed.
Junior Gardeners are now Pre-K (VPK) through 5th grade.
6th grade has been promoted to Intermediate Gardeners.**

Applicant must be a registered Junior Garden Club or member of a registered Junior Garden Club

- USE THE JUNIOR GARDENER AWARD APP ABOVE
- J-10 thru J-40 Junior Gardener Awards

BASIC SCALE OF POINTS

Presentation: Neatness, Artistic Elements	20 pts.
Content: Accuracy of Depictions, Labels & Drawings, Comprehensiveness of work, Evaluation of Goals reached	28 pts.
Achievement: Purpose in description achieved, Educational, NGC Standards Represented	25 pts.
Documentation: Clear well labeled, neatly attached, required documentation when applicable, Number of Photos, Number of Posters, Number of Words in report, correct format.....	27 pts.
Possible Final Score	100 pts.

ENVIRONMENT

J-10 CLASSROOM PROJECT

Donor: FFGC

Three awards of \$25 each, offered annually to the Junior Garden Club making the best group of environmental posters in each division. Computers may be used. Any environmental subject may be chosen by classroom leader/teacher. All club members are to be involved. The size of poster should be 11 inches by 14 inches. Judged on the collective presentation of subject, content, originality, and neatness.

Class: A. Pre-K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and group of posters

J-11 LITTER CONTROL POSTER

Donor: FFGC

\$25 is offered annually to the individual in each division making the best litter control poster. The poster should be 11 inches by 14 inches.

Evaluation: See Basic Scale of Points

The forceful presentation of the litter control idea as interpreted will be given greater consideration than the artistry of the work.

Class: A. Kindergarten - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and poster

J-12 LAND TRUST ESSAY AWARD

Donors: FFGC

\$25 is offered to a member of a Junior Garden Club in each division submitting the most outstanding essay on the subject "Save Land for Tomorrow." The essay should be neatly written or typed.

Approximately 30 words for Kindergarten - 1st grade; 60 words for grades 2nd - 3rd; 100 words for grades 4th - 5th

Class: A. Kindergarten - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and essay

J-13 JUNIOR GARDENERS NATURE POSTERS AWARD, a group project.

Donor: FFGC

\$25 is offered for the best group of posters in each division on any nature subject. The poster size should be 11 inches by 14 inches.

Class Minimum: A. 3 posters: Pre K - K B. 4 posters: 1st-2nd grade
C. 5 posters: 3rd - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and group of posters

J-14 WATER CONSERVATION - Environmental Poster Contest

Donor: FFGC

Theme: "We Love Our Water - Let's Save It"

Objective: To make children aware of the importance of water and the need to conserve it as a precious

resource. Children are to draw pictures illustrating how important water is in their lives and show the need to conserve it.

Poster Contest Rules:

1. Size of Poster - (11 inches by 14 inches)
2. Materials - crayons, markers, poster paints - (Bold colors are best.)

This is an individual award of \$25 to a Junior Gardener in the following divisions.

Class: A. Pre K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and poster

J-15 THE LOUISE ADAMS FOR WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Donor: FFGC

An award of \$25 is given for the best individual report on "My Week at Wekiva Youth Camp." The report should be simple, but informative, about learned and found information such as the description of nature walks, crafts or fun projects, sketches, pictures, pressed plant material, etc.

Division A - 50 Words (approximately) Division B - 100 Words (approx.)

A. 3rd-4th grade B. 5th - 6th grade

Due: January 2 Submission: Send completed application and individual's report

J- 16 FIELD TRIP REPORT

Donor: FFGC

An award of \$25 will be offered to the Junior Gardener in each division for the best report describing a field trip. The report must be neatly written. Points will be given for photographs, maps, wildlife information, drawings or pictures of horticulture native to that particular environment. Virtual Field trips are also acceptable. Please include the field trip location's name in the report.

Division A - 20 Words (approximately), Division B - 50 Words (approximately), Division C - 100 Words (approximately)

A. Pre K- 1st grade

B. 2nd - 3rd grade

C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2 Submission: Send completed application and Field Trip report

HORTICULTURE

J-20 JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

Donor: FFGC

An award of \$25 will be offered annually to a Junior Garden Club in each division for the best work in horticulture.

RULES AND SUGGESTIONS: The leader of the unit will select a horticulture project for the year. They will see that the juniors participating are instructed and advised but that the project is the work of the students. The written report may be the work of one or several members of the unit. Pictures or drawings may be added to illustrate.

PROJECT IDEAS:

1. Ways of propagating plants. Grow one plant (or plants) so propagated.
2. Insect friends and enemies of plants.
3. Identify 25 flowering plants.
4. A study of poisonous plants.

A. Pre-K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and materials

J-21 POISONOUS PLANTS

Donor: FFGC

\$25 is offered for the best folder of poisonous plants native to the Southeastern United States, made by a Junior Garden Club in each division. Material submitted must be done in color, showing characteristics, color of bloom (if any), shape of leaf, and where it is grown.

Judging Considerations: neatness, accuracy in identifying parts of the plant to be avoided, and identification of the plant (color of bloom, where found, etc.)

Minimum: 3 plants for Division A; 5 plants for Division B; 7 plants for Division C.

A. Kindergarten - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and materials

J-22 PITCHER PLANT PRESERVATION

Donor: FFGC

\$25 will be offered to a Junior Garden Club in each division that prepares the best folder of various drawings or colorings of specific pitcher plants. Each drawing or coloring should be done by different individuals in the unit so that all will learn about pitcher plants and their conservation.

Minimum: 3 plants for Division A; 4 plants for Division B; 5 plants for Division C.

A. Pre K - 1st B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and materials

J-23 CHILDREN'S GARDENS

Donor: FFGC

On a sheet of poster paper (11 inches by 14 inches) paste a picture or pictures of your home garden with a story about why you like to garden and who interested you in beginning to garden.

This is an individual award of \$25 offered to a Junior Gardener in the following Divisions:

A. PreKindergarten B. Kindergarten C. 1st grade D. 2nd grade
E. 3rd grade F. 4th grade G. 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and poster

J-24 WILDFLOWER FOLDER

Donor: FFGC

An award of \$25 will be offered to an individual member of a Junior Garden Club or a a Junior Garden Club in each division who compiles the best material and original drawings on wildflowers. A brief description of the habitat: such as wetlands, uplands, or meadows should accompany the drawings.

Minimum: 3 wildflowers for divisions A & B, 5 wildflowers for divisions C & D, 8 wildflowers for divisions E & F, 10 Wildflowers for Division G.

Evaluation: Drawings of flowers, in color, showing botanical details (50); Correct botanical identification (family, etc.) (15); Layout of book, neatness, and artistic elements (15); Other important facts, location, time of blooming, use to man or animal (20)

A. Group Pre K B. Individual K - 1st grade C. Group K - 1st grade.
D. Individual 2nd - 3rd grade E. Group 2nd - 3rd grade
F. Individual 4th - 5th grade G. Group 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and drawings

J-25 NATIVE PLANTS

Donors: FFGC

An award of \$25 is offered to a Junior Gardener or Junior Garden Club who compiles the best material and original drawings or photographs on native plants in each division. A brief description of the habitat, such as wetlands, uplands, or meadows, food source for animals/insects and any other interesting information should accompany the drawings/pictures.

Judging Considerations: Drawings/Pictures of plants, in color, showing botanical details (50); Correct botanical identification (family, etc.) (15); Layout of book, neatness, and artistic

elements (15); Other important facts, location, time of blooming (if applicable), use to man or animal (20).

Minimum: 3 plants for grades Pre K-1st, 5 plants for grades 2nd-3rd, 7 plants for grades 4th-5th.

A. Pre K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and portfolio

J-26 NATIVE TREES OF FLORIDA

Donor: FFGC

An award of \$25 will be offered to a Junior Gardener for the best informational description and illustration of native trees of Florida. May include spatter prints, drawings, photographs of trees, leaves and/or bark, map of areas in Florida where the trees are known to grow, preferences as to soil or water, can it be grown in a garden or in public plantings, are the trees on conservation list or needing protection, and ways of propagating native trees.

Minimum: 1 tree for division A, 3 trees for division B, 5 trees for division C.

A. Pre K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and materials

J-27 TREE AWARD

Donor: FFGC

“Why This Tree is Important to Me.” Paste a picture of yourself with your special tree on a sheet of poster paper (11 inches by 14 inches). Tell why this tree is important to you below the picture. Include the kind of tree and why it means so much to you, such as if you planted it, why, who helped you, or any other special reason.

This is an individual award of \$25 each to a Junior Gardener in each Division.

A. Pre K B. Kindergarten C. 1st grade D. 2nd grade
E. 3rd grade F. 4th grade G. 5th grade H. 6th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and poster

ANIMAL

J-30 THE MARGARET Y. PACE BIRDS SEEN IN FLORIDA AWARD

Donor: FFGC

An award of \$25 will be offered to a Junior Gardener in each division for a folder on birds seen in Florida. Judging Considerations: number of species, comparative size, correct information as to type of food, nesting habits, time of year seen, mannerisms, worthiness of protection, migration route and/or flyways, neatness, and artistic elements.

Minimum: Division A - 3 Birds, Division B - 5 Birds, Division C - 7 Birds

A. Pre K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and folder

J-31 AQUATIC BIRDS IN FLORIDA

Donor: FFGC

Six awards of \$25 will be offered annually to a Junior Gardener in each division for a folder on Aquatic Birds of Florida. Judging Considerations: number of species, correct information as to the type of food, type of body of water they are found, nesting habits, mannerisms, protection status and greatest environmental threat to livelihood.

Minimum: Division A, B & C - 3 Birds, Division D & E - 5 Birds,
Division F - 7 Birds

A. Pre K B. Kindergarten C. 1st grade D. 2nd grade

E. 3rd grade F. 4th - 5th grade

Evaluation: See Basic Scale of Points

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and folder

J-32 BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION FOLDER

Donor: FFGC

\$25 will be awarded annually to the Junior Garden Club in each division submitting the best descriptions, pictures, and information about Florida butterflies. Purpose of award is to instill an awareness of butterflies in the eco-system.

A. Pre K - K grade B. 1st grade C. 2nd grade D. 3rd grade

E. 4th grade F. 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and materials

J-33 PROTECTING POLLINATORS AWARD

Donor: FFGC

\$25 is offered annually to a Junior Garden Club in each division for the best collection of posters describing a minimum of 3 different kinds of pollinators found in Florida. The posters should include a brief description of why pollinators are important and one way to protect them. The size of poster should be 11 inches by 14 inches.

A. Pre Kindergarten B. Kindergarten C. 1st grade D. 2nd grade

E. 3rd grade F. 4th grade G. 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and materials

J- 34 REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOUND IN FLORIDA

Donor: FFGC

An Award of \$25 is offered to the Junior Gardener in each division for compiling the best material on reptiles or amphibians in Florida. It should include hand drawings, correct information as to habits, protection status, is it native, invasive a nuisance, etc., and be neatly and attractively presented.

Minimum: Division A - 3 examples, Division B - 5 examples
Division C - 7 examples

A. Pre K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and materials

J- 35 GARDEN INSECTS FOUND IN FLORIDA

Donor: FFGC

An award of \$25 will be offered to the Junior Gardener in each division submitting the best description and illustration of either helpful or harmful garden insects. Entries should consist of hand drawings, the description of the insect characteristics and should be neatly and attractively presented.

Minimum: Division A- 3 examples Division B - 5 examples
Division C - 7 examples

A. Pre K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed application and materials

J-36 SHELLS IN FLORIDA

Donors: FFGC

\$25 will be offered to a Junior Gardener in each division for the best information, description, and illustrations and/or pictures of shells found in Florida. All materials should be presented securely in a Booklet. Judging Considerations: presentation, correct identification, knowledge of shells, artistic elements, and neatness.

A. Pre K - 1st grade B. 2nd - 3rd grade C. 4th - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: Send completed 1 page application and booklet limited to 6 pages front side only

J-40 JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Donor: FFGC

Six \$25 awards will be offered to a Junior Garden Club best achieving FFGC objectives in any one of the following:

A. Participation in Flower Show Design or Horticulture or participation in a workshop in design or horticulture and club projects including Arbor Day.

1) Pre K - 2nd grade, 2) 3rd - 5th grade

B. Conducting conservation, clean earth programs and a Nature Study Picnic

1) Pre K - 2nd grade 2) 3rd - 5th grade

C. Contribute to a nature related organization with financial support, services or goods and create a club scrapbook of the club's year-long activities including the actions supporting the nature related organization.

1) Pre K - 2nd grade 2) 3rd - 5th grade

Due: January 2

Submission: When referencing which award you are applying for, please use both the letter and number, e.g., Award A2 or Award C1.

Send completed application and booklet of no more than 6 pages front side only

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Size of club, involvement of members (this can be suited to project scope), youth, community, professionals, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these must be involved.

Record or Documentation..... 15

Supporting data (as applicable) clear and well-labeled, clear before and after photographs (if applicable), landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), financial report (even if the project did not cost anything to initiate, state the financial plan of the event or project anticipated and where the money came from) letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles, Facebook Screenshots, (if possible), radio or TV script (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted.

Total:100

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

ALL APPLICATIONS WITH PHOTOS INCLUDING YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST INCLUDE A SIGNED PUBLICATION RELEASE FORM FOR EACH YOUNG PERSON INVOLVED.

All FFGC Awards Rules apply to High School Gardener Award Entries.

All entries must be on or accompanied by the official FFGC Awards Application.

DUE JANUARY 2

- DOWNLOAD THE FFGC Awards Application above
- *(Awards 1-81, District Awards, Girl Scout, Intermediate, High School and FFGC J-1 - J-3)

Note that all entries must be postmarked no later than January 1st and must be sent to the HS and Intermediate Gardening Awards Chairman, Sandra Lynch. (Exception: HS-20-See below.)

Due: January 2nd Exception HS-12 Due January 1st

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661

Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-4630246

HS-1 Youth Horticulture Educational Award

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Description and Purpose: To the overall winner of a Youth Garden Club, sponsored by a FFGC Garden Club, for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source but must do the actual gardening themselves.

Proof of Accomplishment: Use FFGC Awards Application and report in narrative style. Entry should include:

1. Size of Outdoor Area planted
2. Names and Amount of Horticulture Planted
3. Names and Amount of Horticulture Harvested
4. Those Benefiting from Your Outdoor Garden

Category

1. Grades 9-12

Due January 2

An award of \$25 is offered.

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661

Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-463-0246

HS-2 Field Trip Award

Donor: FFGC

Description and Purpose: The High School Youth Gardener who provides the best report (300-500 words) about a field trip to a garden, park, landscape center, school, urban gardening center, program or flower show.

Proof of Accomplishment: Information and knowledge gained from this field trip should be included in your report that is electronically produced on the FFGC Awards Application.

An award of \$25 is offered.

Due: January 2

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661 Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-463-0246

HS-12 HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT DIFFERENT DEADLINE

Donor: FFGC

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, grades 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g., environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, others. A single member garden club, group of member clubs, district, or a state garden club must sponsor the project.

Include proof of accomplishment on official FFGC Awards Application.

Due: January 1st

AWARD AMOUNT: \$50.00

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661

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HS-20 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY AWARD - TOPIC – "THE BENEFITS OF LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS TO WILDLIFE"

Donor: Barbara Hadsell

An award of \$100 is offered to a High School Student for the best environmental essay on this year's topic. The High School Essay Contest is open to all High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. The contest must be sponsored by: a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts or a State Garden Club.

Essay Contest Rules: Length of essay: Between 600-700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. All entries must be typed and titled.

Content = Total 65 points

- Knowledge of Subject:25 points
- Practicality of Proposal:10 points
- Originality:15 points
- Subject matter well organized/Clarity of presentation:15 points
- Composition = Total25 points
- Vocabulary:15 points
- Conformance to length:10 points
- Manuscript = Total10 points
- Name, Address, Phone Number, School Attending, Grade,
List of Activities, and Sponsoring Club: 5 points

(Should school policy preclude giving students' name. address and/or phone number, please include the school address and phone number.)

- Neatness and legibility (a plastic folder will keep the manuscript neat): 5 points

DUE JANUARY 2

Submissions sent to: Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-2661

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YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

<https://gardenclub.org/poetry-contest>

Due: January 15
Eligible: Grades 4-8
Sponsored by a Garden Club
Donor: FFGC
Purpose: To encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment.

Contest Rules

1. Children in 4th grade through 8th grade will be eligible to enter the contest
2. The sculpture is limited to a size that would fit on a 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper and must be constructed of recyclable, reused, and reduced material
3. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form; (2) 4x6 photographs are recommended
4. Club entries must be sent to State Chairman by your State Deadline. State Winners must be sent to Region Chairman by February 1 and Region Winners must be sent to National Chairman by March 1
5. Youth sculpture contest winners will be asked to submit a high-quality photo of their entry to be used on the NGC website and in other NGC publications

Scale of Points

- Creative use of materials and self-expression: 60%
- Description of sculpture and materials used: 30%
- Craftsmanship and technique: 10%
- Total: 100%

To Download Rules and Entry Form click on this link: <https://gardenclub.org/poetry-contest>
Submission: Send entries to Sandra T. Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, #1107, Fort Lauderdale FL 33301 by January 15

NATIONAL POETRY CONTEST

<https://gardenclub.org/poetry-contest>

Eligible: Grades K - 9

Sponsored by a Garden Club Theme: Seeds, Trees, and Bees...Oh My! Celebrating the Diversity of Nature
Donor: FFGC Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet! Eligibility Special Education and English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade. General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Contest Rules

1. All entries must be typed and titled
2. Include name, address, age, grade, and school of participant on the back of entry
3. Sponsoring Garden club and state garden club name must also be identified
4. Sponsoring Garden club may be that of a parent or grandparent

5. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
6. Poems do not have to rhyme
7. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku
8. The Theme should not be used as the title to any poetry. When judging, the title is worth 10 points.
9. When choosing poem title, please be creative and include at least one of the following key words from the theme: Seeds, Trees, Bees, or Nature.
10. Poems should be no longer than 24 lines (including title) with maximum 42 letters/spaces per line.
11. Guidelines Addition: The guidelines in red are added (per NGC)

Scale of Points

- Title: 10%
- Content: 40%
- Creativity: 30%
- Style: 20%
- Total: 100%

Submission: Send entries to Sandra T. Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, #1107, Fort Lauderdale FL 33301 by January 15

NGC YOUTH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

<https://gardenclub.org/youth-pollinator-gardens-grant>

(Category: Intermediate Award)

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is excited to provide a grant opportunity for Garden Clubs working with youth clubs or groups planning and planting Pollinator Gardens.

Grants, up to \$200, are available for projects that include educational materials on the vital role pollinators play in nature and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators.

Youth will learn the importance of providing appropriate food sources, nesting areas, shelter, and practicing sustainable gardening practices for pollinators by planning, planting, and maintaining these pollinator gardens.

To apply for a grant, complete an [NGC Grant Application](#), provide detailed information about the project, and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chairman for approval.

Click here to Download Application <https://gardenclub.org/youth-pollinator-gardens-grant>

Youth Awards

All entries should be sent to:

FFGC High School & Intermediate Gardeners' Awards Chairman, Sandra Lynch, 333 Sunset Drive, Apartment 1107; Fort Lauderdale, FL 333012661 Email: sashandbob@aol.com; Phone: 954-4630246.

Due Date January 2. Category: Intermediate Awards DUE JANUARY 15 Donor: FFGC