

# FORCE FOR GOOD – Garden Club Awards

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Applying for and winning Garden Club Awards and Certificates reminds us that National Garden Club hopes all of us as individuals and as Federated Clubs to aspire to be what NGC pamphlet tells us: “A FORCE FOR GOOD”. Every person that pays dues might benefit from receiving a copy of that pamphlet. National has many free and beneficial pamphlets to help us reach goals. Contact NGC Member Services.

Why belong to a Federated Garden Club?

To gain knowledge for ourselves

To gain friendships with like minded people

To help preserve garden clubs

To share our knowledge with others

Each individual gains various benefits as a member of a garden club. The goal is to not only help each individual but to serve our community; the local, national and beyond our US borders. To go beyond ourselves, we need a quality organization. To continue the existence of our National Garden Club organization, all individuals need to believe in the goals and Mission and help create the methods to reach these goals. All of us are smarter than any one of us.

Our District needs support (talent, time and money) from our clubs. Our State needs support from Districts, etc. No one wants our organization to disappear so each of us needs to review suggestions that help keep us strong. Is our National Garden Club, Inc. worth our support? Do we believe our world has benefited from our organization and will continue to benefit?

The Awards and Certificates say THANK YOU for understanding the goals and mission of this wonderful organization. A Yearbook is a promise of what an individual club stands for. The Guidelines for having an Award winning Yearbook are a measure of how your club plans to expand knowledge, friendship and community service. To keep our group alive and well, we must try to reach as many people as possible through active Membership methods. A quality Newsletter reinforces what the Yearbook has promised and gives details and reminders. Garden Therapy is one of the ways we spread community service. WSFGC Conservation Teachers Scholarships assist teachers financially. What a teacher learns, can then be shared with hundreds or maybe thousands of kids. The more they learn about Conservation the better off we will all be. Reading how to become an Honor Club is a list of ways to strive to uphold NGC goals. Not any required list but a wish list! Our Smoke Signals magazine is the life blood between our members and ways for them to grow....themselves and their world. Stays informed and inspired by having every member receive this National Award winning publication. Cover everyone's subscription in your club Budget. As a Service oriented group, we find ways to reach out to help the rest of the world. By donating part of your Budget to Heifer International, World Gardening or being a Scholarship Booster, you guarantee that humanity will be served. Awards and Certificates lead us and thank us. Please learn about all of the Awards our organization offers. When you apply for and win an Award, you inspire by your example.

Remember, strive to be a “FORCE FOR GOOD”.