

YOUTH ORGANIZATION & AWARDS BROCHURE

This Youth Organization & Awards Brochure is a revised version of the 2019 revision and supersedes all former youth brochures. This brochure complies with National Garden Clubs, Inc. Procedures, Awards Rules and Requirements and deadlines as published in the *National Gardener*, September – October edition, odd-numbered years, corrections are published in the September – October edition, even numbered years.

“Times are changing! NGC Youth Activities are also changing. Rather than working with an inflexible set of club rules for our youth, each garden club can help meet the needs of its community’s children with a variety of different types of clubs. The member of garden clubs is changing. Time is precious and must be used wisely. It is more important than ever that we interest our youth in learning to care for plants and their environment. It is important that adults help children to learn to be responsible for their world...” NGC

YOUTH CLUBS

School systems have different terminology for junior high school and middle, others have 9th grade with high school. To be equitable, clubs and awards are designed by grades.

Kindergarten

Junior Gardeners 1st – 5th grade

Intermediate Gardeners 6/7th – 9th grade

High School Gardeners 9/10th – 12th grade

YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM

This brochure lists awards offered by Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. South Central Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the requirements necessary to compete. Awards, deadlines, cash awards and requirements are subject to change.

Youth need not be enrolled in a youth garden club to participate in Posters, Poetry and Sculpture Contests.

Participants need to be sponsored by a garden club or a member of a garden club.

PLEDGES FOR YOUTH

JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

As a Texas Garden Club Youth Gardener, I promise to do all in my power to protect our birds, trees and flowers, and to watch for opportunities to make and keep my community clean and beautiful.

CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save, and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country, its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

AUDUBON PLEDGE

As a citizen of my country, I pledge myself to try in every way I can, to conserve its natural resources; its soil, water, plants and wildlife; and to protect them from harm and waste.

WILDFLOWER PLEDGE

That the world may be more beautiful for all, I promise not to pluck flowers, not destroy plants in the woods and fields where they are unprotected, except as flourishing abundantly, or in the nature of woods. All my influence shall be used to protect wildflowers from destruction by others.

NATIONAL AND STATE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS

Must be sponsored by a senior garden club that is a member of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. (automatically becoming a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.) May be sponsored by a Texas Garden Club, Inc. member.

Must have a minimum of three members (3) students for kindergarten clubs and four (4) students for Junior, Intermediate and High School Gardeners.

Any award with a Y, NGC, or SCR before the number MUST adhere to the National Requirements; Three pages, no folder, make a copy because any award forwarded will not be returned, include postage.

Must meet at least five (5) times during the club or school year. These meetings may include trips, service projects, flower shows, gardening, environmental projects, etc.

Types of clubs and grade levels

Kindergarten

Junior Gardeners 1st – 5th grade

Intermediate Gardeners 6/7th – 9th grade

High School Gardeners 9/10th – 12th grade

Must register and pay dues to Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. each year for each club or unit (using form in back):

Adult club must pay state dues and register youth garden clubs **each year**; form behind this brochure may be copied. TGC will register your youth club with NGC,

Send dues of \$10.00 to Texas Garden Club Headquarters, 3111 Old Garden Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107-3498 by **September 30** each year. Include name of youth club, number of members, city, district, leader's name, and address, sponsoring club's name, president's name, and address.

Complete Registration Form and send a copy to TGC Vice President/ Youth Activities by **September 30** of each year.

AWARDS

Clubs wishing to participate in NGC, SCR and TGC Awards must observe deadlines for club **registration, awards deadlines and other requirements.**

NGC offers Youth Awards as described in *The National Gardener*, September-October edition in odd-numbered years (www.nationalgardenclub.org) and SCR *Communicator*, and the TGC Youth Organization & Awards Brochure; these awards are designated with the National Garden Club number (which may change) and award requirements.

Unless stated otherwise, youth awards are judged by the local club, submitted to District Youth Chairman, then sent to TGC State Youth Chairs for competition, then to designated South Central Region Chairs, then the first place winners are sent to National for final competition.

Texas Garden Clubs offers additional awards, many are cash awards and are named and numbered as TGC-1, etc. Additions and changes in State Awards are published in *The Lone Star Gardener*. Youth Chairs are published in the July/ August/ September edition in odd-numbered years.

South Central Region offers several awards separate from State and National. The requirements and awards chairs are found in the summer edition of *The Communicator*.

***** Youth are not required to be enrolled in a youth garden club to participate in NGC, SCR, and TGC Posters, Poetry, and Sculpture Contests.** Youth must live in same state as garden club or garden club member.

HOW TO FORM YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS

Youth garden clubs may be formed in several ways. However, all youth clubs must be sponsored by a member club of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Clubs Outside of School

May be formed when a group of children or students desire to form a club. The sponsoring club may help by providing a meeting place, a leader and/or advisor, publicity, program help, etc. High school gardeners may wish input into writing bylaws, program planning, etc.

Clubs Within School

A member Garden Club may adopt a class with the teacher providing the leadership. The sponsoring club consults the teacher as to her needs for the presentation of horticulture, environmental issues, or presentation of floral design. Often school systems lack the funds for necessary equipment for science programs; sponsoring club may wish to provide equipment or books, as well as, share their special expertise in various areas. The children appreciate knowing that members of the community are interested in their projects and are willing to help them.

Working With Established Youth Organizations

Working with clubs, such as 4-H, Boys and Girls Scout troops, Camp Fire, Future Farmers, Y-Teens, Science and Ecology clubs, Future Homemakers, and Church groups provide opportunities for Garden Clubs to offer help with various programs.

Special Youth Clubs

This type of club and its program is tailored to the needs of the children, their ability to participate and the situation where meeting will be held.

SPECIAL YOUTH CLUBS

Garden Club members may accomplish much in the field of working with challenged youth. Besides those who are physically, mentally, and emotionally challenged, there are those who suffer because of other circumstances. Challenged children can be found in school, hospitals, migrant worker sites, community centers, shelters, etc. Not every club, every adult and every youth gardener find that they can meet the challenge of working in a special youth club. We need to share our knowledge, time, and enthusiasm for gardening with children in need or crisis.

Special Clubs differ greatly from other youth clubs. There are no age divisions. A roster of members' names might be impractical as membership often fluctuates depending upon circumstances. The yearbook of a special club might consist of only information about sponsoring club, meeting dates and planned programs.

Special Clubs must be registered with VP/Youth Activities and TGC Headquarters the same as other Youth Garden Clubs. A space on the form has been provided for Special Clubs and for identifying the special needs.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AND SPONSOR A SPECIAL YOUTH CLUB

1. The sponsoring adult club must be willing to:
 - a. Underwrite expense for materials for the programs and projects. It is wise to set-up a budget so the leader and the club will know what to expect. Often projects can use materials from member s' home gardens.
 - b. Secure a dedicated leader to plan and direct the programs and projects and sufficient members who are committed and emotionally able to work with these children. Other members can be used to prepare refreshments, collecting materials, etc.
2. Contact the chosen institution to see if volunteer groups are allowed; make an appointment with designated employee. Have leader discuss purpose of garden clubs and give plan of proposed programs and activities. Find out rules of the institution; be prepared to follow those rules.
3. Arrange meeting place at institution that will be adequate for proposed plans. Decide upon the number of meetings per month and suitable meeting place.
4. Decide upon number of children that can be accommodated in the club. There are no required age limits, but institution may assign children for suitability and ability of proposed program.

SPECIAL CLUBS FOR THE CHALLENGED INTELLIGENTLY, PHYSICALLY, AND DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED

Special Clubs may be formed in a public school system. Some schools "mainstream:" the students with classes in regular schools, some have separate facilities. Although these clubs require no certain chronological age or grade divisions, children who are "mainstreamed" to upper elementary or middle school may adapt more easily. However, this would not preclude "high school" level. Schools that have separate facilities have a wider age range to choose from.

Do not try to work with too large a group as each child may require some assistance. Depending on the number of your workers and amount of material required, suggest the number you feel is feasible to work with. If "hands on" activities are planned, ascertain what motor skills are required and ask that children be chosen accordingly. Find out how many school aides can be assigned as usually it is a rule that any school activity requires some school personnel present.

A creative, dedicated leader will find endless programs and activities suitable for the challenged. Not every program required complicated “hands on” activities; all love to have things they have made or things they have grown to take home. Children respond to learning about color, scents, and textures. A follow-up review” may amaze you on how much they have learned.

Yearbook. Since the children are in a school, the number of members will not fluctuate as much as other special clubs might. The yearbook can include a roster of members’ names, programs, projects, and information about the sponsoring clubs. The yearbook provides a link between the club and the parents. When included in award applications, the yearbook provides the judges with information on the entire program and determining how well the programs and projects are carried out.

SPECIAL CLUBS FOR YOUTH IN HOSPITALS

Hospital Clubs are designed for youth of all ages who are hospitalized recovering from accidents, from corrective surgery, for terminal illnesses, or intermittently hospitalized for therapy, etc. These clubs qualify as Special Youth Clubs and could also represent a worthwhile Garden Therapy project for the sponsoring adult garden club. Hospital Clubs are registered with the VP/Youth Activities and dues are paid to TGC Headquarters.

There is no set number of members required as the patients come and go. There are no age divisions. Activities are planned that children can participate in and to brighten the long hours they must spend in the hospital.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A SPECIAL YOUTH HOSPITAL CLUB

1. Approach club members to determine their willingness to underwrite such a program and to provide volunteers to help. Prepare a garden related program to present to hospital.
2. Survey your hospitals that treat children. Visit the Volunteer Services Office of the hospital to see if youth garden club would be welcome and feasible. Present garden-related program. Discuss general rules pertaining to working with the children. If approved, your group must be cleared with the hospital because of security badges issued.
3. The hospital will provide meeting room, specific meeting time, a staff member to help. Proposed activities must be cleared with hospital staff as pertains to members’ physical limits, energy level or other unique needs. Your program may need to be tailored to specific needs such as wheelchair accessibility or be very flexible.
4. Good volunteers must have love and compassion and be willing to try. Realistically, volunteers need to ask themselves how they feel about cancer, sickle cell disease, AIDS or whatever type of disability you will be facing. Will the group be able to provide a program that is not only interesting but also fun? What special talents and hobbies can the sponsors share.
5. Volunteers are expected to abide by the code of ethics governing the hospital staff – respect all information as confidential, be pleasant, dignified and quietly efficient. Remember that as a volunteer, you represent the hospital, therefore, you should act in a manner which commands public respect for both yourself and the hospital. Exercise the greatest discretion in discussing anything pertaining to patients.

OTHER SPECIAL YOUTH CLUBS

Homeless Shelters would be another opportunity to form a youth club. There is the potential for adult and high school gardeners to teach community gardening at the shelter or nearby vacant lot to raise food and herbs for the table and flowers for the beauty. Children often spend a short time in the shelter; they could do projects such as posters, poetry, sculptures, story time.

Battered Women's Shelters give a woman and her children refuge for a night, a week, and even placement into "safe homes"; these shelters and homes usually have protected addresses and there would be specific requirements set by the administration. Children could participate in a vegetable and flower garden and make posters, poetry, or sculptures. These children may have few belongings and would appreciate any gifts. House plants are welcome in shelter rooms and to take when mother and children are transferred into a safe house or apartment.

Juvenile Detention System has children serving community service rather than a fine for graffiti, vandalism, etc. A Special Youth Club could be formed to accomplish a specific project and give children a feeling of belonging and accomplishing a project that is worthwhile. Some children may only attend for one day, one week or the summer. Depending upon their age, youth can dig and plant a new flower bed at a nursing home, load and spread mulch for a city building, plant tree seedlings for a city project, or build paths at a nature center. The juvenile authorities would assign the youth best suited for this special club.

Migrant Workers' Children could be formed for the agriculture season only. These children often have sporadic schooling and the personal attention that a garden club member can offer is invaluable. There is opportunity for high school gardeners to help. At the trailer park or a nearby community center, members can teach gardening skills, crafts, flower arranging, hold poster, poetry, sculpture contest, and hold a flower and garden show, provide art materials, etc. If only for a month or two, these children can be shown the beauty of nature that could last a lifetime.

AWARDS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Awards Year covers the period of activity from January 1 to December 31. The exceptions are: Yearbook and Scrapbook.
2. Most Youth Award applications are channeled through the District Youth Chairman. Always check each award description for deadline and to whom to submit the application.
3. Youth Awards Offered to Adult Clubs are sent directly to TGC Vice President/ Youth Activities by November 1.
4. TGC VP of Youth Activities submits awards eligible for NGC awards to TGC National Awards Chairman December 1
5. It is not required that the youth gardeners prepare the applications, however, in case of Junior and Intermediate Gardeners, it is well to consult them on working toward an award. It then becomes "their" project. Older students may assist in taking pictures, gathering materials, etc. The leader or sponsoring garden club member may assemble an application. Applications for Special Club awards will be prepared by an adult.
6. Attach to all awards a 3" x 5" card (paper clip to outside cover since card will be removed if award is Submitted to NGC):
Award Number/ Name and class) Name of Club, City, District Club Rating
Number of Members Name & Address of Current President Date TGC & District dues paid
7. Book of Evidence
 - a. Presentation: three pages, no folder. Top of first page include number and name of award, name of club and city, number of members, President's name, address, and phone number.
 - b. Make a copy of award for your records as awards forwarded to SCR and NGC may not be returned.
 - c. Written test: Concise, covers all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for Achievement, Participation and Record.
 - d. Record. Photocopies are permitted, yearbook pages are not needed as documentation.
 - e. No Table of Contents or Summary needed. (Summary appears on Application Form).
 - f. When the same project is eligible for various awards, submitting exact duplication of books is **not acceptable**.
8. TGC offers a state Scrapbook Award. The scrapbook may be 12" x 14" with no loose material.
9. Submit one yearbook (binder not required) for TGC-3 Irene Blanke Yearbook Award. Yearbooks may be as simple as a folded piece of paper. Youth yearbook or yearbook pages may be required in Book of Evidence. A Special Club, such as Hospital Club or Club in a Shelter, may choose not to issue a yearbook.
10. Postage: Include enough postage for the award to be sent by the District Chairman to the State Chairman and enough postage for the award to be returned to the club. Send small denomination stamps, do not send cash. Any unused postage will be returned. Pack carefully to avoid damage.

11. Return Award: Awards that were not eligible to be submitted for State competition will be returned to the clubs at the Spring District Convention. It is the responsibility of the District Directors to return the awards to the clubs.
12. A student is not required to be member of a youth garden club, to enter poster, poetry, and sculpture contests. Entries are submitted by a federated garden club or garden club member.

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
SCALE OF POINTS**

PRESENTATION – neat, concise, includes all required information does not exceed three (3) pages	5
ACHIEVEMENT – scope of project, need and fulfillment; benefit; accomplishment; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; educational; prior planning; very brief history if continuing project, financial; other	65
PARTICIPATION – size of club; involvement of: members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, resident in facilities, other	15
RECORD OR DOCUMENTATION – supporting data (as applicable), clear, well labeled and neatly attached before and after photos, landscape plans, letter of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/ magazine articles, radio or TV script, etc. Photocopies are permitted.	15
TOTAL	100

TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDS
ELIGIBLE FOR TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS ONLY
clubs must be registered with Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

TGC – 1 ARBOR DAY AWARD
Submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state winner in each category. May be awarded for the most outstanding observation of Arbor Day by high school, Intermediate, junior clubs.

- A. Pre-K – 6th grades B. 7th – 12th grades

SCALE OF POINTS

SCOPE		70
	Prior planning: site choice, tree type, purpose to serve committee contacts, workshops, effort to create Arbor Day awareness	25
	Club: active member participation, correlation of Arbor Day Observance and other activities maintenance of planting or activity continuation	30
	Community: participation, interest created by observance	15
ORIGINALITY – observance and program		10
PRESENTATION – conforms to General Rules, neatness, attractiveness		10
DOCUMENTATION – newspaper, photos, letters, yearbook, etc.		10
		100

** National Arbor Day is the 4th Friday in April. Because of variance in climates in different areas of Texas, Texas Arbor Season is from the 3rd Friday in January to the 3rd Friday in April. You may observe Arbor Day between above dates as suitable for your area.

Site Selection: school grounds, public or other civic buildings, highways, or esplanade beautification, etc. Consider source of water and maintenance. May be a new or continuing project.

Guests: invite parents, teachers, and/ or public officials and/ or park officials. May include FFA, Scout Troops, Campfire, 4-H, etc.

Program: plan an appropriate program such as invocation, music, introduction of guests, welcome addresses, speakers, extras such as poem or Arbor Day history, tree planting and dedication, Conservation Pledge, benediction – seek to be original.

**TGC – 2 SCRAPBOOK AWARD FOR JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AND
HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUBS**

Submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$15.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner in each category. May be awarded to the scrapbook prepared by high school, intermediate, junior garden clubs. With the exception of typing, all work must be done by club members. Indicate grade.

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| Division I One Year Scrapbook | Division II Two Year Scrapbook |
| A. 1 st – 6 th Grades | A. 1 st – 6 th Grades |
| B. 7 th – 12 th Grades | B. 7 th – 12 th Grades |

SCALE OF POINTS

COVER: name of City, year(s) covered, durable, practical	5
CONTENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION	25
Fly page or protective cover 1; Title page: club, city, years 1; Table of Contents; Publicity channels 1; Yearbook 5; Synopsis of club history 6; General artistic merit: Liberal margins, space neatness 5; Chronological order: articles, publications, Pictures in order of date 5.	
PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE YEAR	70
Activities: pilgrimages, scrapbooks, workshops, etc.	10
Programs: conservation, design, horticulture, nature study, house plants (well balanced)	40
Projects: Flower Show, garden therapy, conservation, litter control, Wildflower preservation, World Gardening, birds, backyard habitat, etc.	20
TOTAL POINTS	100

Scrapbook Preparations: Be sure each program, project and activity is listed in Table of Contents. Do not include party favors, place cards, etc. Photos make the difference between interesting and mediocre. Refer to TGC Scrapbook Brochure for additional ideas. Scrapbooks should be wrapped securely for mailing.

**TGC -3 IRENE BLANKE YEARBOOK AWARD FOR JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE,
AND HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUBS**

submit one yearbook to District Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$10.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner in each class, and \$5.00 to 2nd place winner in each class. Yearbooks to be accepted for competition either on the calendar year or the club year. Include Grade.

- A. 4th - 6th Grades B. 7th -8th Grades C. 9th - 12th Grades

SCALE OF POINTS

COVER: name of club, city, state, club year, design optional	5
TITLE PAGE: name of club, city, state, club year, number of members, date of Organization, sponsoring club, affiliations with NGC, TGC	5
SUBSEQUENT PAGES: Table of Contents: name of sponsoring club and president; club Leader; youth club president (theme optional); officers; committee chairmen; projects;	15

programs; date, location, topic, speaker, name, address, and phone number of members.
Options: roll call calendar of other events, order of business, bylaws

PROGRAM CONTENT		75
a. At least five regular meetings	5	
b. Monthly programs - date, location, speaker; include trips, service projects; well-balanced: gardening, environmental, conservation, design, horticulture, nature study, house plants, World Gardening, birds, backyard habitat, etc.	25	
c. Participation in at least one Standard Flower Show	10	
d. Study and activity on one outstanding project/ topic throughout the year	20	
e. Indication of member participation	15	
TOTAL POINTS		100

TGC - 4 CAMPUS CLUBS - CLUBS IN SCHOOL

submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate may be presented to the state 1st place winner in each Division and Class for an in-school club, sponsored by a member Garden Club, in recognition of cooperation between garden club and school in promotion and education in some phase of garden work.

Indicate classroom grade (s).

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| A. One School Class | B. Two or more School Classes |
| 1. 4th - 6th Grade | 1. 4th - 6th Grade |
| 2. 7th - 9th Grade | 2. 7th - 9th Grade |
| 3. 10th - 12th Grade | 3. 10th - 12th Grade |

SCALE OF POINTS

SUBJECT AND SCOPE of program presented: horticulture, environment, gardening, backyard habitat, conservation, litter, house plants, etc.	40
PRESENTATION of material, teaching methods, projects, results; include photos	30
SPONSORING CLUB INVOLVEMENT: show extent of involvement	10
YOUTH PARTICIPATION: show extent of participation by students, number reached	10
EDUCATIONAL VALUE	10
TOTAL POINTS	100

A member Garden Club may adopt a class with the teacher providing the leadership. The Sponsoring club consults the teacher as to her needs for the presentation of horticulture, Environmental issues, floral design, etc.

TGC YOUTH AWARDS OFFERED TO ADULT CLUBS
TGC - 5 CLUB PROGRAM AWARD FOR SPONSORING CLUB
OF SPECIAL YOUTH CLUB

submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winning Sponsoring Club of a Special Youth Club in recognition of overall excellence for program planned and executed for the special club. State total program to show range and suitability of projects and activities planned and their purpose and explain any unique method, approach or problem.

SCALE OF POINTS

YOUTH PARTICIPATION show participation	30
MEETING minimum of five meetings	15
PROGRAMS well-rounded programs related to NGC and TGC Objectives: horticulture, design, birds, conservation, litter, etc.	30
PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES suitability and effectiveness of activities in relation To youths need and abilities	15
DOCUMENTATION photos, letters of appreciation, yearbook, etc.	10
TOTAL POINTS	100

TGC - 6 HORTICULTURE AWARD FOR SPONSORING CLUB OF
SPECIAL YOUTH CLUBS

Submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winning Sponsoring Club of a Special Youth Club which demonstrates the greatest progress in teaching the fundamentals of planting and growing horticulture.

SCALE OF POINTS

HORTICULTURE AWARENESS	55
suitability of plant material	10
study of propagation methods	15
study of results	15
evidence of results	15
METHOD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT teaching methods, effectiveness, suitability	10
PARTICIPATION total participation of sponsoring members	15
SCOPE AND DOCUMENTATION	20
planning and time allotted to workshop and/ or hands-on outdoor activities, yearbook or month by month outline	10
photos, publicity, letters of appreciation, etc.	10
TOTAL POINTS	100

**TGC - 7 MARY JO BAIRD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR
SPECIAL YOUTH HOSPITAL CLUBS**

submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$15.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place and \$10.00 to the state 2nd place winning Sponsoring Clubs of a Special Youth Hospital Club for achievement in working with youth in a hospital.

SCALE OF POINTS

PRESENTATION neat, concise, meets requirements		15
SCOPE OF ACHIEVEMENT		50
Programs planned, well balanced, number of programs	20	
Original or unusual methods, considering limitations of members and hospital setting	15	
Scope of accomplishment	15	
PARTICIPATION number of youth reached and participation		10
DOCUMENTATION photos, letters of appreciation, examples of work if available, yearbook if prepared, publicity, etc.		10

TOTAL POINTS

TGC - 8 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ANY OTHER SPECIAL YOUTH CLUB

submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$15.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winning Sponsoring Club of a Special Youth Club for youth in crisis or need such as Battered Women's Shelters, Homeless Shelters, etc. Applications may be sub-divided according to type of Service.

SCALE OF POINTS

PRESENTATION neat, concise, meets requirements		15
SCOPE OF ACHIEVEMENT		50
Programs planned, well balanced, number of programs	20	
Original or unusual methods, considering limitations of members and hospital setting	15	
Scope of accomplishment	15	
PARTICIPATION number of youth reached and participation		10
DOCUMENTATION photos, letters of appreciation, examples of work, if available, publicity, etc.		10

TOTAL POINTS

**TGC - 9 INA BRUNDRETT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SPONSORING YOUTH POETRY,
ENVIRONMENTAL, AND U.S. FORESTRY POSTER CONTEST**

submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1

A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st Place winning Sponsoring Club, \$20.00 to the 2nd place and \$15.00 to the 3rd place and \$10.00 to Honorable Mention winners. The following scale of points will be used for the youth contest winners:

1st place	5 points	3rd place	3 points
2nd place	4 points	HM	1 point

TGC ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER CONTEST
submit to District Youth Chairman by November 1
(Confirm deadline published in *The Lone Star Gardener*)
Published in *The Lone Star Gardener* for current year.

Each year TGC President sponsors a poster contest on a given topic for children to express themselves; the title is published in *The Lone Star Gardener* for the current year.

** A Texas Garden Clubs Award Certificate and a \$10.00 cash award may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$5.00 to the 2nd place winner and \$3.00 to the 3rd place winner in each school grade.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Posters are to be completed by individual artists.
2. Competition may include: 1st through 5th grades.
3. Posters will be judged:

Originality and artwork	30 points
Design	25 points
Message (labeling)	20 points
Distinguished markings	15 points
Overall neatness	10 points
TOTAL POINTS	100 points
4. Size of poster entry: 11 inches x 8 1/2 inches. No three-dimensional poster allowed.
5. The artist's name, address, age, school grade and sponsoring club or sponsoring garden club member must be printed on the back of the poster. Do not use dark marker as it might show through. Form for artist's name is in the back of this manual.
6. Local clubs are to judge and may submit the top three (3) posters in each school grade to the District Youth Chairman by November 1.
7. District Youth Chairman may submit the top three posters in each school grade to the state Environmental Poster Chairman by December 1.
8. The State Environmental Poster Chairman will send the first place, second place and third place winners in each school grade to the TGC Vice President of Youth Activities by January 1.

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS FOR
ADULT CLUBS WORKING WITH YOUTH**

1. Eligibility: only federated clubs, members of federated clubs and groups of federated clubs in good standing are eligible to apply or sponsor applicants.
2. Awards Year: January 1 through December 31.
3. Deadline: submit to South Central Region Awards Chairman by February 1 unless otherwise stated.
4. Entries may be continuing projects, but must include some work in the current awards year.
5. Awards requiring Book of Evidence:
 1. Submit three (3) pages, no binder, or plastic pages.
 2. On top of first page list award number and name, name and city of club, number of members, President's name and address and phone number.
 3. No loose materials
 4. A yearbook covering the awards year, if necessary to complete an entry, may be stapled inside the back cover
 5. Postage encloses enough postage for entry to be returned after the Regional Convention if unable to pick up entry in person.
 6. Cash Awards: only 1st place winners scoring 90 or above will receive cash awards.
 7. A penalty of 5 points will be applied to continuing projects if they won 1st place the previous year.

SCR- YOUTH PROGRAM - Club submits Book of Evidence to SCR Award Chairman by February 1

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be given to the single club best meeting the challenge of youth during the awards year. This could be through a series of environmental meetings, a complete program for youth, such as nature hikes, Flower Shows, Adopt-a-School, etc. through High School, Intermediate or Junior Gardener activities.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION YOUTH AWARDS

SCR #19 BIRD POSTER

Submit entries to District Youth Chairman by November 1

Entries are submitted by District Youth Chair to state TGC Bird Poster Chairman who judges each entry and submits first place winner(s) in each grade to the South Central Region Chairman by December 1.

An Award Certificate and a cash award of \$10.00 may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$5.00 to the 2nd place winner, \$3.00 to the 3rd place winner in each grade.

SCR will present a cash award of \$25.00 to the first place winner(s) of each grade.

A South Central Region Certificate and a \$25.00 cash award may be given to the 1st place winner in each grade for the best poster using the same subject as the SCR Junior Gardeners Poster topic for the current year. (Kindergarten not eligible for NGC award)

Eligible grades: 4th - 8th

All entries may be sponsored by a local garden club or a federated garden club member.

1. Posters must feature the "SCR Bird of the Year"
2. Eligible students are 4th - 8th grades. Home schooled students are eligible, as well as, students in other organizations.
3. Materials may include: crayons, markers, poster paint, watercolors, etc. Paper choice is decided by student. The size must be submitted on an 8 1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17" page.
4. Attach Form #1 to back of poster.

Note: *State Chairman Award Report is for your State Activities Award Chair (VP- Youth)*

5. Each club should have entries judges to determine a first place winners for each grade level.
6. First Place winners from 4th - 8th graders should be mailed to the SCR Bird Chairman. **ONLY ONE FIRST PLACE ENTRY PER GRADE ACCEPTED FROM STATE AWARDS CHAIRMAN.**

Scale of Points:

Originality 25%

Method 25%

Artwork 25%

Overall effectiveness of the entry 25%

7. Copy winning entries as they will not be returned unless a club member attends the SCR Convention
8. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a 2nd piece of paper. No 3-dimensional entries allowed.

SCR #20 POETRY CONTEST

submit to District Youth Poetry Chairman by November 1

Entries are submitted by District Youth Chair to state TGC Poetry Chairman by December 1. Each entry is judged and first place winner(s) in each grade are submitted to the South Central Region Chairman by January 1.

(Confirm deadline published in The Lone Star Gardener or the National Gardener)

An Award Certificate and a cash award of \$10.00 may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$5.00 to the 2nd place winner, \$3.00 to the 3rd place winner in each grade.

SCR will present a cash award of \$25.00 to the first place winner(s) of each grade.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Competition may include kindergarten through 9th grade.
2. Include name, address, age, and school grade of participant on back of entry (use form)
3. Sponsoring club or federated garden club member must be identified.

4. Poems do not have to rhyme.
5. Poems may be traditional, verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquain, diamond poems or Haiku
6. Poems to be judged: 10 pts title, 40 pts content, 30 pts creativity, 20 pts style
7. All poems must be judged by local club. Each club may submit the top three poems in each school grade to District Chairman by November 1.
8. District Chairman may submit the top three poetry entries in each school grade to the state Youth Poetry Chairman by December 1.
9. The State Poetry Chairman will send the first place winning poetry in each grade to the South Central Region Poetry Chairman for judging by January 1.
10. All winning entries become the property of South Central Region.
11. Winning entries will be compiled into a booklet which will be made available to the winners.

SCR #21 Sculpture Contest

Submit entries to District Youth Chairman by November 1

District Youth Chairman submits entries to TGC Sculpture Chairman December 1

TGC Sculpture Chairman submits the first place winners in each grade to the SCR Sculpture Chairman by January 1

The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment.

An Award Certificate and a cash award of \$10.00 may be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$5.00 to the 2nd place winner, \$3.00 to the 3rd place winner in each grade.

SCR will present a cash award of \$25.00 to the first place winner(s) of each grade.

1. Children in the 4th through 8th grades will be eligible to enter the contest.
2. Sculpture must consist of recyclable, reusable, and reduced materials.
3. Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 1/2 x 11 inches.
4. Height should be in proportion to width.
5. Entry form can be found in back of brochure.
6. Entries will include (2) 4 inch x 6 inch photographs attached on the back of the entry form.
7. Chairman should make photos of each entry to provide as requested for the SCR website.
 **NOTE: Chairman's Award Report form found on page 00. This is sent to the TGC Vice President of Youth
8. District Youth Chairman must send entries to the State Sculpture Chairman by the state deadline **December 1.**
9. SCR winners will be sent to National Garden Clubs, Inc. by **March 1**
 (If your state does not participate in this contest, your entry may be sent directly to the SCR Youth Awards Coordinator)

SCR #22 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contests
Smokey Bear, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"
Woodsy Owl, "Lend a Hand Care for the Land"

Rules are same for either poster contest - only enter one poster per year

Submit entries to District Youth Chairman by November 1

District Youth Chairman submits entries to TGC Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Chairman by January 1

TGC Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Chairman submits the first place winner in each grade to the SCR

Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Chairman on or before February 24

An Award Certificate and a cash award of \$10.00 will be presented to the state 1st place winner, \$5.00 to the 2nd place winner, \$3.00 to the 3rd place winner in each grade.

SCR will present a cash award of \$25.00 to the first place winner(s) of each grade.

1. All poster entries must be sponsored by a local Garden Club or a Garden Club member.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and must NOT feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"
4. Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message: "Lend a Hand, Care For the Land!"
5. Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfire or conserving natural resources.
6. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
7. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paint, water colors, etc.
8. The choice of paper color and texture is up to the child.
9. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
10. The following information should be written on the back of the poster in the lower right hand corner: *Form is provided in back of brochure. Copy as many as needed.*
 - a. The artist's name, address, home phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city and state.
 - b. Should school policy preclude giving students' address and phone number, please include the school address and phone number.
 - c. Each poster must also show the name of the sponsoring local Garden Club, president's address, and phone number, and email for the local Garden Club. (DO NOT use a dark marker for this information as it may show through.)
11. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists. Competition may include students from first through fifth grade.
12. The Local Garden Club must submit the poster entries to the TGC State Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Chairman no later than December 1. The State Garden Club Chairman must submit the five winning posters from the state to South Central Region Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl poster chairman by January 1.
13. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate.
14. Students should be reminded to check spelling. Posters with spelling errors will be disqualified.
15. Any group of children can participate. Scout troops, after school programs, and the like are perfectly appropriate. The child's grade must be included on the poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category.

16. Local Garden Clubs coordinators should offer certificates of appreciation to all participants. Certificates are available for download at www.gardenclub.org or requesting them from the National Symbols Cache by emailing the quantity and your address information to symbols@fs.fed.us. They are also encouraged to organize a recognition ceremony. If there is a national forest office nearby, the Forest Service can be contacted for help. They can facilitate the presence of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl at your recognition ceremony. National forest information is available at www.fs.usda.gov.
17. The Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest is an opportunity for local Garden Clubs to connect with their communities. The contest may be used to promote the club, attract children and their parents, and raise awareness of the importance of caring for the environment.
18. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.
19. Past winners are permitted and encouraged to participate again, but not national winners.
20. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. 3D posters are **not** allowed.
21. A poster may include just the head of Smokey or Woodsy.
22. National Garden Clubs, Inc. local coordinators for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest should contact their State or Regional Poster Chairman to get promotional materials. Promotional materials are also available for purchasing at www.symbols.gov.
23. Posters that compete for the National Grand Prize become property of the Forest Service. They ARE NOT returned to the participants. Participants and State and Regional Poster Chairmen should make copies or scan and save the posters they submit.

Scale of Points

Originality	20%
Design	20%
Slogan	20%
Artwork	20%
Overall effectiveness of message	20%
Total	100%

YOUTH WORK

YW-1 YOUTH GARDEN CLUB OUTSTANDING SPONSOR

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100

Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a youth club which has been most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work with youth. Applications must indicate grade of club, sponsor club name, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youths involved. This award is not to be duplicated with any other Youth Work award.

A – Grades 1 – 3	B – Grades 4 – 6
C – Grades 7 – 9	D - Other

YW-2 HORTICULTURE ACTIVITY FOR YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit +\$100

Given to the NGC or IA member club sponsor of a youth club for the most outstanding horticulture activity. Applications must indicate grade of club, sponsor club name, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youth involved. This award is not to be duplicated with any other youth Work award.

A – Grades 1 – 3	B – Grades 4 – 6
C – Grades 7 – 9	D - Other

YW-3 OUTDOOR PLANTING WITH YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100

Given to the NGC or IA member club sponsor of a youth club for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source but must do the actual gardening themselves.

A – Grades 1 – 3	B – Grades 4 – 6
C – Grades 7 – 9	D - Other

YW-4 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY WITH YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100

Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a youth club for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental concern, e.g., horticulture, landscaping, anti-litter, restoration, conservation, other.

A – Grades 1 – 3	B – Grades 4 – 6
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C – Grades 7 – 9	D - Other
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YW-5 JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB WILDLIFE GARDENING EDUCATION PROJECT

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit = \$100

Given to the Youth Garden Club with the most notable project or projects education the public on the benefits of gardening for wildlife.

A – Grades 1 – 3	B – Grades 4 – 6
C – Grades 7 – 9	D - Other

Please refer to Scoring Rubric for YW-5 on the following page.

YW-5 Specific Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

Presentation

5 Total _____

Cover sheet included with all sections completed	2	
Application adheres to 3 single page limit unless other size specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

Achievement

40 Total _____

Meets NGC Missions & Goals	3	
Scope of project defined	2	
Need Identified	5	
Benefit to target (member/recipients/community/etc.)	6	
Accomplishment of goals	6	
Comprehensiveness of work	5	
Activities to attain goals explained	6	
Evaluation of goals reached	2	
Educational	2	
Prior planning	2	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	1	

Participation

15 Total _____

% of member participation from total size possible (may include any type of support given)	15	
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Community Involvement

30 Total _____

Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	30	
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Documentation (photocopies permitted)

10 Total _____

Clear, well-labeled, neatly attached photos when applicable	3	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	2	

Financial report	4	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	1	

YW-6 HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB OUTSTANDING SPONSOR

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100

Given to the NGC member club sponsor of a High School Gardeners Club that has carried out the best all-around gardening project. Applications must indicate grade/s of club, sponsor club name, list of programs presented to the youth, meeting dates, and number of youths involved.

YW-7 HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100 (1st Place) \$50 (2nd Place)

Given to a High School student, grades 9-12 for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g., environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, others. The project must be sponsored by an NGC member club, group of clubs, district, or State Garden Club.

YW-8 HORTICULTURE EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100

Given to an NGC member club for the best promotion of gardening for youth, based on the belief that youth should be educated to become future horticulturists.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Garden Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small Medium Large 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District 3. State Garden Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small Medium Large |
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YW-9 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT WITH YOUTH

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100 sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Given to the NGC member club for the most outstanding project in the field of environmental education involving youth.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Garden Club:
Small
Medium
Large2. Group of Clubs, Council, District3. State Garden Club:
Small
Medium
Large |
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YW- 10 INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO YOUTH-

Outstanding individual: Certificate of Merit + \$100 sponsored by the Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Given to the Individual NGC member who has given outstanding service to youth as a leader of a Youth Garden Club in any grade category through High School.

Individual garden club member

Release Form

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby grant permission to National Garden Clubs, Inc., and its assigns, licensees, successors in interest, and legal representatives (collectively, "NGC") the irrevocable right and permission to use and/or publish, without charge or compensation to me, my picture, portrait, voice, likeness, and biographical information (collectively, "Likeness"), and any photograph, video image, audio recording, or video footage thereof, in all forms and in all media whether or not now in existence, including, but not limited to, in film or digital media, without any restriction as to changes or alteration (including, but not limited to, composite or distorted representations or derivative works made in any medium) for its advertising, promotional, educational, and/or informational purposes, and/or posts on public web spaces and/or social media pages by NGC. I waive any right to inspect or approve the above-described use. I agree that if NGC creates the materials in which I appear, then NGC owns the copyright in these photographs, video images, audio recording, or video footage.

I hereby release and agree to hold harmless NGC from any liability or damages of any kind (including, but not limited to, misappropriation of name, invasion of privacy, slander, libel, defamation, false light, or other claims based on the use of the above-described material) arising out of the use of my Likeness and/or those of my minor child[ren], if applicable, by NGC, and agree not to sue or otherwise initiate legal proceedings against NGC for such use or publication on my behalf or on behalf of my minor child[ren].

I am of full age and competent to sign this release and have signed it knowingly and voluntarily on behalf of myself and/or my minor child[ren], if applicable. I agree that this release shall be binding on me, my legal representatives, heirs, and assigns.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

[Print Name of Minor Child and relationship to Minor Child (e.g., parent guardian, etc.):

Address: _____

Place use this completed form on the back of the posters.

FORM # 1

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

School Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Sponsoring Garden Club _____

President's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

**SCR Youth Sculpture Contest
Entry Form**

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Name and address of Contact person:

Sponsoring Garden Club: _____

List materials used:

Describe sculpture in 3-5 sentences:

On the back of this entry form, please attach photos (2 - 4" x 6" photos recommended)
Send this completed form to State Sculpture Contest Chairman by deadline of January 1

AWARDS REPORT TO TGC YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Please type or print report

Mail to: State Youth Awards Chairman and send a copy to TGC Vice President of Youth Activities

Name of Award _____ Total Number of Entries _____

If applicable: Award Name/ Number _____ Division _____ Class _____ Sub Class _____

FIRST PLACE: GRADE _____ DISTRICT _____

Name of Garden Club _____

Student's Name _____

Name of Current President _____

Address _____

SECOND PLACE GRADE _____ DISTRICT _____

Name of Garden Club _____

Student's Name _____

Name of Current President _____

Address _____

THIRD PLACE GRADE _____ DISTRICT _____

Name of Garden Club _____

Student's Name _____

Name of Current President _____

Address _____

HONORABLE MENTION GRADE _____ District _____

Name of Garden Club _____

Student's Name _____

Name of Current President _____

Address _____

HONORABLE MENTION GRADE _____ District _____

Name of Garden Club _____

Student's Name _____

Name of Current President _____

Address _____

Continue additional Honorable Mention on blank pages as necessary. Reproduce this form as necessary.

Name of Chairman Submitting Report _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC. – YOUTH CLUB REGISTRATION

Complete and mail to State Youth Activities Coordinator by September 30th.

Name of Club _____ City _____ Year _____
 Sponsoring Club _____ City _____ Year _____
 President's Name/Address _____ Zip _____
 Leader/Advisor Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip _____

Type of Club (check)	Grade	Average Age	Number of Members	No. of Meeting Per Week/Month
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Junior (1st–6th) _____ _____ _____ _____

Intermed.(6/7-9) _____ _____ _____ _____

High Schl (9/10-12) _____ _____ _____ _____

Special Youth Clubs*: Mental _____ Physical _____ Hospital _____ Other _____

No. Members _____ *On fluctuating membership, state number of children reached.

If "Other", please describe group _____

ALL CLUBS: List number of planned programs/activities, each category. Use back to give details on club's activities/accomplishments. High School Clubs, state curriculum.

National/State competitions entered (Speech, Essay, Poetry, Poster, etc.) _____

Design Workshop _____ Horticulture Workshop _____ Arbor Day _____ Nature Study _____

Community Involvement _____ Conservation _____ Garden Therapy _____ Poster _____

Flower Show _____ Field Trip _____ or any other program/activity/project _____

Detach Here

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TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC. – YOUTH CLUB DUES

Complete and send with \$10.00 dues for each club by September 30th to:

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. 3111 Old Garden Road Fort Worth TX 76107-3498

Club Name _____ Type of Club _____ No. of Members _____

City _____ District _____ Average Age _____

Leader/Advisor _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Sponsoring Club _____ City _____

President's Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

New Club? _____

Renewal? _____