

Community Improvement Program

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Bulletin 3



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You may have completed a project during 2016 – 2017 that would qualify as a Community Improvement Project! Did you partner on a project with another club, organization, government agency, non-profit, church or even the local Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts? **Now, you just need to prepare a project notebook to submit to me, to be postmarked by March 1, 2018.**

In my bulletin for Fall Board 2016, the details of the program were given along with the awards that could be won on the state and national level. **All entries must include a completed Community Improvement Contest Entry form** that is found on the gfwc.org website. You can find the GFWC bulletin by going to www.gfwc.org, hover your cursor over the “Membership services” tab for a drop down box, then select “Awards, Contests and Grants”. Next, select “Awards”, and select “Community Improvement Program Award”. When clicking here, it will bring up a link which reads “Click here to download the Community Improvement Program award entry form”. Here you will find the GFWC bulletin and two page entry form.

If you are unable to locate this form, just send me an email and I will send you the entire four page bulletin and two page contest entry form.

Project notebooks containing narrative descriptions and supporting materials **must not exceed seven (7) pounds or measure more than 15” by 20” in size.**

Your project may be a joint entry involving two to six GFWC clubs; however, only one form should be submitted signed by all club presidents participating. Clubs working on a joint entry may not submit an individual entry.

Judging Criteria is PROJECT SELECTION – 25 points, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT – 50 points and PROJECT EVALUATION – 25 points. The following bears repeating now that we are talking about putting together your entry form with project notebook:

- Identify and define community need.
- Describe the project selection process.
- Explain how your club engaged community support.
- Define how project is financed.
- Identify media support and process in which it was obtained.
- Recount how you overcame obstacles.
- Provide a list of collaborating partners, including government agencies, other service groups, and professional organizations.
- Describe your club’s continuing role in the project.
- Explain the project’s long-term effect on the community.
- Identify results and successes.

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- Describe how the project influenced changes in your community, i.e., increased awareness, willingness to work together, impact, etc.
- Focus on content.

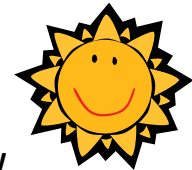
One winning entry from Florida will be sent to GFWC for their judging.

GFWC Awards are for First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Place.

GFWC NATIONAL AWARDS

First Place	\$ 5,000
Second Place	\$ 3,500
Third Place	\$ 2,500
Fourth Place	\$ 1,500
Fifth Place	\$ 500
International Affiliate	\$ 250
Total National Monetary Awards	\$13,250

One member from each winning club will receive roundtrip transportation expense to attend the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention in June and 1 night’s lodging at the GFWC Convention hotel along with a ticket to attend the awards ceremony. Just ask the GWFC Ft. Walton Beach Woman’s Club that was awarded Fifth Place by GFWC for their Community Improvement Project last year! Any award monies received, however, must be used to further the club’s Community Improvement initiative.



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