

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

*2020-2022 Manual*



**2020-2022 Administration**  
**Sherri E. Reid, President**



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

Manual

# 2020 - 2022

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## 2020 - 2022 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT:

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



Greetings Federation Sisters!

I am so excited and honored to be serving as your GFWC-Mississippi President for this 2020-2022 administration with this theme: *“Do something today that your future self will thank you for!* **Plant –Recycle—Pick it up!** I hope that each club will work to **Plant** something; trees, bushes, vegetables, and/or flowers. Educate yourself on what you can **Recycle** in your area, a way to reuse or upcycle items that you already have, and work to reduce the number of items that are being put in our landfill. **Pick it up!** I see trash all around me and we have got to bring awareness to our community and especially the youth that unsightly litter can stop now. Teach them by example to stop throwing trash on the ground and out of cars. We can change the way our Earth looks. We just have to start **NOW!!** At the end of these two years I want us to be thankful for how we have improved our Earth!



I hope to raise money through the sale of Ways and Means items and donate the profit to Heifer International. One of Heifer International's most important promises is to care for the Earth. Your individual and/or club's tree, bee, water or gardener's donation will help Heifer carry out that mission. Heifer helps the individual receiving the donation become a working part of their community; exactly what GFWC and MF WC promotes, helping our communities.

This handbook provides information about the 2020-2022 Community Service Programs, Advancement Areas, Emphasis, Contests, and Scholarships. Please feel free to duplicate and use any of the materials that are made available. A member directory will also be provided for you to use. Please respect the privacy of our members and do not share contact information with anyone outside of our federation. This information is for our members only. Please feel free to contact those who serve on the GFWC-MF WC Executive Board if you have any questions. You will have all of their contact information in the directory. They are willing to help any and all!

Special emphasis will be given to our State Institutions, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, the Mississippi Library Commission, and ESO. You will find information about these projects within this handbook.

Please note that the General Federation of Women's Clubs has made some changes for 2020-2022. There are now five Community Service Programs. International Outreach has been combined into other CSPs. There are some changes and updates in nearly all the programs. A few programs will change significantly, including the Community Improvement Program, the Photography Contest, the

Signature Program: Domestic Violence, and the Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children. Please take time to look over all of the GFWC Guidelines to become familiar with them.

Be sure to subscribe to News and Notes through the GFWC member Portal at [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org). Every member will need to “join” the member portal to stay up to date on all of the necessary changes and improvements.

I want to thank each member for all you do for our federation. A special thanks goes to those who are serving on the 2020-2022 GFWC-MFWC Executive Board. I appreciate all that you do every day to improve your communities. Your suggestions are always welcome. Contact me anytime by text or email and after 5 pm by phone. I appreciate all your efforts to make our future selves proud!!

All my best,  
Sherri

Sherri E. Reid  
2020-2022 GFWC-MFWC President

## GFWC-MFWC IMPORTANT DATES 2020-2022 ADMINISTRATION

### 2020

July 17	Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting
July 18	Summer Board Meeting & Summer Institute Meeting (Zoom)
July 25	Juniorette Retreat, Asbury United Methodist Church, Petal, MS
October 29- November 1	GFWC Southern Region Conference, Huntsville, AL
November 1	MFWC State Club Dues must be postmarked by this date each year to receive Honor Club status

### 2021

January 1	MFWC State <b>Club Dues</b> must be postmarked by this date each year for club reports to be judged and to be eligible for awards
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February 19	Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting
February 20	Winter Board Meeting & Judging Day
March 1	<b>Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship application and Club History Form</b> must be postmarked by this date each year to be eligible for consideration.
March 1	<b>Jennie Award nominations</b> must be postmarked by this date to be eligible for consideration.
March 6	Central District Convention, Raleigh, MS.
March 13	Northern District Convention
March 15	<b>Newsletter Contest</b> entries must be sent via postal mail and postmarked by March 15 <sup>th</sup> in the year in which they will be judged
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March 20	Southern District Convention, Bude, MS.
April 4	Easter
April 18-24	GFWC Volunteers in Action Week
April 22 – 24	123 <sup>rd</sup> Annual GFWC-MFWC State Convention
April 24	GFWC Federation Day
June 24	GFWC Convention Tour
June 25	GFWC LEADS, Board of Directors Meeting, State Night Banquet
June 26-28	2020 GFWC Annual Convention, Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel   Toronto, Canada
July 16	Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting
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July 24	Juniorette Retreat
October 21-24	GFWC Southern Region Conference, Florida.
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June 28	Installation of 2022-2024 GFWC Officers

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**President's Special Project**  
**2020-2022**

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# GENERAL FEDERATION *of* WOMEN'S CLUBS

*Your International Organization*



Dear Fellow Members,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2020-2022 GFWC Administration and am so honored to serve as your 53<sup>rd</sup> GFWC International President. I hope you are as eager as I am to embrace the many opportunities of leadership, service, and fellowship that will be ours over the next two years. I plan to serve both GFWC and our communities, here and around the world, to the full extent of my energy and abilities, and I know that I can count on you to be there with me!



Just weeks ago, GFWC marked 130 years since 63 woman's clubs met in New York City to ratify our constitution and, thus, to launch the first volunteer organization for women. The world has faced many challenges since that time, and now, with illness and unrest spreading throughout our country, we also will be tested. Like the women who have gone before us, I am certain we will rise to the challenge. Our commitment is as strong as ever.

In preparing for this Administration, I have worked with the Strategic Planning Committee to generate new ideas and to set achievable goals. I am particularly proud of our efforts to streamline and modernize the Federation, and I hope you will help us continue that process. Your leaders have also carefully studied information garnered through member surveys and dialogs, and used it to revitalize our Special Programs, Community Service Programs, and Advancement Plans. Many thanks to the Executive Committee and the Chairmen and Committee Members who brought these plans to fruition.

As clubwomen, we gain strength and confidence from every volunteer experience. When we work together, **no dream is too big**. We believe in new beginnings, as symbolized by a rising sun, and the skill and passion that grows from opportunity and optimism.

Thank you for placing your trust in me. I am excited by the prospect of serving shoulder-to-shoulder, and I sincerely appreciate your contributions to what I know will be an exhilarating and memorable endeavor for us all.

Yours in **Living the Volunteer Spirit!**

Marian Simmons-St.Clair, GFWC International President

**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
2020-2022 GFWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**GFWC International President**

**Marian St.Clair**  
(Greenville, SC)

[Bio](#)

**GFWC President-elect**

Debra "Deb" Strahanoski  
(Joliet, IL)

**GFWC First Vice-President**

Suellen Brazil  
(Daphne, AL)

**GFWC Second Vice-President**

Wendy Carriker  
(Mount Airy, NC)

**GFWC Secretary**

Jolie Frankfurth  
(Tampa, FL)

**GFWC Treasurer**

Mary Beth Williams  
(Colorado Springs, CO)

**Director of Junior Clubs**

Kristina Higbee  
(Oconomowoc, WI)

**Parliamentarian**

Ida Dorvee  
(Roswell, GA)

**2020-2022 GFWC – SOUTHERN REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
(Aruba, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina)**

**President**

Cynthia Geis  
(Alabama)

**Vice-President**

Joyce Johnston  
(Florida)

**Secretary**

Laurie O'Kelly  
(South Carolina)

**Treasurer**

Dr. Tammie M. McCoy  
(Mississippi)

**Parliamentarian**

# The Alabama Federation of Women's Club

Invite you to



## **Blast Off** to Huntsville for the **2020 GFWC Southern Region Conference**

**October 29 – November 1, 2020**  
**Huntsville, Alabama**





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

## *Your State Organization*

## ABOUT THE GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

### GFWC-MFWC Headquarters

The beautiful Headquarters building of the General Federations of Women's Clubs (GFWC) – Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. (GFWC-MFWC) is located at 2407 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi. It was built in 1935 by WPA labor and funding from the GFWC-MFWC on property owned by the State of Mississippi. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated a state landmark. In 2001, the Mississippi Legislature approved the funding of a complete restoration of this historic building. Due to the efforts of several GFWC-MFWC administrations and the generosity of the Mississippi Legislature, work began on the restoration in 2003. Although the structural renovations are complete, work continues to refurbish the interior and to landscape the exterior of the beloved GFWC-MFWC home.

The Headquarters property is leased from the State of Mississippi. The current lease, renewed in 2015, requires a rental sum of \$500 per month. The federation is allowed to meet this obligation with in-kind volunteer contributions to permanently improve the Headquarters, support state institutions (such as the Schools for the Deaf and Blind and the State Hospital at Whitfield) or any other state agency, or provide services or carry out programs in the areas of Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues, which further the State's interests in these areas.

**Your help is needed!** Your volunteer hours help pay the Headquarters property rent. Please report your volunteer hours to Miranda Vaughn, GFWC-MFWC Headquarters Chairman. The easiest way to do this is to provide Miranda with a copy of your reporting cover sheet (which tallies all of your club's volunteer hours in every program area) each year.

### GFWC-MFWC Purpose

The purpose of the GFWC-MFWC shall be to bring the women of the state together for mutual helpfulness and for united action in promoting the general welfare of the State.

### GFWC-MFWC Motto

At the first meeting of the Mississippi Federation, the delegates adopted the motto of growth still used by the Federation today, "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear". This quotation is from Mark 4:28.

### GFWC-MFWC Mission Statement

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.

### GFWC-MFWC Emblem

During the presidency of Josie Frazee Cappleman of Okolona, a committee was appointed to choose an emblem for the GFWC-MFWC. In April 1903, a design submitted by Julia Knox Houseman, a clubwoman artist of note, was approved as the official emblem of the GFWC-MFWC. This was a circlet of pink enamel edge with gold. Inscribed around the circlet in black letters were the words "Mississippi Federation of Women's Club" and within the circlet was a graceful sprig of the Federation flower, the cotton boll, flower and leaves. In 1914, feeling that green was more in keeping with the cotton plant and realizing that pink enamel changed color when fired, Colie Covington introduced a resolution to change the Mississippi Federation colors from pink and white to green and white. This was unanimously adopted. The emblem remained the same in design, but is now green and white. The initials

GFWC for General Federation of Women's Clubs have been added in the circlet preceding Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs.

### GFWC-MFWC 2020-2022 President's Special Project

For the 2020-2022 Administration, President Sherri E. Reid has picked "Do something today that your future self will thank you for! - Plant  Recycle  Pick It Up .

The GFWC-MFWC will be making monetary donations to Heifer International for the following programs: Water For Life, Gift of Trees and HoneyBees. Visit Heifer International at this link: <https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/caring-for-the-earth/index.html> for Water For Life and Gift of Trees and this link for HoneyBees: <https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/animals/gift-of-honeybees.html>.

### GFWC-MFWC President's Administration Theme

The GFWC-MFWC President's Theme for the 2020-2022 administration is Do something today that your future self will thank you for! - Plant  Recycle  Pick It Up 

### Other Programs and Projects to Receive Special Emphasis During the 2020-2022 Administration

1. **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.
2. **Mississippi State Institutions**, specifically the Ellisville State School in Ellisville, MS, Mississippi School for the Deaf and Mississippi School for the Blind located in Jackson, MS, Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield, MS and State Veteran's Homes in Collins, Jackson, Kosciusko and Oxford, MS.
3. **ESO.** Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita paying GFWC federated club members. ESO provides clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF GFWC-MFWC, INC. 1898-2020

In 1898, Mississippi women launched out into broader fields by the organization of the GFWC-MFWC and joined hands with other women in the nation in an effort to bring about a deeper appreciation of all that is true and beautiful in life by service to humanity.

Mrs. Fannie Clark Coleman, of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club in Kosciusko, had become interested in a new organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, through articles published in *Harper's Bazaar*. She and her fellow club members discussed the idea of a Mississippi state organization and decided to call a meeting of representatives of all well-known women's clubs in the state.

With hope and confidence, delegates from several Mississippi towns met at the courthouse in Kosciusko on May 25, 1898. The Kosciusko club served as hostess. The constitution and bylaws for the new organization were read and adopted. Mrs. D.N. Hebron of Vicksburg served as chairman and later was elected the first president. In 1904, it became a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest women's volunteer organization in the world.

As the clubs organized, chiefly for the purpose of mutual improvement, naturally the first work outlined by the new administration was along educational lines. Scholarships were established in state colleges for deserving girls, books were assembled for traveling libraries to be loaned to rural schools and traveling art exhibits were purchased and sent around to the schools.

Local clubs determine their own activities within the guidelines of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. which address the diverse needs of their communities, recognize women's past achievements, encourage literacy for children and adults and encourage good health practices. GFWC-MFWC joins forces with other organizations to increase awareness of and prevent child abuse and domestic violence. Members of this volunteer service organization strive to serve their local communities, states, the nation and the world.

Among the projects of this organization during its more than 100-year history are:

- In 1898, established a traveling library that was predecessor of the bookmobile
- Supported the Child Labor Law
- Sold war bonds to purchase WWII bombers
- Helped organize and support the Mississippi Library Commission
- Was instrumental in establishment of Mississippi Forestry Commission
- Helped organize and establish Mississippi Educational Television (now MPB)
- Built two schools in Honduras through CARE
- Planted two entrances into Mississippi through the Avenue of Magnolias
- Established 75% of Mississippi public libraries
- Built four cabins, a bathhouse, a pavilion, a pier, a nature walk and a butterfly garden at the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield
- Purchased computer and other technical equipment for the Mississippi School for the Blind
- Built playground for the Mississippi School for the Deaf and sponsored a scholarship for deaf students to attend NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, AL
- Makes monetary and other contributions to the Mississippi School the Deaf, Mississippi School of the Blind and Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield on an annual basis
- Placed a book on Lupus and a *History of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs* in all public libraries in the state
- Purchased office equipment for the Lupus Foundation in Jackson, MS
- Donated and raised funds to establish a breast cancer screening program with the Mississippi Department of Health for younger, underserved women
- Provides a large percentage of the scholarships to HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth) Leadership seminars
- Sponsors Youth Art contest for students in grades 1-12
- Gives scholarships yearly to women for undergraduate and graduate work
- Built three habitat homes, provided the owners with household items and new furniture, and gave thousands of dollars in Lowe's gift cards for supplies for the 2006-2008 President's Special Project Habitat for Humanity as of 12/31/2007
- Raised over \$80,000 in cash, food cards, gas cards and toys for the first ever Pediatric Care Family Emergency Needs Fund at Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the 2008-2010 President's Special Project as of 12/31/2009
- Volunteered 10,264 hours along with \$131,035 donation for the 2010-2012 President's Special Project - Feeding Fellow Mississippians as of 12/31/2011.
- Volunteered on 450 projects for 24,000 hours and donated \$81,000 for the 2012-2014 President's Special Project - Honoring Past Gifts While Celebrating The Present...Freedom To Volunteer! as of 12/31/2013.

- Volunteered on 379 projects for 24,000 hours and donated \$186,636 for cancer services and research, including contributions to establish the Hope Lodge in Jackson, MS to the 2014-2016 President's Special Project – *Bringing Hope – Changing Lives* as of 12/31/2015.
- Volunteered on 200 projects for 2,932 hours and donated \$62,012 for the 2016-2018 President's Special Project – EXPRESS Yourself! Art at the T. K. Martin Center on the campus of Mississippi State University with \$30,337 of that amount establishing the GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC. EXPRESS YOURSELF ART ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENT.
- Volunteered on 434 projects for 22,209 hours and donated \$67,845 for heart disease research and services, including contributions of \$24,000 to the Mississippi Chapters of the American Heart Association in Jackson, MS to the 2018-2020 President's Special Project – *Empowering the Heart to Make A Difference: Detect. Correct. Protect.* as of 12/31/2019.

## GFWC-MFVC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS 1898 - 2020

<b>President</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Term</b>
* Elizabeth Hebron	Vicksburg	1898-1900
* Daisy Weems	Meridian	1900-1902
* Josie Frazee Cappleman	Okolona	1902-1904
* Mattie Lott	Meridian	1904-1906
* Elizabeth Jones	Crystal Springs	1906-1908
* Etta Mills	McComb	1908-1910
* Daisy Lampkin	Friars Point	1910-1912
* Anne Wright	Jackson	1912-1914
* Emily Price	Magnolia	1914-1916
* Marjorie McGehee	Como	1916-1918
* Janie Saunders	Swan Lake	1918-1920
* Katherine Covington	Summit	1920-1922
* Mrs. J. C. Hardy	Gulfport	1922-1924
* Blanche Ralston	Coahoma	1924-1926
* Susie V. Powell	Jackson	1926-1928
* Catherine Haley	Okolona	1928-1930
* Rosabel Foreman	Meridian	1930-1932
* Mrs. O. B. Taylor	Jackson	1932-1934
* Lillian Coulter	Columbia	1934-1936
* Mamie Wilson	Hazlehurst	1936-1938
* Gladys Nash	West Point	1938-1940
* Birdie Ellis	Meridian	1940-1942
* Willie Beckett Howorth	West Point	1942-1944
* Orell Pitard	Jackson	1944-1946
* Corrine Mitts	Enterprise	1946-1948
* Hattie Gautier	Pascagoula	1948-1950
* Effie Neal	Jackson	1950-1952
* Zou Eddie Pierce	Greenwood	1952-1954
* Doris Patterson	Pontotoc	1954-1956
* Anna Mary Davis	Hattiesburg	1956-1958
* Evelyn Davis	Union	1958-1960
* Fannie Lois Kilpatrick	Fulton	1960-1962
* Evelyn Burson	Long Beach	1962-1964
* Mary Lou McKie	Pickens	1964-1966
* Effie Perry	Philadelphia	1966-1968
* Miriam Simmons	Columbia	1968-1970
* Kitty Grafton	Picayune	1970-1972
* Jonnie Riley	New Hebron	1972-1974
* Elizabeth Powers	Greenwood	1974-1976
* Peggie Herrington	Natchez	1976-1978
* Jean Brett	Laurel	1978-1980
* Rachel Malone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982
* Betty Jo Dulaney	Tunica	1982-1984

## GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS 1898 - 2020

<b>President</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Term</b>
* Gladys Jackson	Jackson	1984-1986
Ivous Sisk	Fulton	1986-1988
* Julia Algood	Jackson	1988-1990
* Mary Arndt	Ocean Springs	1990-1992
* Rowena Drinkwater	Clinton	1992-1994
Martha Fisher	Blue Mountain	1994-1996
Sue Thompson	Meridian	1996-1998
Jo Anne Reid	Ackerman	1998-2000
Tommye Rosenbaum	Walnut Grove	2000-2002
Celia Fisher	Okolona	2002-2004
Deborah Dickens	Prentiss	2004-2006
Judy Thomas Martin	Raleigh	2006-2008
Carolyn C. Huey	Picayune	2008-2010
Tammie M. McCoy	Pontotoc	2010-2012
Suzanne Byrd Poynor	Florence	2012-2014
Darlene C. Adams	Picayune	2014-2016
Tinker Forrester	Ackerman	2016-2018
Becky C. Wright	Banner	2018-2020

\* deceased

## GFWC- MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

### 2020-2022 DIRECTORY

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 2020-2022 Directory will be provided as a separate document. Please contact Lisa A. Harris at lisaharris@outlook.com for an electronic copy of our directory. You will need to provide your name and your club name for verification. We are doing this to protect against identity theft of your contact information and photograph. Please do not share the information in this directory with anyone outside our organization.

### 2020-2022 CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

The GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules is provided as a separate document under the title of Governance. This document is available for viewing, downloading and printing from our website at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Club\\_Resources.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Club_Resources.html).

# Awards, Contests, Grants & Scholarships Guidelines & Rules



## AWARDS, CONTEST & GRANTS GUIDELINES FOR GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) gives awards for outstanding achievements on an annual or biennial basis at its Annual Convention. Awards are given to clubs and State Federations to recognize their efforts in the program and partnership areas within each GFWC Community Service Program and Special Programs. In addition to the GFWC Community Service Program and Special Programs awards, GFWC also provides awards to recognize individual member accomplishments, club activities, and community improvement efforts.

2020-2022 GFWC AWARDS CATEGORIES

### AWARDS CATEGORIES

BASED ON GFWC MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF JUNE 1, 2020

**CATEGORY 1**  
3,500 Members or more  
(5 States)

California	11,157
Florida	8,407
New Jersey	6,429
Illinois	4,090
Virginia	3,662

**CATEGORY 2**  
1,600-3,499 Members  
(6 States)

Texas	2,599
North Carolina	2,578
Pennsylvania	2,078
West Virginia	1,930
Georgia	1,811
Wisconsin	1,643

**CATEGORY 3**  
1,100-1,599 Members  
(9 States)

Kentucky	1,537
Michigan	1,521
Massachusetts	1,488
Connecticut	1,399
Alabama	1,254
Missouri	1,219
Tennessee	1,172
South Carolina	1,115
Maryland	1,110

**CATEGORY 4**  
700-1,099 Members or more  
(8 States)

Ohio	1,033
Mississippi	993
New York	983
Arizona	969
Minnesota	870
Delaware	821
Iowa	776
New Hampshire	747

**CATEGORY 5**  
249-699 Members  
(11 States)

Montana	599
Oklahoma	500
Nebraska	475
Kansas	442
Wyoming	420
Arkansas	395
Washington	373
Maine	356
Indiana	331
Louisiana	324
New Mexico	266
Colorado	250

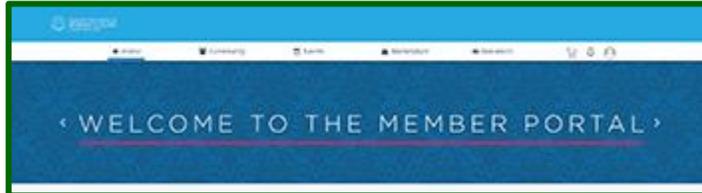
**CATEGORY 6**  
Fewer than 249 Members  
(12 States)

Rhode Island	197
Vermont	193
Nevada	188
Utah	178
Oregon	172
Alaska	159
Idaho	132
North Dakota	123
South Dakota	100
District of Columbia	9
Hawaii	2

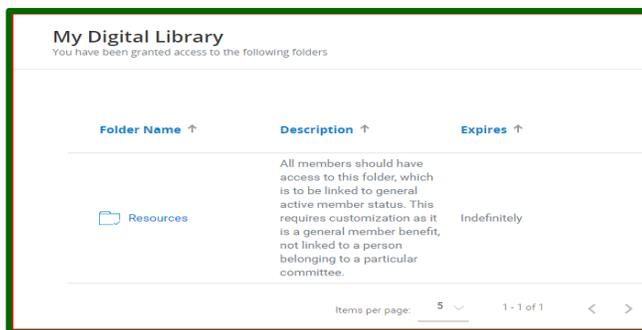
## GFWC MEMBERS PORTAL

Among the many member benefits offered, GFWC's Member Portal has a more sophisticated documents library than [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org). MemberSuite, the system hosting the Member Portal, allows you to download documents much faster! And after August 1, GFWC resources will only be available by logging into the GFWC Member Portal and clicking on "My Digital Library."

Use this link to access the GFWC Member Portal: <https://gfwc.users.membersuite.com/home>.



Once you have signed into the Member Portal, click your profile button, from the drop-down list, click on My Digital Library. Click on "Resources" folder, and it will bring up all resources that you have been granted access to. As has been the case on [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org), documents are filed according to the name of each document. In addition, you'll be able to see the date and time that the document was last updated—a feature not available on GFWC's website.



If you are having difficulties logging in, please contact GFWC staff Monday – Friday, 9 am - 4 pm, by emailing [gfwc@gfwc.org](mailto:gfwc@gfwc.org) or by calling 1-800-443-4392.

## GFWC AWARDS

### GFWC Community Impact Program Award

The newly updated GFWC Community Impact Program Award offers GFWC clubs' financial incentive to implement projects designed to impact a specific problem in their community. The CIP Award is designed to accommodate the many ways that clubs currently function and to provide added flexibility in the implementation of up to three projects that have a meaningful impact on a particular problem, from "done in a day" efforts to those that could require more rigorous planning and implementation.

Projects MUST be accomplished during the program period: January 1, 2020 to December 21, 2021.

Additional information, including application form, can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Awards and Contest.

**Postmark Deadline:**

Entry must be postmarked by February 22, 2022. Please note: if the postmark deadline for an application /form falls on a Sunday or Holiday, the application/form MUST be postmarked prior to postmark deadline.

**Mail To:**

Mail entries to Penny Barr, Community Impact Program Award Chairman.

**GFWC Jennie Award**

The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. They are chosen by their clubs to compete at state, region, and national levels for their outstanding personal commitment to club, community, and family.

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym, "Jennie June." The award highlights those extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. In fact, it is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC.

Additional information, including application form, can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Awards and Contest.

**Postmark Deadline:**

Entry must be postmarked by March 1, 2021. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail entries to Sherri E. Reid, GFWC-MFWC President.

**GFWC CONTESTS**

GFWC sponsors a number of contests for individual members, clubs, and State Federations. For more information about each of these contests, including contact information for the national chairman, recommended contest ideas, rules, deadlines, and instructions on how to enter, read each Contest's section in the GFWC Club Manual.

**GFWC Newsletter Contest**

The GFWC Newsletter Contest encourages clubs and State Federations to establish a strong newsletter program aimed at increasing awareness about ongoing projects, programs, events and issues that affect GFWC members and communities. This type of publication need not be elaborate or lengthy. Substance is more important than style. A newsletter should be informative and generate enthusiasm, all while contributing to public relations outreach, membership recruitment and retention, and program development.

Additional information, including application form, can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Awards and Contest.

**Postmark Deadline:**

Entry must be postmarked by March 15 of each year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail entries Karyn Charvat GFWC Newsletter Contest Chairman 716 Wildflower Circle, Naperville, IL 60540. *The envelope must be clearly marked GFWC Newsletter Contest.*

**GFWC Website Contest**

The Website Contest aims to challenge clubs and State Federations to employ their websites as membership tools with organized and updated content that presents a professional and credible source of information. A website that is updated weekly presents the information to your members and potential members in a timely manner. This is a great source to spread the word of Federation on the web.

Additional information, including application form, can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Awards and Contests.

**Postmark Deadline:**

The submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 15 in the year in which website entries will be judged.

**Email To:**

Submissions must be made via email to [karyncharvat@comcast.net](mailto:karyncharvat@comcast.net). The subject line of the submission email must read Website Contest Entry.

**GFWC Photography Contest**

The GFWC Photography Contests encourages members' artistic expression and visual storytelling, while recognizing originality, visual impact, and technical skill in photography. GFWC offers two opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests, **THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST** and **GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST**.

**THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST.**

1. These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, as expressed in these three categories:
  - a. **Our World Up Close** - Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world.
  - b. **Natural Wonders** - Use wide angles and panoramas, or moody landscape images to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfall, oceans, desert, or any other magnificent vista.
  - c. **Reflections** - Feature a setting, situation or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.
2. **GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION.** These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer or celebrate, in groups or one-on-one.



**Photography Contest Label:**

Printable copies of the Photography Contest Label can be found on the GFWC-MFWC website by using this link: [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC MFWC Forms/Photography Contest Label.pdf](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFWC_Forms/Photography_Contest_Label.pdf).

Additional information, including application form, can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources.

**Deadline:**

Entry must be presented to the District Photography Contest Chairman before 9:15 a.m. on the morning of your District Convention with correct labeling properly attached and a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver included for each photograph submitted.

### GFWC Writing Contests

Are you a storyteller? Share your creativity and inspire others. Use your own life experiences to create fictional narratives and poetry. GFWC sponsors this creative writing contest for members and community youth to foster community spirit, talents, and growth. Write with heart and soul but be mindful that the elements of a short story are vividly presented, namely the setting, characters, plot, conflict, climax, and theme. Display your talents and be awarded for it!

There are four categories for entries:

- GFWC Member Short Story Writing Contest
- GFWC Member Poetry Writing Contest
- Youth Short Story Writing Contest
- Youth Poetry Writing Contest

Additional information, including application form, can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Awards and Contests.

**Postmark Deadline:**

Entry must be postmarked by February 1 of each year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail entries to Jane McArthur, Writing Contest Chairman.

### GFWC Creative Arts Waiver

A GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted in the following contests:

- GFWC Photography Contest
- GFWC Writing Contest (Poetry and Short Story)

Additional information, including application form, can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Awards and Contests.

## GFWC GRANTS

Grants and other funding resources are available from GFWC and our partners for specific programs and projects. Grants vary in amount and in recommended use. New funding opportunities are announced on GFWC's website and in our e-newsletter. Applications forms are quick and easy to complete; grant winners typically are required to submit a short evaluation form describing how they used the funds.

## Membership Grants

GFWC grants are available to clubs to assist with recruitment efforts and to Districts to assist with club-building efforts. Designated for each GFWC fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends June 30, GFWC offers \$50 to clubs for member recruitment programs and \$100 to Districts for club-building programs.

To apply for a membership grant, download application from GFWC Member Portal. Return the form to GFWC at least 45 days prior to the event. GFWC will award no more than one grant per club or District per GFWC fiscal year.

Additional information, including application form, can be downloaded from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter G, Grants.

## AWARDS, CONTESTS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES FOR GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

### Mississippi Arts & Crafts Contest

1. Arts & Crafts will be exhibited and judged at the District Level only. Your arts & crafts exhibits may be the highlight of your District Convention. Please plan to participate.
2. Exhibits must be signed in at time of delivery and signed out at the conclusion of the convention.
3. Each entry must have a typed or printed label specifying the following: Clubwoman name, complete name of sponsoring club, the GFWC-MFWC District, and classification of the entry.
4. Entries must have been made during the current biennium.
5. Paintings may be matted and framed.
6. The classifications listed below are not inclusive. You may add to the classifications as needed.

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Candlewick           | • French Hand Sewing                | • Sculpture                 |
| • Counted Cross Stitch | • Fine Sewing                       | • Stamping                  |
| • Cross Stitch         | • Holiday Decorations               | • Stenciling                |
| • Crewel               | • Knitting                          | • Wall Hanging              |
| • Crochet              | • Metal Crafts                      | • Wearable Art – Apparel ** |
| • Ceramics             | • Miss. Creations*                  | • Wearable Art – Jewelry ** |
| • China Painting       | • Needlepoint                       | • Weaving                   |
| • Decorative Painting  | • Painting (Watercolor, oils, etc.) | • Wood Working              |
| • Decoupage            | • Paper Mache                       |                             |
| • Dolls                | • Pottery                           |                             |
| • Embroidery           | • Quilting                          |                             |

\* Mississippi Creations – Entries must be made from natural, Mississippi products, such as wood weeds, bark, shells, rice, soybeans, etc.

\*\* Wearable Art – Clothing/millinery may be made from hand-loomed, knitted, crocheted or any other handmade fabric. Clothing/millinery may also be purchased, but designs must be original. Jewelry of any material is acceptable. Designs must be original.

**GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman Arts/Craft Exhibit Card:**



Printable copies of the GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman Arts/Craft Exhibit Card can be found on the GFWC-MFWC website at [https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms/Recurring/Arts\\_Craft\\_Exhibit\\_Cards\\_2020.pdf](https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFWC_Forms/Recurring/Arts_Craft_Exhibit_Cards_2020.pdf).

**Deadline:**

Entries must be presented to the District Arts/Craft Contest Chairman before 9:15 a.m. on the morning of your District Convention.

**Youth Art Contest**

District First Place entries go directly to the State level competition.

**Classes:**

- A – Students receiving lessons from private teachers
- B – Students receiving instructions as part of a school curriculum with a certified art teacher
- C – Students receiving no art instruction from private or certified art teacher; classroom teachers giving art instruction in the classroom would fall in this category

**Divisions:**

- Division 1 – Kindergarten – Grade 1
- Division 2 – Grades 2 & 3
- Division 3 – Grades 4, 5, & 6
- Division 5 – Grades 10, 11, & 12

**Rules:**

1. Entries must be sponsored by a GFWC-MFWC member Club.
2. Each Club may submit two entries in each of the five divisions of the three classes.
3. Typewritten identification cards must be firmly **attached to the back of each entry**. The label should contain the following information: Class, Division, Student's name and the complete name of the sponsoring club, city and GFWC-MFWC District. See example below.
4. All work must be original, done within the last 12 months. Items previously entered in GFWC-MFWC contests are ineligible.
5. Any pastel or charcoal must be sprayed with a fixative or covered with transparent material.
6. Dimensions: Before matting, minimum size must be at least 8½ x 11 inches and maximum size must not exceed 20 x 24 inches.
7. Mats and frames: it is preferred that entries be matted or attached to a firm backing. Mats should be stiff enough to stand. Cover pictures with transparent materials to protect if desired. **DO NOT USE GLASS** on entries.

**Youth Art Contest Identification Card:**



Printable copies of the Identification Card can be found on the GFWC-MFWC website at [https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms/Recurring/Youth\\_Art\\_Cards\\_2020.pdf](https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFWC_Forms/Recurring/Youth_Art_Cards_2020.pdf).

**Deadline:**

Entries must be presented to the District Youth Contest Chairman or Arts/Craft Contest Chairman before 9:15 a.m. on the morning of your District Convention.

## Youth Art Challenge Contest

This Youth Art Challenge is for students receiving no art instruction from private teacher(s) or certified art teacher; teachers giving art instruction in the self-contained classroom would fall in this category. The students who receive some type of professional art instruction will be considered only if they have never had an opportunity to participate in the MFWC Youth Art Contest. This competition focuses on low-incidence disability students who are considered "self-contained." Special education course codes begin with a 13. If student has all course codes beginning with 13, the student is considered self-contained. The low incidence disabilities that may be considered self-contained include: autism, deaf-blind, developmentally delayed, emotional disability, hearing impaired, intellectual disability, multiple disability, orthopedically impaired, traumatic brain injury, and visually impaired. This would not include students ruled eligible for special education services who might have an opportunity to take part in the GFWC-MFWC Youth Art Contest due to participation in a regular education classroom.

Teachers and/or special education supervisors must be allowed to choose the artwork to be presented for judging. Every effort must be made to protect the confidentiality of the students. Personally, identifiable information should be limited in any advertisement, newspaper article, or signage. It is important that parents are made aware that their child's name and artwork will be displayed at district and state competitions. Clubs should consider a signed parental consent form to be sure parents are made aware.

District first place entries will go directly to state level competition. First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded in each division.

### Divisions:

- Division 1 – Ages 3 - 5
- Division 2 – Ages 6 - 8
- Division 3 – Ages 9 - 12
- Division 4 – Ages 13 - 15
- Division 5 – Ages 16 - 21

### Rules:

1. Entries must be sponsored by an GFWC-MFWC member club.
2. Each club may submit two entries in each of the five divisions.
3. Typewritten identification cards must be firmly attached to the back of each entry. The label should contain the following information: Student's name, Age, Division, and the complete name of the sponsoring club, city, and GFWC-MFWC district. See example below.
4. All work must be original, done within the last 12 months. Items previously entered in GFWC-MFWC contests are ineligible.
5. Any pastel or charcoal must be sprayed with a fixative or covered with transparent material.
6. Dimensions: Before matting, minimum size must be at least 8-1/2 x 11 inches and maximum size must not exceed 20 x 24 inches.
7. Mats and Frames: It is preferred that entries be matted or attached to a firm backing. Mats should be stiff enough to stand. Cover pictures with transparent materials to protect if desired. Do not use glass on entries.

### Youth Art Challenge Contest Identification Card:



Printable copies of the Identification Card can be found on the GFWC-MFWC website by using this link:

[https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms/Youth\\_Art\\_Challenge\\_Contest\\_Cards.pdf](https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFWC_Forms/Youth_Art_Challenge_Contest_Cards.pdf).

**Deadline:**

Entries must be presented to the District Youth Contest Chairman or Arts/Craft Contest Chairman before 9:15 a.m. on the morning of your District Convention.

**Books Contests**

Each District Chairman should judge the books according to the guidelines listed below. The same criteria will be used for state judging. General and Juniorette clubs are judged separately.

**District Contest**

All scrapbooks and yearbooks judged first place shall be taken by the GFWC-MFWC President to the State Books Chairman. The District Books Chairman is responsible for placing them in the GFWC-MFWC President's car. The District Book Chairman should make two lists of the books going forward, giving one to the GFWC-MFWC President and keeping one for herself. All other books must be picked up at the close of the District Convention by the sponsoring club.

**State Contest**

All entries in the state competition must be picked up at the designated time at the State Convention by the sponsoring club. If no one from the club is present, the District President should pick up all books from her District.

**Scrapbooks**

The purpose of the scrapbook is to preserve memories for future generations of your club's activities and achievements.

- a. Scrapbooks will be judged according to the following 5 classifications:
  - Classification A - Under 20 members
  - Classification B - 21 – 35 members
  - Classification C - 36 – 50 members
  - Classification D - 51+ members
  - Classification E – Digital (must follow the same entry rules as printed scrapbooks)  
(Classification may be attached to the inside of front cover so as not to damage book.)
- b. Physical Aspects
  - Size not less than 8½ x 11
  - Cover (durable and stiff)
  - Identification on cover
    - a. Club
    - b. Town
    - c. District
    - d. Year, theme and dates of organization may also be used
- c. Contents
  - Pictures or listing of GFWC, GFWC-MFWC and District Officers
  - Pictures of club officers and members (Individual or group)
  - Club meetings (pictures, any information relating to program and publicity of meeting)
  - Club projects (pictures and publicity)
  - Conventions and special meetings
  - Letters relating to club activities
  - Record of awards received
  - Any club related material (newspaper, magazine articles or miscellaneous)
  - All pictures and material must be labeled
  - Contents covering period from January 1 through December 31 only

- d. Skill In Execution
  - Originality in following administration theme or selected theme.
  - Chronological sequence of programs and projects
  - Creative and attractive arrangement of pictures and materials
  - Variety of materials
  - Neatness (pictures and other materials cut straight/evenly, erasures complete, lines straight, etc.)
- e. Excellence of Copy
  - Adherence to style throughout book
  - Excellence of pictures, articles and materials (Remember- a picture is worth a 1000 words!)

### Yearbooks

The purpose of a yearbook is to give a member as much information as possible concerning club, GFWC-MFWC and GFWC activities.

- a. Yearbooks will be judged according to the following classifications:
  - Classification A: Under 20 Members
    1. Bound
    2. Looseleaf
  - Classification B: 21-35 Members
    1. Bound
    2. Looseleaf
  - Classification C: 36 – 50 members
    1. Bound
    2. Looseleaf
  - Classification D: 51+ members
    1. Bound
    2. Looseleaf
  - Notes:
    1. Classification maybe attached to the inside cover so as not to damage cover
    2. Example of classification: A club with 31 members submits a looseleaf book, the class is B-2
- b. Physical Aspect
  - i. Size – easily handled
  - ii. Identification on cover
    1. Club
    2. Town
    3. District
  - iii. Print – easy to read
  - iv. Margin – uniform
- c. Contents
  - Club officers, chairmen and committees listed
  - GFWC, GFWC-MFWC and District officers listed (These can be found in the Plans issue of the *Mississippi Clubwoman* and the GFWC-MFWC Handbook.)
  - Club Roster (May include address and telephone number)
  - Programs completely developed, listing date, location, speaker and Federation programs as well as responsibilities of any members. Other information may also be included.
  - Club motto, colors and flower (if club has them)
  - Collect
  - Constitution and Bylaws

- Adherence to GFWC and GFWC-MFWC theme and cooperation with Federation objectives
- Conventions (dates and locations)

**Postmark Deadline:**

Entry must be postmarked by February 15 of each year to the District Book Chairman. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail entries to your District Book Chairman.

**GFWC-MFWC “Club of the Year” Award**

An award is given annually to the club with the best overall record in the club work completed during the calendar year (January 1 through December 31), including:

1. Projects and programs in all Community Service Programs (Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach and Public Issues), GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness and Prevention, GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children.
2. Definite results from community projects undertaken in an effort to better the community.
3. Percentage of membership participating in and amount of time and money contributed by club members.
4. Judging will be based on points scored on:
  - a. GFWC-MFWC Awards won in GFWC Signature and Juniors’ Special Programs
  - b. GFWC-MFWC Awards won in Community Service Programs
  - c. GFWC-MFWC Awards won in Advancement Areas

**GFWC-MFWC “Clubwoman of the Year” Award**

The “Clubwoman of the Year” Award is the highest honor presented annually at the District and State levels to an outstanding GFWC-MFWC member. The award is given on the District and State levels to the Clubwoman who, in the opinion of the judges, has given of herself and truly exemplifies the Mississippi Federation Clubwoman. The nominee should be a club member who has served her club and her community through her club. Her club and her community must be better because she is an active volunteer.

Nomination materials will not be returned. Judging will be done by GFWC members from another state. The State winner will be chosen from among the District winners. All clubs are encouraged to empower the difference in the life of their members by nominating and honoring a clubwoman to represent their respective club.

1. Entries will be judged on the following criteria
  - a. The entry must cover work done by the nominee for one year, January 1 through December 31 of the current year.
  - b. The nominee must have been selected “Clubwoman of the Year” by her club, and must presently be an active member of her club. There can be only one entry from a club. Previous state winners and members of the Executive Committee are ineligible for this award.
  - c. Entry must be in a bound, typed form using one side of the paper only. Pages should be letter size (8½ x 11) and type should be double-spaced.
2. The entry must include the following
  - a. On page 1:
    - i. Name, address and photograph of the nominee

- ii. Name of Club
  - iii. Town
  - iv. District Name
  - v. Signature of Club President
  - vi. Past club work and accomplishments should be listed to help judges evaluate a sincere and continuing interest in the Federation.
- b. The written portion telling about the nominee's family, children, interest, hobbies, civic and church work may be up to 5 pages in length.
  - c. Supportive materials such as newspaper clippings, snapshots, and letters from civic leaders may be included, not to exceed 8 pages.

**To Apply:**

Complete all requirements as stated above.

**Postmark Deadline:**

Entry must be **postmarked by February 10** of each year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail entries to Sherri E. Reid, GFWC-MFWC President.

**GFWC-MFWC "Juniorette of the Year" (JOY) Award**

The "Juniorette of the Year" Award is the highest honor presented annually at the State level to an outstanding GFWC-MFWC Juniorette member. The award is given to the Juniorette who, in the opinion of the judges, has given of herself and truly exemplifies the Mississippi Federation Juniorette. The nominee should be a presently active club member who has served her club and her community. There can be only one entry from a club. Previous state winners are ineligible for this award.

Judging will be done by GFWC members from another state. Juniorette Advisors are encouraged to recognize an extraordinary Juniorette by nominating them for "Juniorette of the Year" Nomination materials will not be returned.

Each entry must be in a typed form using one side of the paper only. Pages should be letter size (8½ x 11) and type should be double-spaced. The entry must include the following:

1. On page 1:
  - Name, address and photograph of the nominee
  - Name of Club
  - Town
  - District Name
  - Signature of Juniorette Advisor
  - Past club work and accomplishments should be listed to help judges evaluate a sincere and continuing interest in GFWC-MFWC and volunteerism.
2. Next, the written portion could include information about the nominee's family, interests, hobbies, college plans, school activities, community and church work may be up to 5 pages in length. The entry must tell about work done by the nominee for one year, January 1 through December 31 of the current year.

3. Supportive materials such as newspaper clippings, snapshots, and letters from community leaders may be included, not to exceed 8 pages.

**To Apply:**

Complete all requirements as stated above.

**Postmark Deadline:**

Entry must be postmarked by February 10 of each year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail entries to Sherri E. Reid, GFWC-MFWC President.

### **MS Leadership Education and Development Seminar (MS LEADS)**

MS LEADS training program identifies members at the grassroots level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC within their local club and beyond. Participation in LEADS provides these members with the capabilities, confidence, and commitment to serve with distinction.

The training program includes workshops, seminars, activities, and networking opportunities. This Seminar is sponsored by the Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund.

Program topics vary, according to current trends and issues, and may include but are not limited to:

- Presentations on conflict resolution, mediation, public speaking, time management and parliamentary procedure
- Explanation of GFWC and GFWC-MFWC resources, materials, and assistance
- Discussions on GFWC and GFWC-MFWC policies, procedures, and parliamentary law
- Tips and techniques for pursuing leadership opportunities

### **GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (GFWC LEADS)**

**Selection Process:**

Each state Federation annually selects one member to serve as its representative to GFWC LEADS to be held in conjunction with the GFWC Annual International Convention. Each year, every GFWC-MFWC club, may select one member to be considered to represent GFWC-MFWC at GFWC LEADS.

**CRITERIA FOR LEADS PARTICIPATION:**

A LEADS candidate should:

- Demonstrate leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project/committee chairman
- Exhibit a commitment to the Federation
- Exhibit an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs/projects in which she is/has been involved
- Demonstrate leadership skills, including but not limited to organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, flexibility
- Exhibit an interest and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in the Federation
- Understand and accept potential expenses involved in participation
- Not have held an elected position at or beyond the state level
- Not have attended a previous GFWC LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once.

Local clubs are encouraged to underwrite a portion of attendee's expenses (e.g. travel or convention registration). LEADS attendees are responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment.

**Additional Information:**

Additional information can be found at GFWC, Members Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter L, LEADS. Do not use the LEADS-Application-Form 2020-2022.doc. Use the form below to apply for MS LEADS.

**To Apply:**

Complete the MS LEADS Application Form. Application Form can be found on the GFWC-MFMC website at [http://www.gfwc-mfmc.org/pdf/GFWC\\_MFMC\\_Forms](http://www.gfwc-mfmc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFMC_Forms). Be sure to read the Introduction Letter which can be found at [http://www.gfwc-mfmc.org/pdf/GFWC\\_MFMC\\_Forms/MFMC\\_LEADS\\_Letter\\_2010.pdf](http://www.gfwc-mfmc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFMC_Forms/MFMC_LEADS_Letter_2010.pdf).

**Postmark Deadline:**

Application form and supporting documents must be postmarked by February 10 of each year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail completed application form, 2 letters of support from active GFWC-MFMC club members and a "head shot" photo to Melba Watkins, MS LEADS Chairman. Mail a copy of the completed application form only to Sherri E. Reid, GFWC-MFMC President.

### GFWC-MFMC Challenge Grant

The GFWC- MFMC has established Challenge Grants to be awarded to teachers in the State of Mississippi to benefit students with Learning Disabilities. These grants will range from \$50-\$300 and will be given at the discretion of the Committee formed to administer the grants. These grants must be used in the classroom, i.e., additional supplies, implementation of new programs, advanced technology, etc. The primary criterion for these grants is need. These grants are not available to be used for continuing education for teachers; all money must be used to benefit students. The grant recipient(s) will be invited to attend the State Convention in April to receive recognition if possible. Grant applicants do not have to be a member of the GFWC-MFMC, but they must be sponsored by an active club member and/or club.

**To Apply:**

Complete the GFWC-MFMC Challenge Grant Application Form. Application Form can be found on the GFWC-MFMC website at [http://www.gfwc-mfmc.org/GFWC\\_MFMC\\_Challenge\\_Grant.html](http://www.gfwc-mfmc.org/GFWC_MFMC_Challenge_Grant.html).

**Postmark Deadline:**

Entry must be postmarked by February 1 of each year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail completed application form to Melissa Carleton, GFWC-MFMC Challenge Grant Chairman.

## Hebron Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship, known as the Hebron Memorial Scholarship, shall be maintained by the GFWC-MFWC. Only female residents of Mississippi shall be eligible to apply. This scholarship shall be a grant, and only one may be granted during one year, except with the approval of the Executive Committee. A holder of the scholarship is eligible for consideration by the Scholarship Committee to receive the grant for an additional year or years.

The following rules shall govern this scholarship:

1. The maximum amount of this grant shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
2. The applicant must meet the following requirements:
  - a. Application must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Hebron Memorial Scholarship Committee and be postmarked February 1 for use within that year.
  - b. The applicant must be a resident of Mississippi, having graduated from an accredited high school with a good scholastic average; or in the case of an applicant for graduate school, she must have graduated from an accredited college and must be attending an accredited graduate school.
  - c. The applicant must be endorsed by three (3) members of the GFWC-MFWC.
  - d. The application must be accompanied by recommendations from three (3) other persons relative to scholarship, character, and qualities of leadership.
  - e. The applicant must signify her intention of completing her degree within a four-year period.
3. Preference will be given to areas of service where it is felt there is the need in the state.
4. This scholarship shall not be limited to any particular year in college, but is limited to Mississippi Institutions of Higher learning. The scholarship must be sent directly to the Institution the grantee plans to attend. The Scholarship Grantee should attend the State Convention or State Board Meeting to receive recognition.

### To Apply:

Complete the Hebron Memorial Scholarship Application Form. Application Form can be found on the GFWC-MFWC website at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Contest\\_Hebron\\_Scholarship.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Contest_Hebron_Scholarship.html).

### Postmark Deadline:

Application must be postmarked by February 1 of each calendar year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

### Mail To:

Mail application to Nancy S. Griffin, Hebron Memorial Scholarship Chairman.

## GFWC-MFWC Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship

The Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship will be awarded each spring to a GFWC-MFWC Juniorette club member who will be graduating from high school in the same year.

The Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship recipient will be selected by a panel to include GFWC-MFWC President and two representatives of the Education Program. The recipient will be notified at least one week prior to the State Convention.

The scholarship recipient will inform GFWC-MFWC Treasurer of the college or university she will attend in the same year as her high school graduation. The GFWC-MFWC Treasurer will forward a check not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the educational institution to be credited to the scholarship recipient's account.

The scholarship recipient will receive a framed certificate. The scholarship recipient will receive a specially designed butterfly trophy, appropriately engraved, if furnished by Sarah Peugh or other individuals interested in continuing this scholarship. Public announcement of the scholarship recipient will be made at the GFWC-MFWC Convention if the recipient is able to attend, with presentation of the framed certificate to be made at a time and location convenient to the recipient and the GFWC-MFWC President.

This scholarship shall remain available as long as funding is provided by interested individuals and clubs. The amount of the scholarship will increase in multiples of fifty dollars (\$50) if interested individuals or clubs wish to donate funds.

Applications must include the following information:

- a. Name, address, age and photograph of applicant
- b. Name and address of applicant's parents
- c. Name of GFWC-MFWC Juniors club applicant holds membership in and number of year's applicant has been an active member
- d. Name of high school from which applicant is graduating and grade average
- e. List of ACT Assessment scores
- f. Leadership activities: appropriate high school/community and Juniors club activities, including all awards and positions of leadership
- g. A letter of recommendation from the GFWC-MFWC sponsoring club advisor to the Juniors Club in which the applicant holds membership.
- h. A letter of recommendation from the GFWC-MFWC sponsoring club president

**To Apply:**

Applications for this scholarship are to be made by letter to the GFWC-MFWC State President. Completed the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship application form. Application form can be found on the GFWC-MFWC website at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Contest\\_Butterfly\\_Scholarship.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Contest_Butterfly_Scholarship.html).

**Postmark Deadline:**

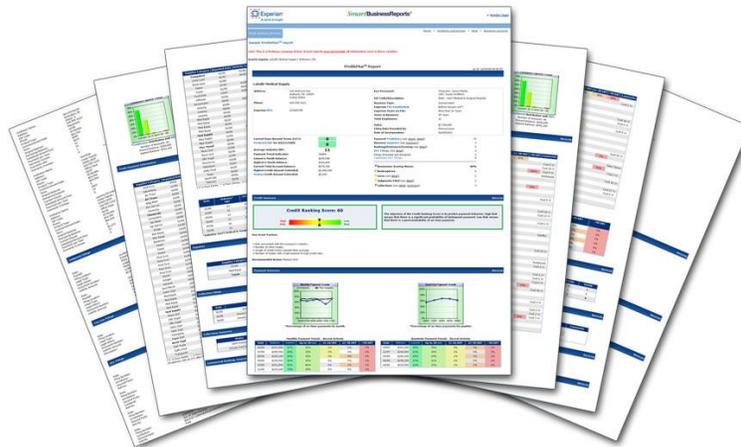
Application must be postmarked by March 1 of each calendar year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Mail To:**

Mail completed application and supporting materials to Sherri E. Reid, GFWC-MFWC President.



# Resource Materials and Reporting Forms



## GFWC RESOURCES

### GFWC-Clubwoman Magazine Subscription Form

GFWC *Clubwoman Magazine* is the premier publication of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and one of the most useful and beneficial communication tools we have to inform and educate our members. Published bi-monthly, the magazine is a source for insightful and informative content that keeps subscribers in tune with all things GFWC. In addition, *Clubwoman Magazine* promotes regular features each issue, such as:

- **President's Letter:** Words of wisdom from the GFWC International President
- **Bits and Bites:** All the news that's fit to print – in bite-sized bits!
- **Call To Convention:** Every March/April issue of *Clubwoman Magazine* contains this essential feature, which highlights the most up-to-date info on the upcoming GFWC Annual Convention in June

Subscribe to GFWC *Clubwoman Magazine* for one year online by selecting "Education Add-Ons" under Marketplace once [logged in](#). For a two-year subscription, [email us](#) or call 202-347-3168 or toll-free at 800-443-4392. Don't miss out on this valuable, informative publication!

### GFWC Recognition Pins

**GFWC Gold and Jubilee Pins.** GFWC Gold and Jubilee Pins are available to honor clubwomen who have brought GFWC's mission of volunteer service to their communities for 50 (Gold) or 75 (Jubilee) years. These pins are available free of charge. Club presidents can order the pin directly from GFWC Headquarters by completing the [Gold Pin Order Form](#).

**GFWC 25-Year Silver Pins**, along with our 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 45, 55, 60, 65 and 70-year Member Pins, are part of our member loyalty recognition program, which honors our members who have served as community volunteers for five years and beyond. Order directly from the GFWC Members Portal, Marketplace, Pins & Buttons/Year Pins.

### Club Anniversary Order Form

Your club can order a Club Anniversary Certificate from GFWC for Milestone Anniversaries for 25, 50, 60, 70, and every 5 years thereafter. To receive your Club Anniversary certificate, complete Club Anniversary Order Form available at GFWC Members Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Anniversary Order Form.pdf.

### GFWC Affiliate Organization

GFWC is proud to partner with a number of dynamic and impactful organizations. Together, we work to improve our communities and better our world. Be sure to check out Affiliate Organizations Information at GFWC Members Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter C, Club Manual, Affiliate Organization for all contact information and donation requirements.

## PLATINUM

United Nations Foundation, Shot@Life. [www.ShotatLife.org](http://www.ShotatLife.org)



Shot@Life, a United Nations Foundation's campaign, seeks to educate, connect, and empower Americans to champion vaccines in order to save children in developing countries. Every 20 seconds, a child dies of a vaccine-preventable disease like pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, and polio. You can help save a child's life by encouraging, learning about, advocating for, and donating vaccines.

**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.** <https://www.stjude.org/>



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other deadly diseases. Everything the organization does is centered on finding cures and saving children. And families never receive a bill from St. Jude.

St. Jude continues the vision of its founder, Danny Thomas, that no child is denied treatment based on race, religion, or a family's ability to pay. By sharing our knowledge freely and exchanging ideas openly, St. Jude inspires more collaboration between doctors and researchers worldwide, and, as a result, more lifesaving treatments for children everywhere. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to 80 percent since it opened 50 years ago.

**Prevent Child Abuse America.** [www.PreventChildAbuse.org](http://www.PreventChildAbuse.org)



Prevent Child Abuse America is the leading national, not-for-profit organization whose sole mission is "to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children." Prevention is defined as the abuse or neglect never occurring. The Prevent Child Abuse America national office is located in Chicago, Illinois, and its network includes 47 statewide

prevention chapters.

**GOLD**

**Heifer International.** [www.Heifer.org](http://www.Heifer.org)



For more than 65 years, Heifer International has provided gifts of livestock and environmentally-sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. Since 1944, Heifer has helped 15 million families in more than 125 countries through training in livestock development and livestock gifts that multiply. Tanzania School Milk Project is GFWC's premier project for Heifer this year.

Through this project, school children in the southern highlands of Tanzania will receive nutritious, packaged milk – empowering them to focus on learning instead of hunger.

**Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership.** [www.HOBY.org](http://www.HOBY.org)



Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. For more than five decades, HOBY has been inspiring young people to make a difference and become catalysts for positive change in their home, school, workplace, and community.

HOBY also provides adults with opportunities to make a significant impact on the lives of youth by volunteering. More than 4,000 committed HOBY volunteers plan and execute the programs each year. Due to the selfless efforts of volunteers and the contributions of generous donors, nearly 10,000 students participate in HOBY programs annually.

**March of Dimes.** [www.MarchofDimes.com](http://www.MarchofDimes.com)



The mission of March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. They carry out this mission through research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies' lives. They help moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies, and if something goes wrong, they offer

information and comfort to families.

**Operation Smile.** [www.OperationSmile.org](http://www.OperationSmile.org)

 Operation Smile is an international children's medical charity focused on restoring children's smiles through performing surgery on facial deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate. They are dedicated to raising awareness of this life-threatening issue and providing lasting solutions that will allow children to be healed, regardless of financial standing, well into the future. Operation Smile's free surgeries and medical missions are made possible by the thousands of volunteers and donors, throughout the world, who generously contribute time, talent and resources.

**U.S. Fund for UNICEF.** [www.UNICEFUSA.org/GFWC](http://www.UNICEFUSA.org/GFWC)



For more than six decades, GFWC has supported UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, in its efforts to ensure the world's most vulnerable children have access to health, and immunization, clean water, nutrition, education, emergency and disaster relief, and more.

## CLUB RESOURCES & FORMS FOR GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

### GFWC-MFWC Headquarters Information

Rules for GFWC-MFWC Headquarters

1. The Headquarters will be available to member clubs upon request to the Headquarter Chairman. Each member club of the GFWC-MFWC may use the facilities one time each year free of charge. For each additional meeting, a donation of \$25 is required to help cover utilities.
2. Any damage to the building, furniture, rugs, silver, China or glassware shall be repaired or replaced by individual or organization causing the damage.
3. Visiting clubs must clean after each use.
4. There shall be no smoking inside the Headquarters building.

If you would like to request a tour or make arrangements to have a meeting at the Headquarters, please contact Miranda Vaughn, Headquarters Chairman.

### GFWC-MFWC Ways and Means

- President's Special Project Items:

Item	Cost
▶ Presidents Relaxed PSP logo Linen Garden Flag, 1-sided	\$25.00
▶ I Just Wet My Plants, Double Sided Garden Flag	\$20.00
▶ You Are My Sunshine, Double Sided Garden Flag	\$20.00
▶ Grow Jerzee Grey T-Shirt, Crew Neck	\$20.00
▶ Bella Canvas Marble T-Shirt with Relaxed PSP Logo	\$25.00

- GFWC-MFWC Items

▶ GFWC-MFWC Note cards	\$10.00
▶ GFWC-MFWC Member Pin	\$5
▶ GFWC-MFWC Membership Brochures	10 for \$5

For a current listing of all GFWC-MFWC Ways and Means items for sales with pictures, please refer to our website at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_MarketPlace.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_MarketPlace.html). To order any GFWC-MFWC Ways & Means items from our website, please contact Lisa McGee or Belinda Vowell, GFWC-MFWC Ways & Means Co-Chairmen. When at meetings, see Lisa or Belinda to purchased Ways and Mean items.

### **GFWC-MFWC Change of Contact Information Form**

Have you moved, changed your physical address, mailing address, phone numbers or email address, if so, please complete and submit a Change of Contact Information Form to Lisa A. Harris, Media/Communication and Technology Coordinator.

A fillable Change of Contact Form is available at GFWC-MFWC at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Change\\_Contact\\_Information\\_Form.pdf](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFWC_Forms/GFWC_MFWC_Change_Contact_Information_Form.pdf).

### **GFWC-MFWC Club History Report Form.**

The Club History Form should be filled out once a year and is a report of your club's activities for the prior club year

#### **Instructions:**

Completed the Club History Report Form. A fillable Club History Report Form is available at GFWC-MFWC website at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFWC_Forms).

#### **Postmark Deadline:**

Club History Report Form must be postmarked by March 1 of each calendar year. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

#### **Mail To:**

Mail or email completed Club History Form to Suzanne Byrd Poynor, GFWC-MFWC Historian.

### **GFWC-MFWC State Dues Form**

The GFWC-MFWC Dues Form should be completed and mailed with a copy of club roster with names and mailing address of each member in alphabetical order. It would be helpful, if the club roster included telephone number(s) and email address of each member. Please identify new members, club president and club treasurer on your roster. Checks should be made payable to GFWC-MFWC.

#### **Form:**

A fillable GFWC-MFWC Dues Form is available at GFWC-MFWC website at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Forms.html).

#### **Postmark Deadline:**

If you wish to be recognized as an Honor Club, GFWC-MFWC Dues Form and dues must be postmarked by November 1 of each year. If your club does not pay dues by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year it will not have reports judged and will not be eligible for awards at conventions. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

#### **Mail To:**

Mail completed GFWC-MFWC Dues Form, roster and check to Belinda Peacher, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer.

## GFWC-MFWC District Dues

The GFWC-MFWC District Dues should be mailed with a copy of club roster with names and mailing address of each member in alphabetical order. It would be helpful, if the club roster included telephone number(s) and email address of each member. Please identify new members, club president and club treasurer on your roster. Checks should be made payable to your district.

### Form:

A GFWC-MFWC Dues Form is not available for District Dues.

### Mail To:

Mail completed GFWC-MFWC District Dues check to your District Treasurer.

#### Northern

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(662) 497-2575 – c  
prmaxwell@yahoo.com

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Gulfport, MS 39503  
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droland@cableone.net

## GFWC-MFWC Reporting Guidelines for 2020-2022 Administration

1. To report your club's statistics in each of the Community Service Programs (CSP) and Advancement Plans (AP), complete one GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet for CSP and AP. Activities for Affiliate Organization, such as, HOBY, UN Foundation 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. You can improve your chances of winning an award by submitting a narrative report and supporting material in each Community Service Program and Advancement Plan. Reports should cover club activities from January 1 through December 31 of the previous year.
2. Narrative reports are limited to three single-spaced pages. Only the front side of a page can be used...no printing on both sides of the paper. Narrative information should include if applicable:
  - WHY did you help them?
  - WHAT did YOU do?
  - OUTCOME or Impact on the Community or state
  - Project Hours (Number of actively involved members x hours each)
  - Monetary donations from Clubs or Members
  - In-Kind Donations from Members
3. 2020 Definitions from GFWC for State Statistical form
  - Community Service Projects are the programs and projects members initiate and participate in to serve their communities, including projects with GFWC Affiliates.
  - Number of Projects is the numerical account of the programs and projects initiated and participated in by the clubs in your State.
  - Volunteer Hours is the amount of time that members worked on club approved programs and projects.
  - Dollars Donated is the monetary amount given to programs and projects.
  - In-Kind Donations reflect the monetary value for goods provided to programs and projects.Download the latest copy from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter I, In-Kind Donation Guide.pdf.

- Dollars Spent are costs incurred by members, clubs, or State Federations to achieve Advancement Plans goals. (Leadership, Communication and Public Relations, Legislative and Public Policy, Fundraising and Development)
  - Dollars Raised reflects the dollars earned from fundraising and development programs and projects.
4. Supporting material is limited to three pages. Only the front side of a page can be used...no printing on both side of the paper. Supporting material may include newspaper clippings, pictures of members/projects, resolutions, certificates, minutes from other organizations, thank you notes, correspondence, copies of checks, etc.
  5. You **must** use a Report Cover Sheet with **each report**. Attach the completed cover sheet to the narrative and supporting material. Please DO NOT staple pages together, use a paper clip.
    - Our MFWC report form is three pages. Print out and use the one that corresponds to the report you are compiling.
  6. Other programs are the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention and GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children. Report club statistics for these programs on the appropriate Report Cover Sheet, using one cover sheet for each of these areas.
  7. Cross reporting is not allowed with the **exception** of three areas.
    - a) The GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project (PSP) "*Plant*  *Recycle*  *Pick It Up* " can be reported under both the GFWC-MFWC PSP and GFWC Environment CSP.
    - b) State Institutions can be reported under both GFWC-MFWC State Institution and one of the following GFWC CSP
      - i. Mississippi State Schools for Deaf and Blind, Ellisville State School and other State Schools can be reported under Education and Libraries.
      - ii. Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, MS and other State Hospitals can be reported under Health and Wellness.
      - iii. State Veteran's Homes projects can be reported under Civic Engagement and Outreach.
    - c) Mississippi Public Broadcasting can be reported under both GFWC-MFWC MPB and Education and Libraries.
  8. These reports GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project (PSP) "*Plant*  *Recycle*  *Pick It Up*", GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis: State Institutions and Mississippi Public Broadcasting, have their own report forms; however, clubs will still need to complete one Report Cover Sheet for each of these when submitting reports.
  9. In order for your club's reports to be judged:
    - Club dues **must be paid** by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
    - Reports must be **postmarked** on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>

### Special Reporting Tips

1. Special Tips
  - a. Read your guidelines.
  - b. Follow the guidelines. This is what makes award-winning clubs.
  - c. Report everything that your club does – if unsure where to report put in the place where it makes the most sense.
  - d. Advancement Plans are an excellent place to win awards since many people do not report in these areas.
  - e. 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.
  - f. 1935 Society and 1734 Society go under Women's History and Resource Center.
  - g. **HOBY** Affiliate should be included in the Education & Libraries CSP report.

- h. **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.
  - Epsilon Sigma Omicron 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 materials are available online at GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter E, Epsilon Sigma Omicron Reading List.
- i. **Youth Art** should be reported under Arts & Culture.
- j. **GFWC Clubwoman** should be reported under Advancement Plans – Communications.
- k. In order to “count” for reporting, the activity must be a club-sanctioned event or a club approved event or project.
- l. 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.
- m. 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).

## 2. Judging Process

- a. State Chairmen will judge your report. Neither the GFWC-MFWC President nor GFWC-MFWC Vice President judges any reports.
- b. Awards will be given to all areas reported on the GFWC-MFWC Statistical report. There will not be separate awards for affiliates as they are included in the CSP reports.
- c. Chairpersons do not judge reports in their district.
- d. Awards for five placements or top five scores will be granted to each District for the CSP, Advancement Plans, and GFWC and MFWC Signature programs. Clubs will be awarded these five places according to the top scores at each District Conventions in 2021 and 2022. Clubs will also be awarded at the State level for the top five scores at the State Convention in April.

### Report Forms:

A fillable GFWC-MFWC Report Form is available at GFWC-MFWC website at this location [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Forms.html). Be sure to pay close attention to the instructions at the bottom of the form. Be sure to check our website at the end of December for the latest Reporting Form.

### Postmark Deadline:

Reports must be postmarked by February 1. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

### Mail To:

Mail 1 copy of club reports via first class mail to Sherri E. Reid, GFWC-MFWC President. Send copies of cover sheet and narrative for each report. Do not send supporting material.

Mail 3 copies of club reports via first class mail to Carolyn Tedford, GFWC-MFWC Vice President. Send copies of cover sheet, narrative and supporting material for each report.

### GFWC-MFWC Special Project Forms

The GFWC-MFWC has forms available for its Special Projects. These forms should be included in your yearly reporting package.

**Report Forms:**

Forms listed below can be downloaded from the GFWC-MFWC website.

- Mississippi Public Broadcasting Report Form can be downloaded using this link [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Forms.html).
- State Institutions Report Form can be downloaded using this link [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Forms.html).
- President's Special Project form can be downloaded in December 2020 from our website.

**Postmark Deadline:**

Reports should be included in your GFWC-MFWC Reporting Package which is due on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note: if the postmark deadline falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, the application/form must be postmarked prior to postmark date.

**Special Note for All Applications/Forms/Reports**

Please note: if the postmark deadline for an application/form/reports falls on a Sunday or holiday, the application/form/ reports MUST be postmarked prior to postmark date.

## HISTORY OF MARY STEWART'S COLLECT FOR CLUBWOMEN

For many years, women's clubs in Canada, United States, Britain and other countries have used a prayer for the opening or closing ceremonies of their meetings. Sometimes it is simply read by one member, at others it is repeated in unison by all those present. They have usually called it Our Creed or The Club Women's Creed and as such it is widely known and popular on this continent, especially in small towns and rural districts. Widespread usage has resulted in some changes. The author gave it a title: "Collect For Club Women," when it first appeared in an obscure corner of a well-known American magazine.

Written in 1904 as a prayer for the day by Mary Stewart, a high school principal in Longmont, Colorado, and a member of women's clubs of town and country. "I called it a 'Collect for Club Women' because I felt that women working together, with wide interests in large ends, which was a new thing under the sun and that, perhaps they had need for a special petition and meditation of their own"

# Collect For Clubwomen

Keep us, O God, from pettiness;  
let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and  
leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each  
other face to face -- without self-pity  
and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and  
always generous.

Let us take time for all things;  
make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses,  
straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little  
things that create differences,  
that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great,  
common human heart of us all, and  
O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

Mary Stewart  
1904