

GFWC- Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

2022 - 2023 Reporting Guide



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The GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is an organization of women whose goal is personal enrichment leading to volunteer service that benefits the community, state, nation and world.



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2022-2024 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT:

Our theme for the 2022-2024 administration is, *"Bloom Where You Are Planted – Getting Back To Our GFWC Roots – by promoting public libraries, education and literacy!"*

Throughout its history, GFWC has advanced education, partly through the establishment and support of public libraries. In the 1930s, the American Library Association credited the GFWC for establishing 75 percent of America's public libraries. Education remains a critical factor in how Americans learn and connect with communities. GFWC club women promote education in both children and adults. GFWC Education and Libraries Community Service Program's purpose is to ensure club projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools and other educational institutions and opportunities and promote libraries and literacy, and the love of a good book.



Mississippi Federated Woman's clubs have significantly impacted the establishment and supported libraries since 1925. Originally nationally known, Andrew Carnegie established the library system by developing the Carnegie Foundation to establish libraries. Mississippi benefited from this Foundation, and eleven libraries were erected in ten communities across the state from 1908 to 1916. However, the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs made a significant impact across the state for public libraries. Our Mississippi Library Commission noted the following quote "Without the support and steadfast resolve of the women in the various women's clubs in Mississippi, public libraries would have taken a back-row seat to many other community projects. However, in 1925, the state federation of women's clubs determined to ask for library service in every county in the state. In 1926 the Mississippi Library Commission was established and adopted the same goal as the women's clubs. It would take more than 50 years to accomplish this goal. Wow! Does what our club members do across our state make a difference?

Our public libraries are our educational institutions. These shared libraries, along with college libraries, and academic and educational opportunities, improve the literacy levels of individuals and support life-long learning for education.

Please join me in the next two years to promote public libraries, education, and literacy in our local communities and across our state for our President Special Project 2022-2024.

Let's get back to our GFWC Roots by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy.

Theresa

OVERVIEW

The **GFWC-MFWC REPORTING GUIDE** contains instructions for successfully completing reports for GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Programs, GFWC Special Programs, Community Service Programs and GFWC Advancement Plans.

This Guide has been designed to provide step-by-step instructions to ensure all Club Presidents understand how to fill out the reporting GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet and program narratives.

This Guide is intended to ensure accountability and support throughout the entire reporting process from documentation of activities to submitting of reports.

MFWC SUPPORT

Please email or contact the GFWC-MFWC Vice President/Dean of Chairmen if you have any questions, issues or concerns related to reporting. If you feel you need further clarification, you may email the GFWC-MFWC President. Please allow for a 3-4 days turnaround period in responding to emails. For quicker email turnaround, please mark your email as "Highly Important" if the matter is urgent.

REPORTING DEFINITIONS

- **NARRATIVE.** Narrative reports are limited to 3 single spaced pages. Only the front side of page can be used. Narrative information should include if applicable: Why? What? Outcome? Impact? Monetary and In-kind donations.
- **SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTATION.** There may be up to 3 pages of supportive documentation, however, only the front side of the page can be used- no printing on both sides of paper. Supporting material may include newspaper clippings, pictures of members volunteering, pictures of members participating in projects, resolutions, certificates, minutes from other organizations, thank you notes, correspondence, copies of checks and etc. The supportive documentation pages need to be paper clipped- **do not staple**. Use only current materials.
- **PROJECTS.** Community Service Projects are the programs and projects members initiate and participate in to serve their communities, including projects with GFWC Affiliate Organization. GFWC encourages club women not simply to provide monetary donations but to participate in hands-on tangible projects that provide immediate impact.
- **DOLLARS DONATED.** Dollars Donated is the monetary amount given to Community Service Programs and projects. Dollars donated does not apply to Advancement Plans. See below.
- **DOLLARS SPENT.** Dollars Spent are costs incurred by members, clubs or GFWC-MFWC to achieve Advancement Plan goals. Advancement Plans are Communications and Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation/ Public Policy, and Membership
- **DOLLARS RAISED.** Dollars Raised reflects the dollars earned from fundraising and development programs and projects. (FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT ONLY)
- **IN-KIND DONATIONS.** In-Kind Donations reflect the monetary value for goods provided to Community Service Programs and projects. Download the latest copy from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter I, In-Kind Donation Guide.pdf.
- **GFWC-MFWC REPORT COVER SHEET.** To report your club statistics in each of the GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project & Special Emphasis Programs, GFWC Special Programs, GFWC Community Service Programs (CSP) and GFWC Advancement Plans (AP), a club must complete one GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet for each GFWC-MFWC President Special Project & Special Emphasis Programs, GFWC Special Program, GFWC Community Service Programs (CSP) and GFWC Advancement Plans (AP).
- **REPORTING CARD.** A form used by GFWC-MFWC Chairmen to allow more objectivity in judging.

GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AND GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAMS

GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

For the 2022-2024 Administration, President Theresa Buntyn has picked *"Bloom Where You Are Planted, Getting Back To Our GFWC Roots."* The GFWC-MFWC will promote public libraries, education, and literacy in our local communities and across our state.

GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAMS

During the 2022-2024 Administration, the GFWC-MFWC will place special emphasis on the following programs:

STATE INSTITUTIONS

Listed below are some but not all State Institutions that have been supported by the clubwomen of GFWC-MFWC.

- Mississippi School for the Deaf and Mississippi School for the Blind located in Jackson MS,
- Mississippi State Institutions, specifically the Ellisville State School in Ellisville, MS,
- Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield, MS, East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian, MS, North Mississippi State Hospital, Tupelo, MS and South Mississippi State Hospital, Purvis, MS
- State Veteran's Homes in Collins, Gulfport, Jackson, Kosciusko, Pearl, and Oxford, MS.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Diane Rouse.

MS PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) is a longtime friend of the GFWC-MFWC. The GFWC-MFWC was instrumental to the establishment of Educational Television in Mississippi. This administration's goal is to renew and strengthen ties with this very valuable organization by placing a special emphasis on supporting MPB.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Sue S. Freeman.

CROSS REPORTING

Cross reporting is NOT allowed with the exception of three areas.

- The GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project (PSP) *"Bloom Where You Are Planted, Getting Back To Our GFWC Roots"* can be reported under both the GFWC-MFWC PSP and GFWC Education and Libraries CSP.
- State Institutions can be reported under both GFWC-MFWC State Institution and one of the following GFWC CSP
 - Mississippi State Schools for Deaf and Blind, Ellisville State School and other State Schools can be reported under Education and Libraries.
 - Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, MS and other State Hospitals can be reported under Health and Wellness.
 - State Veteran's Homes projects can be reported under Civic Engagement and Outreach.
- Mississippi Public Broadcasting can be reported under both GFWC-MFWC MPB and Education and Libraries.

GFWC PROGRAMS, AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS AND GFWC-MFWC CHAIRMAN EMPHASIS PROJECTS

Community Connection Initiatives (CCI)

The 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives are projects that make a visual, physical, or emotional impact at the grassroots level. They are projects that bring awareness to what GFWC volunteering is all about. A Community Connection Initiative brings the shimmer, the glitter, and the shine to being a member of a GFWC club into your local community.

Below are the Community Connection Initiatives for each of the Special Programs and the Community Service Programs for your club to participate in during the administration. Public relations and media play a large part in a Community Connection Initiative. Be sure to share your “sparkle” through internet, newspaper articles, social media, blog posts, radio, and television. Make an impact that will ensure your community members want to be a part of such a passionate group of women making good things happen at the grassroots level.

GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAMS

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention



The goal of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse and violence against men, women, teens and children in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens. GFWC is a powerful voice for those who have no voice. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Action Guides or GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Special Programs and CSPs.

CCI associated with this program is “Raise Awareness To Hope and Help”. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives.

Affiliate Organization associated with this program is Hope for Justice. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Affiliate Organization.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Connie Johnston.

Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children



GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children is designed to encourage all Women's, Junior, Juniorette, and International Affiliate clubs to make a difference in our world by becoming advocates for children. Members may choose to organize projects that benefit children in their community, state, or the world. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Special Programs and CSPs.

CCI associated with this program is “Refresh And Revive”. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives.

Affiliate Organization associated with this program are March of Dimes, Operation Smile, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA), St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign, Hope for Justice and UNICEF USA. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Affiliate Organization.

GFWC-MFWC Co-Chairmen for this program are Jana J. Owen and Ashley Jarrell.

GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (CSPs)

ARTS AND CULTURE



The GFWC Arts And Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support arts activities in their clubs, schools, and communities. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make their world a more beautiful place. As Edgar Degas once said, “Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.” The goal is to create programs and projects that include music, literature, dance, drama, theatre, and other arts-related areas, both traditional and innovative, that cause the world around us to see and feel what they might have only once imagined. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Special Programs and CSPs.

CCI associated with this program is “Community Historical Gems.” This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives.

Affiliate Organization associated with this program are Canine Companions for Independence, Heifer International, March of Dimes, Operation Smile, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA), St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and UNICEF USA. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Affiliate Organization.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Jodie L. Brickson.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH



The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Program reminds members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Volunteering is one of the best ways to put civic duty into action and it is often the first step in building a stronger connection to community, but there are other ways to contribute, such as advocating, fundraising or donating, and problem solving. Locally, even supporting small businesses and keeping an eye on your neighbor can play a part in improving the community. The possibilities are endless. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Special Programs and CSPs.

CCI associated with this program is “A Little Thanks Goes A Long Way”. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives.

Affiliate Organization associated with this program are Canine Companions for Independence, Heifer International, HOBY, March of Dimes, Operation Smile, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA), St. Jude

Children’s Research Hospital, United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign and UNICEF USA. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Affiliate Organization.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Shirley Wiltshire.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES



Education is one of the most important investments that can be made. Across the world, it has proved to be transformative, advancing society as well as self. This quote from Shakuntala Devi enlightens what education is all about “Education is not just about going to school and getting a degree. It’s about widening your knowledge and absorbing the truth about life”. During its history, GFWC has advanced education, in part, through the establishment and support of public libraries. In the 1930’s, the Federation was credited by the American Library Association for establishing 75 percent of America’s public libraries. As clubwomen, GFWC members promote education in both children and adults. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Special Programs and CSPs.

CCI associated with this program is “Bring The Sparkle To Public Libraries”. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives.

Affiliate Organization associated with this program are Canine Companions for Independence, Heifer International, HOBY, Operation Smile, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA), St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign and UNICEF USA. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Affiliate Organization.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Lisa McGee.

ENVIRONMENT



The GFWC Environment Program encourages awareness of our natural resources and caring for the world around us. It offers information and ideas to promote environmental appreciation and protection. Work to preserve, maintain, and restore our natural resources; protect habitats for plants and animals; and develop sustainable habits. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Special Programs and CSPs.

CCI associated with this program is “Community Gardens – Sparkling Seeds, Brilliant Butterflies, Glamorous Garden Gloves!”. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives.

Affiliate Organization associated with this program are Heifer International and UNICEF USA. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Affiliate Organization.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Mikayla Shelton.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



The World Health Organization defines health as “a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. “Wellness has been described as an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life. Wellness is more than being free from illness, it is a dynamic process of change and growth. Additional information can be

downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Special Programs and CSPs.

CCI associated with this program is “Physical Fitness – Give That Glimmer And Glow”. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, 2022-2024 Community Connection Initiatives.

Affiliate Organization associated with this program are Canine Companions for Independence, Heifer International, March of Dimes, Operation Smile, PCAA, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, UNF Shot@Life Campaign and UNICEF USA. This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Affiliate Organization.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Patricia “Pat” B. Lee.

GFWC ADVANCEMENT PLANS (APs)

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Today, communication truly takes on all tactical forms – visual, written, digital, and audible. For your club to become even more efficient and resourceful, you must consider taking the time to develop and execute a strong communications strategy, one that employs all these forms to effectively engage your members. Communications and Public Relations is a wonderful tool for clubwomen. In the GFWC guide, you will find ideas, resources, tools, and tips necessary for achieving successful public relations and professional communications to promote GFWC clubs, districts, states, regions, and the national organization. Public relations covers more than just publicity. The term public relation describes the interrelationships between GFWC, its members, the general public, and other entities, including the government. Our main goal in communications and public relations will be to get the word out to the public about who we are. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Advancement Plans.

GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Projects is promoting club programs, events, and fundraising.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Becky C. Wright.

LEADERSHIP

This Advancement Plan contains valuable information, including practical ideas and resources to assist clubs in developing leadership skills in their members. Whatever talent you use, leadership always involves taking risks, being innovative, and promoting new directions. Some may talk about being born leaders, but most of us learn how to be a strong leader and we should never stop learning and stretching. Just as “management” as a philosophy has evolved through the years into “leadership,” there has also been a growing realization that leadership development involves personal growth and improvement and influencing and fostering others. Both areas have been addressed in this plan, and we are excited to introduce an entirely new resource for members and clubs called the Leadership Toolkit, detailed in this plan. Additionally, we will offer a leadership

development online book club and newsletter content. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Advancement Plans.

GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Project for Leadership is MS LEADS. GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Meri F. Newell.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Sherri E. Reid.

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

For more than a century, GFWC members have advocated to raise awareness of specific issues requiring attention at the national level. Our advocacy efforts are practical not political; through our advocacy, we seek the implementation of practical solutions to problems that are national in scope. Many of those solutions have come in the form of legislative action, with GFWC members having worked to pass laws affecting highway safety, juvenile justice, women's suffrage, the rights of the disabled, equal pay for women, and resources for victims of domestic violence and penalties for domestic abusers. The goals of Legislation/ Public Policy during this administration include: • Educating members about both GFWC's legislative priorities and about how the legislative process works; • Mobilizing our members to raise a united voice to advocate for those priorities; and • Rebuilding the GFWC name into a brand that lawmakers (and others) recognize. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Advancement Plans.

CCI associated with this program is "Legislation/Public Policy Scavenger Hunt Project". This file can be found on the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter L, Legislation.Public Policy Toolkit.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Annajeral Knight.

MEMBERSHIP

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is proudly represented in thousands of communities around the world by dedicated volunteers who work to better the lives of others, make cities and towns better places to live, and extend the hand of friendship to those near and far. We are individuals of diverse talents, interests, and backgrounds united by a dedication to community improvement through volunteer service. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Advancement Plans.

CCI associated with this program is "#IAmGFWC". This file can be found at the bottom of page 1 of the GFWC Guidelines for Membership.

GFWC Membership theme for 2022-2024 is "Sparkle And Shine" Recruitment Campaign. GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Project for Membership is Value of One Member.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford.

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT

Fundraising is beneficial to your community, your club, and its members. Raising capital for a local project, recognized charity, affiliate organization, your club's outreach plans and operations, or GFWC Designated Funds, is also an opportunity to make the achievements of your club known

throughout the community. As they work together on a fundraiser, club members learn new skills and much more. Successful teamwork fosters cooperation, provides a sense of accomplishment, cultivates pride and ownership in the organization, and creates life-long friendships—all while building a stronger and better club. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Advancement Plans.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Belinda Vowell.

WOMEN'S HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC)

The emphasis is to encourage member participation in diverse club and community projects developed to preserve the past, promote the present, and inspire the future. From the Federation's founding in 1890, GFWC members have understood the historic significance of the organization's mission to improve communities through volunteer service. The Women's History and Resource Center of the General Federation of Women's Clubs officially opened at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. on May 1, 1984. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Advancement Plans.

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Jeannie Pittman.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

Epsilon Sigma Omicron is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita dues paying GFWC members. ESO provides clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. ESO goals include: Encouraging clubwomen's pursuit of higher education, creating an additional means to unite women in volunteerism, developing a support network for women returning to school, improving current and develop new study skills, Stimulating systematic home reading, and study with minimal supervision. Encouraging the establishment of home libraries and greater use of public libraries Encouraging the formation of reading/study/discussion groups. Additional information can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter E, Epsilon Sigma Omicron Reading List

GFWC-MFWC Chairman for this program is Laura Ann Trigg

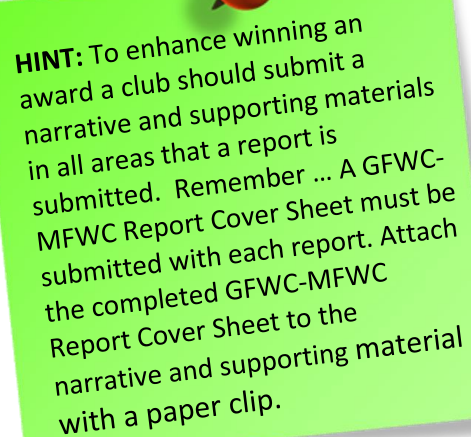
GFWC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

A complete copy of all GFWC Affiliate Organizations can be found on GFWC website at this location: GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter A, Affiliate Organization.

SPECIAL REPORTING TIPS

Listed below are reporting tips that will help you in reporting your clubs volunteer hours and projects.

- Read the GFWC Guidelines for each Special Program, CSP and AP.
- Follow the GFWC Guidelines. This is what makes award-winning clubs.
- Report everything that your club does - if unsure where to report a project, just put in the place where it makes the most sense.
- The number of members involved in the project cannot exceed the number of club members - even if you work with another group - you just have X number of members.
- 1734 Society go under Women's History and Resource Center.
- HOBY should be included in Education and Libraries CSP Report.
- ESO. Projects involving ESO should be reported under Education & Libraries CSP, adhering to GFWC guidelines for ESO. **ESO Books Read (from the GFWC ESO List and the MFWC ESO list) and Hours should be reported on the Statistical Form under ESO.**
- Youth Art should be reported under Arts & Culture.
- *GFWC Clubwoman* should be reported under Advancement Area – Communications.
- In order to “count” for reporting, the activity must be a club-sanctioned event or a club approved event or project.
- Several clubs put monthly report forms for general members in their handbook and have a door prize drawing for those who turned in a report form for that month.
- You may split report, i.e., funds raised, publicity, and the project – but you cannot count in three places. Please make a note when you split report (for example: dollars raised reported under Fundraising).



HINT: To enhance winning an award a club should submit a narrative and supporting materials in all areas that a report is submitted. Remember ... A GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet must be submitted with each report. Attach the completed GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet to the narrative and supporting material with a paper clip.

JUDGING PROCESS

- State Chairmen will judge your report. Neither the GFWC-MFWC President nor GFWC-MFWC Vice President judges any reports.
- Awards will be given to all areas reported on the GFWC-MFWC Statistical report. There will not be separate awards for partnerships as they are included in the CSP reports.
- Chairman do not judge reports in their district.
- Awards for five placements or top five scores will be granted to each District for the CSP, Advancement Plans, and GFWC Signature Programs and GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Programs. Clubs will be awarded these five places according to the top scores at each District Conventions in 2023 and 2024. Clubs will also be awarded at the State level for the top five scores at the State Convention in April.

ELIGIBILITY AND TIMELINES

To have your reports judged and to be eligible for District and State Awards, you must meet these eligibility requirements:

- GFWC-MFWC State dues must be postmarked prior to January 1 each year for club reports to be judged and to be eligible for awards. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or Holiday the form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.
- Reports must be postmarked by February 1. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or Holiday the form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.
- Clubs who submit reports to be judged must submit the GFWC-MFWC Report Cover sheet filled out completely for each GFWC-MFWC Special Projects & Special Emphasis Programs, GFWC Special Programs, GFWC Community Service Programs (CSP) and GFWC Advancement Plans (AP).




SUBMITTING OF CLUB REPORTS

Club reports can be submitted for judging by first class mail or email. Postmark deadline is February 1st for both forms of submission.

- Copies of club reports must be mailed via **first class mail** to the following:
 - Theresa Buntyn, GFWC-MFWC President. Send copies of GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet and narrative for each report. Do not send supporting documents.
 - Meri F. Newell, GFWC-MFWC Vice President/Dean of Chairmen. Send 3 copies (1 original and 2 copies) of GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet, narrative and supporting material for each report.
 - Juniorette Clubs will also need to send a copy of completed reports to Michelle Sutton, GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Director.
- Clubs can submit reports by email in order to save the cost of postage. Copies of club reports can be submitted by **Email** to the following:
 - Theresa Buntyn, GFWC-MFWC President. Send copies of GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet and narrative for each report. Do not send supporting documents.
 - Meri F. Newell, GFWC-MFWC Vice President/Dean of Chairmen. Send copies of GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet, narrative and supporting material for each report.
 - Juniorette Clubs will also need to send a copy of completed reports to Michelle Sutton, GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Director.
- Notes:
 - Each program area must be submitted in separate email. Don't not mix program areas in same email.
 - All required documents must be attached to the same email. Example: the email for any program area should contain the following information - GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet, narrative and supporting material. When submitting reports information for GFWC-MFWC Presidents Project, MPB and State Institutions, be sure to include their individual reports in the email.

GFWC-MFWC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To ensure that accountability throughout the entire reporting process, everyone has roles and responsibilities that should be carried as explained below.

GFWC-MFWC ROLES	RESPONSIBILITIES
GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT – Theresa Buntyn	 Oversight of Dean of Chairmen  Oversight of Reporting Guidelines  Submit State Statistics to GFWC
GFWC-MFWC VICE PRESIDENT DEAN OF CHAIRMEN – Meri F. Newell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and President-elect Serve as the Dean of Community Service Program and Committee Chairmen Staying abreast of revisions and updates from GFWC including keeping members aware of any changes Receive copies of State reports (from clubs), coordinate judging and State Judging Day, prepare state award cards, ribbons and a printed list of awards for convention Receives judged reports from the MFWC Chairmen on judging day and will tabulate reports with the District President and State President to determine winners District Awards and State Awards are determined by the following point sytem: 5 points for first place, 4 points for second place and 3 point for third place, 2 points for fourth place and 1 point for fifth place.
GFWC-MFWC TREASURER – Becky W. Watkins	Provide a list to the State President and Vice President of all clubs who paid dues with a postmark prior to January 1 required for eligibility for reports to be judged.
GFWC-MFWC CHAIRMEN and GFWC-MFWC CO-CHAIRMEN (see next section for a listing of Chairmen and their programs areas.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend all MFWC Board Meetings Networking with GFWC-MFWC Dean of Chairman and act as the liason between clubs and MFWC Share correspondence (newsletters, updates) from the GFWC Chairmen Follow up with club members concerning projects and/or programs relevant to their area Evaluating club report once received to review the statistical data on the cover sheet, narratives and supportive documentation to determine the value to be applied to the scorecard Document the District and State Winners on the GFWC-MFWC forms provided by the Dean of Chairmen. Determine the TOP TEN award winners and the Club Creativity Award for submission to GFWC per GFWC guidelines/forms.
GFWC-MFWC DISTRICT PRESIDENTS – Lisa McGee, Theresa T. Berryhill and Laura Ann Trigg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Judging will take place via email and mailed reports in early February. Tabulate winners using the District and State Award System as follows: 5 points for first place, 4 points for second place and 3 point for third place, 2 points for fourth place and 1 point for fifth place. The District President will compare results with the Dean of

GFWC-MFWC ROLES	RESPONSIBILITIES
	<p>Chairmen to determine the District Clubs of the Year for first, second, third, fourth and fifth place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responsible for ensuring award booklets, arts, crafts , photography and books are collected and distributed to her clubs within her district following both District and State Convention.
GFWC-MFWC CLUB PRESIDENTS – See Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If possible determine or appoint Program Chairmen for Club. ▪ Identify Process for Reporting for Club. ▪ Ensure Statistics and Reports are submitted in a timely manner. <p>Note: Some clubs may have another member such as Vice President or Dean of Chairmen to perform this role.</p>
GFWC-MFWC JUNIORETTE DIRECTOR – Michelle Sutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MFWC Juniorette President have general supervision of, and to promote the work of, all Juniorette Clubs ▪ Attend all Board Members and assist Juniorette Advisors/MFWC Chairmen with Judging Day ▪ Maintain a compiled report of all Juniorette Clubs reporting ▪ Serve on the Membership committee and assist with membership reporting as needed by the President-elect.
GFWC-MFWC Advisor of Junior Clubs – Ashley Williams	

GFWC-MFWC REPORTING FORMS



All GFWC-MFWC Reporting Forms can be downloaded from our website at https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Forms.html.



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GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Project State Institutions Report Form January 1 - December 31 Club Year 2023, Reporting Year 2024

Report Prepared By:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Club Name: _____ District: _____
Town: _____ Number of Members Participating: _____

Statistics:

Mississippi State Hospital	Mississippi School For The Blind
Volunteer Hours: _____	Volunteer Hours: _____
Members Participating: _____	Members Participating: _____
Dollars Contributed: _____	Dollars Contributed: _____

Mississippi School For The Deaf	Ellenville State School
Volunteer Hours: _____	Volunteer Hours: _____
Members Participating: _____	Members Participating: _____
Dollars Contributed: _____	Dollars Contributed: _____

State Veteran's Home: Collins, MS	State Veteran's Home: Jackson, MS
Volunteer Hours: _____	Volunteer Hours: _____
Members Participating: _____	Members Participating: _____
Dollars Contributed: _____	Dollars Contributed: _____

State Veteran's Home: Kosciusko, MS	State Veteran's Home: Oxford, MS
Volunteer Hours: _____	Volunteer Hours: _____
Members Participating: _____	Members Participating: _____
Dollars Contributed: _____	Dollars Contributed: _____

Other State Institutions (As listed on next page)

Volunteer Hours: _____
Members Participating: _____
Dollars Contributed: _____

Total Numbers for All State Institutions

Volunteer Hours: _____
Members Participating: _____
Dollars Contributed: _____

**GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Project
State Institutions Report Form
January 1 – December 31
Club Year 2023, Reporting Year 2024**

Club Name: _____

Services and Contributions to other state Supported Institutions related to the above.

Example

State Institution Report Form Instructions:

1. Use additional pages, if needed, to explain participation and service in these programs.
2. You may include a narrative report if you wish.
3. This report should be included in your report package which must be **postmarked** by **February 1st** of each year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or Holiday the form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

This report is for Program # 3



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GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Project Mississippi Public Broadcasting Report Form January 1 - December 31 Club Year 2023, Reporting Year 2024

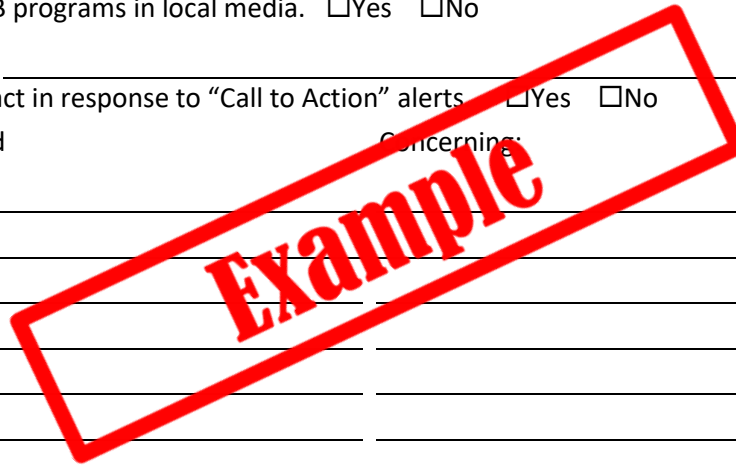
Report Prepared By:

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
 Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Town: _____ Number of Members Participating: _____

Activities:

1. Clubwomen made individual contributions to MPB ☐Yes ☐No Total Contributions: \$ _____
2. Club is a member of MPB ☐Yes ☐No Total Contributions: \$ _____
3. Had a club program promoting MPB. ☐Yes ☐No
4. Promoted membership drive within the community? ☐Yes ☐No Members attained? _____
5. Publicized special MPB programs in local media. ☐Yes ☐No
 What was publicized: _____
6. Made legislative contact in response to "Call to Action" alerts ☐Yes ☐No
 Legislator(s) contacted _____ Concerning: _____

7. Other support for MPB:




You may include a narrative report if you wish. This report should be included in your report package which must be **postmarked** by **February 1st** of each year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or Holiday, the form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

GFWC-MFWC REPORT COVER SHEET

To report your club's statistics, complete one GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet for each GFWC-MFWC Special Projects & Special Emphasis Programs, GFWC Special Programs, GFWC Community Service Programs (CSP) and GFWC Advancement Plans. Activities for Affiliate Organization, such as, HOBY, UNF Shot@Life, Operation Smile and others will be included in the Community Service Program (CSP) area for documentation purposes and no longer be a separate report. That is all you are **required** to do for reporting, but narrative and documentation are necessary for true adjudication


This report is for Program # All



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GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet

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Name of Club: _____ Town: _____

Type of Club: ☐ General ☐ Juniorette District # _____ # of Members: _____ Phone: _____

Name of person preparing report: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

NOTE: USE ONE REPORT COVER SHEET FOR EACH PROJECT, PROGRAM OR SPECIAL EMPHASIS. REPORTS ARE TO BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AND SHOULD COVER ACTIVITIES FROM JAN. 1ST THROUGH DEC. 31ST, 2020

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Special Projects & Special Emphasis:				Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations
MFWC President's Special Project:	1	Plant Recycle Pick It Up					
MFWC Special Emphasis:	2	State Institutions					
MFWC Special Emphasis:	3	Mississippi Public Broadcasting					
GFWC-MFWC TOTALS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS & SPECIAL EMPHASIS:							

GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAMS:			Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations
GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION	4	Community Service Projects				
GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN	5	Community Service Projects				
		Affiliate Organization Projects				
		March of Dimes				
		Operation Smile				
		Prevent Child Abuse America				
		St. Jude Children Research Hospital				
		UNF Shot@Life Campaign				
		UNICEF USA				

Example

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- Mail three copies of each report to: Meri F. Newell, GFWC-MFWC Vice-President, 533 Leeville Road, Petal, MS 39465 (MFWC Report Cover Sheets, up to 3 pages of narratives per GFWC Special Programs, CSP, AP and MFWC Special Projects and up to 3 pages of supporting materials per GFWC Special Programs, CSP, AP and MFWC Special Projects)
- Mail one copy of each report to: Theresa Buntyn, GFWC-MFWC President, P. O. Box 355, Decatur, MS 39327 (MFWC Report Cover Sheets & Narratives only. Do not send supporting materials)
- Juniorette Clubs will mail one completed copy of reports to Michelle Sutton, 309 Spring Hill Drive, Pontotoc, MS 38863.

JUDGING DAY FORMS

The following forms will be use by GFWC-MFWC Chairmen for scoring each club's reports to determine the top 5 clubs in each District and State. **These forms are not to be completed by the General or Juniorette Clubs.**

These forms will be completed in this order:

1. Form C1 – Reporting Card. The Reporting Card is the same for General and Juniorette Clubs
2. Form C2G and C2J – Chairman Tally Sheet for MFWC Special Emphasis Projects, GFWC Special Programs, CSP and AP by Districts
3. Form C3G and C3J – Chairmen Winner for by Area and District.
4. Form C4G and C4J – Chairman State Winner Form

All of the above forms will be completed by the end of Judging Day.

GFWC-MFWC District Presidents will complete the following form:

1. Form DP1G and DP1J – District Winners. This form will help in describing winners at District Conventions.

GFWC-MFWC Vice President and GFWC-MFWC President will complete the following form:

1. Form VP/P1G and VP/P1J – State Winners.

Each of the Judging Day Forms has a number in the upper right-hand corner which indicates who will complete the form, what order the forms is to be completed in and who the form was designed form.

Understanding the Judging Day Form Numbering System:

- C – Stands for the person who will be completing the forms. C - Chairmen, DP – District President, VP/P – State Vice President/ State President
- #1, #2, #3, etc. – The order in which the form is to be completed
- A – Affiliate Organization and/or GFWC-MFWC Chairman's Project for this reporting year
- G – General Clubs
- J – Juniorette Clubs



GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
GFWC-MFWC REPORTING CARD
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Form C1



Reporting Card For _____

Insert Club Name Above

CSP/ADVANCEMENT/ GFWC SIGNATURE / PSP	TOTAL SCORES	COMMENTS
Submitted GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet. Should include club name, district, number of projects, volunteer hours and dollars.	Total: _____ Up to 5 points for this area.	
Narrative. Includes involvement or partnering with other organizations such as schools, civic organizations, health care organizations, churches, etc.	Total: _____ Up to 10 points for this area.	
Financial. Monies raised by club for special projects, taken from club funds or solicited donation to help pay for larger projects. This should include the following: dollars donated, dollars raised, dollars spent and dollars in-kind. Dollars Spent are for Advancement Plans only. Dollars amounts should be the IMPACT made overall financially. Example: Club A with 10 members donates \$2,000 and Club B with 25 members donates \$2,000. Whose club made the most effect? The Chairmen will review the dollar amount and the number of members for review of total points.	Total: _____ Up to 10 points for this area.	
Supportive Documentation. This could include, but not limited to, newspaper clippings, pictures of members participating, certificates, resolutions, thank you notes, copied checks, correspondence, proclamations, and documentation from organizations. All supportive documentation should be current.	Total: _____ Up to 10 points for this area.	
GFWC AFFILIATE PROJECTS OR MFWC CHAIRMAN EMPHASIS PROJECTS. (MFWC chairman special emphasis projects will be listed with GFWC Affiliates) 1 project – 2 pts 2 projects – 4 pts 3 projects – 6 pts 4 projects – 8 pts	Total: _____ Up to 8 points for this area.	

Example



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GFWC-MFWC REPORTING CARD
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Form C1



Reporting Card For _____

Insert Club Name Above

BONUS POINTS	TOTAL SCORES	COMMENTS
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Submitted to GFWC for MFWC TOP TEN 1 Top Ten project – 2 pts 2 Top Ten projects – 4 pts 3 Top Ten projects – 6 pts 4 Top Ten projects – 8 pts 5 Top Ten projects – 10 pts	Total: _____ Up to 10 points for this area.	
Submitted to GFWC for MFWC Creativity Award. Creativity Award Creative Projects. Did the Club build interest in their projects by putting a “creative spin” on their idea or procedure?	Total: _____ Up to 10 points for this area.	

Example

Total Points	_____	_____
Chairman Initials	District: <input type="checkbox"/> Northern <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> Southern	Co-Chairman Initials
_____		_____

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GFWC-MFWC MEMBERSHIP REPORTING CARD
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Form CM1



Reporting Card For _____

Insert Club Name Above

CLUB PARTICIPATION	TOTAL SCORES	COMMENTS
RETENTION - Club maintained the Sustained average number of members from January 2022 to December 2022 (This excludes members that are no longer with us)	Total: _____ Up to 10 points for this area.	
NEW MEMBERS - Club added a minimum of 2 members for time period January 2022 to December 2022.	Total: _____ Up to 10 points for this area.	
CLUB RECRUITMENT EVENT - Club sponsored an event or participated with organizations to share information on volunteer services for GFWC-MFWC and Club membership.	Total: _____ Up to 10 points for this area.	
VALUE OF ONE MEMBER - Narrative explains how one member or more made a difference in retention and/or club members or recruitment.	Total: _____ Up to 20 points for this area.	
GFWC Sparkle and Shine - GFWC'S "Sparkle and Shine MEMBERSHIP" RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN. GFWC Club Participation Club participated in a minimum of one recruitment campaign report period from July 1 to December 1.	Total: _____ Up to 20 points for this area.	
NEW GFWC CLUB - Club sponsored or precepted any new GFWC Club for the reporting time period.	Total: _____ Up to 25 points for this area.	
MEMBERSHIP CREATIVITY AWARD - Did the Club build interest in clubs by putting a "creative spin" for membership.	Total: _____ Up to 25 points for this area.	

Example

Total Points _____

Chairman Initials _____



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Form C2G



CHAIRMAN TALLEY SHEET - MFWC SPECIAL EMPHASIS, GFWC CSP AND AP

Report Area: _____

Club	District	Total Reporting Card	# Club Members	# Projects	Volunteer Hours	CSP Dollars Donated	CSP In-Kind Donation	Advancement Plan Dollars Spent	Fundraising/Development Dollars Raised
Crystal Springs Floral Club	C								
Fortnightly Club of Meridian	C								
*Decatur Woman's Progressive Club	C								
*Florentine Club	C								
*Florentine Evening Club	C								
*Leading Ladies	C								
*Raleigh Woman's Club	C								
*Star Woman's Club	C								
Present Day Club of Union	C								
Quitman Woman's Club	C								
Thursday Club of Walnut Grove	C								
EPHFIC Women's Club of Cleveland	N								
GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club	N								
GFWC Magnolia Junior Woman's Club	N								
*Batesville Woman's Club	N								
*Eupora New Century Club	N								
*Fine Arts Club of Bruce	N								
*Iuka Twentieth Century Club	N								
*Lanier Club	N								
*New Century Club of Calhoun City	N								
*Twentieth Century Club of Bruce	N								
Pontotoc Woman's Club	N								
Twenty-first Century Club of Kosciusko	N								
Woman's Club of Aberdeen	N								
Woman's Club of Booneville	N								
Cosmopolitan Club	S								
Ellisville Fidelity Club	S								
Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro	S								
*Civic Woman's Club of Picayune	S								
*Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.	S								
*Purvis Woman's Club	S								
Lucedale Fine Arts Club	S								
Poplarville Woman's Club	S								
Women's Club of Gulfport	S								

Example

Note: All hours and dollars are to be rounded up or down to whole numbers.

Chairman Initials _____

Co-Chairman Initials _____

*Indicates that GFWC-MFWC is part of the club's official name

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Form C3G



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CHAIRMAN WINNERS FORM FOR EACH PROGRAM BY DISTRICT

Report Area: _____

AWARD	GENERAL CLUB NAME	TOP TEN	CREATIVITY	SPECIAL NOTES
1 st Place				
2 nd Place				
3 rd Place				
4 th Place				
5 th Place				

Example

Chairman's Initials: _____

Co-Chairman's Initials: _____

District: ☐ Northern ☐ Central ☐ Southern

District President: _____

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Form C4G



CHAIRMAN - STATE WINNERS FORM

Report Area: _____

AWARD	GENERAL CLUB NAME	TOP TEN	CREATIVITY	SPECIAL NOTES	TOTAL NUMBERS
1 st Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:
2 nd Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:
3 rd Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:
4 th Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:
5 th Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:

Example

Chairman's Initials: _____

Co-Chairman's Initials: _____

If more room is needed, please continue comments for 1st place club on the back of this sheet.



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GFWC-MFWC DISTRICT WINNERS FORM
 (TO BE COMPLETED BY DISTRICT PRESIDENT)

Report Area: _____

AWARD	GENERAL CLUB NAME	TOP TEN	CREATIVITY	SPECIAL NOTES
1 st Place				
2 nd Place				
3 rd Place				
4 th Place				
5 th Place				

Example

If more room is needed, please continue comments for 1st place club on the back of this sheet. Use this form to describe the award-winning clubs at District Convention.

District President: _____

DISTRICT: ☐ NORTHERN ☐ CENTRAL ☐ SOUTHERN

Dean of Chairman: _____



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Form VP1G

**GFWC-MFWC STATE WINNERS FORM**

AWARD	DISTRICT/ GENERAL CLUB NAME	TOP TEN	CREATIVITY	SPECIAL NOTES	TOTAL NUMBERS
1st Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:
2nd Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:
3rd Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:
4th Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:
5th Place					Projects:
					Hours:
					Dollars:

VP Initials: _____

President Initials: _____

If more room is needed, please continue comments for 1st place club on the back of this sheet.



Examples of State Award Entries (Top Ten) and Club Creativity Award Entries

Example of GFWC Top Projects from the 2020 Award Entries. These programs and projects were selected as the Top Projects by the GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, and Advancement Area Chairmen. The lists were comprised from the State Award Entries (Top Ten) and Club Creativity Award Entries submitted by state chairmen.

See attached file for a complete copy of GFWC Top Projects from the 2021 Award Entries. You may also access/download files from 2018, 2019 and 2020 Award Entries. These can be download from the GFWC Members Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter T.

2021 Reporting Year

JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Egg My Yard

The GFWC Florentine Evening Club (MS) started an Egg My Yard fundraiser. For \$10 per dozen, colorful, plastic eggs filled with candy, stickers, and toys were delivered to people's yards Friday or Saturday evening before Easter for children to find Easter morning. Bunny paw prints and wooden "Easter Bunny" signs were also left. Funds were donated to Love in a Bag, a program that provides nutritious, prepackaged snacks weekly for about 50 students between two elementary schools.

2020 Reporting Year

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Wreaths Across America

GFWC Lanier Club (MS), along with the city of Okolona and Carnegie Library, supported Wreaths Across America. Two hundred and eighty-five wreaths were sold in honor of or in memory of a veteran. Prior to the ceremony, flags were placed on each of the veterans' graves. A ceremony was held on National Wreaths Across America Day in December at Okolona Cemetery with patriotic music playing. The names of all veterans were printed in the local newspaper for 11 weeks.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

SEEDS Reads Program

The GFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce (MS) collaborated with the University of Mississippi's SEEDS Reads Program about food insecurity and food-based STEM education. Members assisted with distributing weekly packets containing lunches and a food-based STEM activity with supplies and a book for children. STEM activities were literary-themed, based on *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Pop Corn Dragon*. Four hundred lunches and packets were delivered to various places.

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Clean Sweep

GFWC Florentine Club (MS) participated in Pearl River's "Clean Sweep" at Belhaven Beach along the Pearl River. This river cleanup event removed 4,000 pounds of trash, including 36 tires.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVANCEMENT PLAN

#IamGFWC

GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club (MS) created 15 testimonial Facebook posts during their October membership drive. Each post highlighted an individual club member using the hashtag #IamGFWC. Posts included the club's name, logo, a photo of the member, and why she belongs to the club. The posts were viewed 6,370 times during the campaign.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT PLAN**Christmas Tasting Takeout**

The Cosmopolitan Club of Petal (MS) planned and prepared 18 food samples of tasty Christmas dishes and placed them in small boxes. The samples coordinated with the accompanying recipe book. The patrons drove through a decorated tent to pick up a box of treats for \$10. The decorations mimicked a Christmas lot with an old station wagon with a tree tied to the top. Through the project, the club raised \$3,050.

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY ADVANCEMENT PLAN**Day at the Capitol**

GFWC MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce (MS) members met at the state capitol in Jackson for American Heart Association Advocacy Day, followed by a visit to the Governor's Mansion. While there, the ladies advocated for bills that would require all schools undergoing major construction renovations to have water bottle refilling stations.

MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT PLAN**Meet and Greet Wine and Cheese Social COVID Style**

The Women's Club of Gulfport (MS) held a drive-through membership recruitment event COVID-19-style with a "P.J. Party" for domestic violence awareness and a "Meet and Greet Wine and Cheese Social" for prospective members. Officers distributed swag bags with wine and cheese to go, "Living the Volunteer Spirit" pamphlets, and information on club projects, as current members drove through to donate pajamas and socks and introduce their guests, resulting in three new members.