

TGC, Inc. Garden Club Member of the Year Guidelines

1. NOMINEES for Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Garden Club Member of the Year will be chosen from the ten districts in the applicable year. A total of ten candidates, one per district, is to be submitted to the State Chairman.
2. Each district is to choose its honoree based on his/her service in garden club work and his/her contribution to the community.
3. All ten candidates are to be judged by a committee composed of three (3) to five (5) former Garden Club Women/Members of the Year. This committee will be selected by the State Chairman.
4. The TGC, Inc. Garden Club Member of the Year will be presented with an engraved silver bowl, customary for honorees.
5. All candidates will be honored at the TGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting with one chosen as the TGC, Inc. Garden Club Member of the Year.
6. Candidates not chosen for TGC, Inc. Garden Club Member of the Year are eligible for future nomination.
7. The honor of TGC, Inc. Garden Club Member of the Year can only be attained once.
8. Application from districts should be submitted to the State Chairman no later than July 1 of each year.
9. Two (2) photographs of each candidate should be submitted with the application.
10. Each candidate will receive equal consideration. Size of district does not matter.

GOAL:

To maintain the TGC custom of honoring outstanding garden club members.
To stimulate interest and engender enthusiasm.

NOMINEES will be honored for their service towards accomplishment of the Mission of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. during their membership, with emphasis on recent years. They need not have served on District or State level – a local garden club member may be as worthy as any other.

Each district will be responsible for obtaining nominations from their clubs, requesting each candidate to submit a resume for the district panel's selection. Although it is left to each District Director's discretion, it is suggested that one member of the panel include a previous Garden Club Woman/Member of the Year.

Once the district candidate is selected, each district will submit the following:

1. A resume of the candidate
2. Letters of recommendation from
 - A. District Director. This letter should state the date the district endorsed the candidate and the candidate's contributions to the district.
 - B. Club President. This letter would be from the candidate's MAIN garden club and will include candidate's contributions to the club.
 - C. TGC, Inc. Member. One letter from a member of TGC, Inc. of candidate's choice attesting to candidate's contributions to TGC goals/projects.
 - D. Community. One letter from a community leader of candidate's choice stating candidate's contributions to the community.

NOTE: Candidate may prefer to submit several names for the TGC, Inc. and Community letters of recommendation and all the District to ascertain which one of each of these letters to include with the submission to the TGC, Inc. Chairman.

3. Two (2) photographs, preferably 2 1/4" x 3", of the candidate are to be submitted with the application.
4. Name, complete address(also include e-mail if available) and telephone number of District person to contact for follow-up information.