

NJSFWC ACHIEVEMENT DAY CONTESTS RULES

All entries must be pre-registered with the District Arts & Culture Chairman, no later than three weeks prior to the District Achievement Day. The District Arts/Creative Chairman will determine the pre-registration deadline for their respective district. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN PRE- REGISTERED.**

- All entries must be the work of the clubwomen.
- Entry must be completed within the past year. Entry may not have been entered in a previous Federation contest.
- Only ONE entry per clubwoman in each category or sub-category.
- Each entry must be labeled with member's name and address, club and district, category and sub-category.
- All entries must be accompanied with the current registration form.
- Entries will be handled with care; but are entered at owner's risk.
- Items may not be removed from exhibit area prior to check-out time.
- No copies, no kits, no pairs, or sets, except where noted.
- No stands except where noted.
- All measurements refer to greater dimension (Except circumference).

DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE ALWAYS FINAL.

ALL GRAND RIBBON WINNERS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL ARE EXPECTED TO BE ENTERED AT THE NJSFWC CONVENTION.

AWARDS

THE AWARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Grand Prize = Gold Ribbon and Certificate

First Place = Blue Ribbon and Certificate

Second Place = Certificate

Third Place = Certificate

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AWARDS:

There may be only one Grand Award in each category/sub-category level. (EXCEPTION: At the District Achievement Days, if possible there will be a Grand Award in every beginner level category/sub-category).

There can be multiple First, Second and Third Place awards in each category/sub-category.

LEVELS OR CLASSES OF ENTRIES IN ALL CATEGORIES

IF THE CLUB MEMBER HAS:	THEN THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS:
Up to three years in the medium	BEGINNER*
More than three years in the medium OR Prior State First Place Award Gold Ribbon	ADVANCED
Sold their work for income or teaches the craft professionally	PROFESSIONAL

*VERY IMPORTANT: IF YOU HAVE BEEN USING A SPECIFIC MEDIUM FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS EVEN THOUGH YOU NEVER SUBMITTED THE CURRENT ENTRY, YOU ARE ADVANCED, NOT A BEGINNER.
 EXAMPLE: IF YOU HAVE BEEN KNITTING FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS, ALTHOUGH YOU MAY HAVE NEVER SUBMITTED A SCARF, YOU ARE STILL NOT A BEGINNER, YOU ARE ADVANCED.

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WILL BE USED FOR JUDGING

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION:
Composition	The arrangement and proper proportion/relation of artistic form.
Craftsmanship	The appropriate use of materials and techniques.
Creativity	The use of originality, expression and imaginative skill.
Flavor/Texture	Successful baking qualities. The baking must be tasteful combined with the appropriate texture.
Technical	The use of color, shading, proportion, etc.
Workmanship	The appropriate use of fabric, yarn etc.; the quality of stitching.

ALL JUDGES FOR DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT DAYS AND STATE CONVENTION ARE PROFESSIONAL, EXPERIENCED PEOPLE IN THEIR FIELD, THEREFORE, THEY WILL JUDGE THE ENTRY ON A PROFESSIONAL, BUT NO JURIED, BASIS.

ALTHOUGH WE WILL TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO SAFEGUARD EACH ENTRY PLEASE NOTE THAT NJSFWC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST, STOLEN OR DESTROYED ITEMS. THEY ARE ENTERED AT YOUR OWN RISK.

DUTIES OF DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

1. Keep District clubwomen informed and knowledgeable of the activities of the Community Service Program through communication with the respective State Chairman. All materials presented at District meetings must be approved by the State Chairman, or if prepared by the State Chairman should be reviewed prior to the meeting to anticipate questions.
2. Attend Federation Guest Days, when invited, and bring information on your Community Service Program.
3. Attend District and State Federation meetings. If a District Chairman feels something special should be covered in her particular Community Service Program, she should consult with the State Chairman.
4. Inform the clubs about Community Service Program material available from GFWC Headquarters.
5. Be available to work with your State Chairman at the Convention, the State Fall Conference, or whenever necessary to promote the Community Service Program.
6. **JUDGES**
 - a. Judges for contests at District level are to be selected by the District Chairman and must be reviewed by the State Chairman. The list shall be sent to the State Chairman at least six weeks prior to the event.
 - b. The State Chairman will advise the District Chairman, who will, in turn send the judging specifics and other logistical information to the judges to be utilized in her District. [These include the Achievement Day Contest Rules, Levels of Entries, Criteria for Judging and the Contest Outline.]
 - c. Professional judges shall be used whenever possible in all contests.
 - d. If qualified Clubwomen are serving as judges, they may NOT judge in their own District.
 - e. Send/deliver a thank-you to each of the judges. It is not necessary to give each of the judges a token of appreciation for their time.