CATEGORIES FOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY ENTRIES

(Please read the rules listed below carefully as well as the "Arts and Culture Contest Rules" located on the njsfwc.org web site. Materials lists and recipes must be included with the registration form to be qualified for judging.)

1. **JEWELRY** – Handmade (List of materials MUST accompany entry. Display boards are permitted)
    - A. Necklace or Bracelet
    - B. Earrings
    - C. Other

2. **DOOR DECORATION** - not to exceed 25" in any direction (No fresh flowers on the item)

3. **GLASS WORK -** not to exceed 16 x 16
    - A. Stained
    - B. Fused
    - C. Leaded
    - D. Other

4. **PAPER ART** – Handmade
    - A. Greeting Cards
    - B. Cover, Invitation, Announcement (Maximum size 8.5" x 11") One only.
    - C. Paper Flowers - No larger than 12" at the largest point.
    - D. Adult coloring – (ONE SHEET - Maximum Size 12" x 12" – mounted on card stock and enclosed in plastic.
    - E. Other (Includes Origami, etc.)

5. **HOLIDAY -** Any Holiday (Small stand allowed for ornament.)
    - A. Holiday Decoration, no larger than 24" in any direction
    - B. Ornaments (Small stand allowed)
    - C. Other

6. **FAVORS** – No larger than 12" x 8: in any direction, can be edible (wrapped), Not judged for taste.

7. **EMBROIDERYY AND NEEDLEWORK** – Any method 9axmum size 20" x 24", including frame, etc.) May include picture, pillow, holiday stocking, 3-dimensional object, placemats, etc.
    - A. Cross Stitch/Counted Cross Stitch – stamped or not stamped
    - B. Crewel
    - C. Needlepoint
    - D. Other (ex. Hardanger, candlewicking)

8. **KNITTING**
    - A. Shawl/Poncho/Shrug/Scarf
    - B. Blanket/Afghan
    - C. Sweater—Adult, Infant or Child

D. Hat—Adult, Infant or Child
E. Other

9. **CROCHETING**
   A. Shawl/Poncho/Shrug/Scarf
   B. Blanket/Afghan
   C. Sweater —Adult, Infant or Child
   D. Hat—Adult, Infant or Child
   E. Other

10. **SEWING**
   A. Pillows
   B. Bags: tote bags, handbags, multi-purpose bags and other
   C. Other (Doll Clothes, hats, accessories, etc.)

11. **QUILTING**
   A. Pillow or Pieced quilt square - Not to exceed 16” x 16” Does not need to be backed or quilted.
      1. Machine
      2. Hand
   B. Quilt
      1. Machine pieced
      2. Hand pieced
   C. Other
      1. Machine
      2. Hand

12. **COOKING** – No boxed cake mixes. One (1) copy of recipe **MUST** accompany entry. Recipe may be reprinted in the **ALMANAC** or **DISTRICT BULLETIN**. Maximum presentation – 14” including plate. Items being taken to NJSFWC Convention **MUST** be on disposable dishes. Note: **ALL** entries will be cut and tasted. **NO** frosting or fillings that need refrigeration. All items must be completed before presentation to entry desk. **Food must be removed and may be discarded after judging.**
   A. CAKES/CUPCAKES
      1. Cake/Cupcakes (Any Variety)
      2. Decorated Cake/Cupcakes (Any Variety) (4 cupcakes decorated)
   B. COOKIES
      1. Drop
      2. Filled cookies (jelly/jam, nuts or other filling)
      3. Decorated Cookies (Any Variety)
      4. Other (Biscotti, Bars, Gingerbread, Brownies, rolled, cut out, etc.)
   C. QUICK BREADS & MUFFINS (Any Variety)
   D. CANDY
   F. PIES
   G. JAMS and JELLIES – NO Paraffin

13. **PAINTING– OIL** –Must be painted edge to edge if not framed. Maximum size 24” x 36” <u>including frame.</u> Wiring for hanging is not necessary.
   A. Landscape

B. Seascape
C. Portrait
D. Other Subjects (Still Life, Abstract, Buildings, Monuments)

14. **PAINTING – WATERCOLORS** – MUST BE FRAMED. Maximum size 24" x 36," including frame. Wiring for hanging is not necessary.
    A. Landscape
    B. Seascape
    C. Portrait
    D. Other Subjects (Still Life, Abstract, Buildings, Monuments)

15. **PAINTING – ACRYLIC** Must be painted edge to edge if not framed. - Maximum size 24" x 36," including frame. Wiring for hanging is not necessary.
    A. Landscape
    B. Seascape
    C. Portrait
    D. Other Subjects (Still Life, Abstract, Buildings, Monuments)

16. **PAINTING ON OTHER MATERIAL or MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE**

17. **DRAWING** – Pencil (Black and White, colored, charcoal, pastels, pen and ink). Maximum size to 24" x 36." Including matting and framing. Wiring for hanging is not necessary.
    A. Landscape
    B. Seascape
    C. Portrait
    D. Other Subjects (Still Life, Abstract, Buildings, Monuments)

NJSFWC ACHIEVEMENT DAY CONTEST RULES

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

- All entries must be the work of the clubwoman.
- Entry must be completed within the past year (from May to May, based on the Convention date, except photographs must have been taken during the previous calendar year). Entry may not have been entered in a previous Federation contest.
- Only **ONE** entry per clubwoman in each category or sub-category.
- Members are limited to 10 entries total.
- 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 FIRST PLACE RIBBON WINNERS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL ARE EXPECTED TO BE ENTERED AT THE NJSFWC CONVENTION.

1. AWARDS - THE AWARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
   a. First Place - Blue Ribbon and Certificate
   b. Second Place –Certificate
   c. Third Place – Certificate
   d. Honorable Mention
2. All First Place winners are expected to be entered at the NJSFWC Convention.
3. There may be only one First Place Award in each category/sub-category level. There can be multiple Second and Third Place awards in each category/sub-category. This rule applies to all Levels of Experience,
4. Levels or Classes of entries in all categories.
   a. BEGINNER: If the Club member has up to three years in the medium.
   b. ADVANCED: If the Club member has more than three years in the medium OR Prior State FIRST/GOLD Ribbon Prize Award(s) in the same category as the current entry.
   c. *Very Important: If you have been using a specific medium for more than three years, even though you never submitted an entry using that medium, you are considered ADVANCED, not a beginner. Example: You have been knitting for more than three years, although you never submitted a scarf, you are ADVANCED not a beginner.

The following criteria will be used for judging:

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.
Technical	The use of color, shading, proportion, etc.
Workmanship	The appropriate use of fabric, yarn, etc.: the quality of stitching.
Flavor/Texture	Successful cooking qualities. The cooking must be tasteful and Combined with appropriate texture.

- All Judges for District Achievement Days and State Convention are Professional and/or very experienced in their field; therefore, they will judge the entry on a professional basis.
- Decisions of the Judges are final.

Although we will take every precaution to safeguard your entries, please note that NJSFWC is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items. Enter at your own risk.

You are responsible for delivering and picking up your entry to the Achievement Day venue and must sign for it upon pick up. The Registration Form Receipt must be signed upon pick up by you or whomever you designate to pick up your entries.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AWARDS:
This rule applies to all Levels of experience. There may be only one First Place Award in each category/sub-category level. There may not be a First Place Award in every category. There can be multiple Second and Third Place awards in each category/sub-category and Honorable Mentions...

LEVELS OR CLASSES OF ENTRIES IN ALL CATEGORIES
IF THE CLUB MEMBER HAS: …… THEN THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS:

BEGINNER - Up to three years in the medium
……
ADVANCED More than three years in the medium OR Prior State GRAND Prize Awards(s)-Gold Ribbon in the same category as the current entry.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY –

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage 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. You don't need an expensive camera to take great pictures. Today's cell phones offer a way to take creative pictures that are contest worthy.

18. **OUR LIVING WORLD:** Highlight the people, animals, and plants that make out world a beautiful place to live. These photos can showcase a close-up view, such as the stamen of a flower, to a wide vista, like the Serengeti's animals form a helicopter.
    A. Color
    B. Black & White
19 **PLACES HERE AND THERE*:*** Capture architecture or natural beauty in the air (clouds, moon, stars, etc.), land (mountains, deserts, meadows, etc.), and water (oceans, rivers, waterfalls, etc.) locally or around the world.
    A. Color
    B. Black & White
20. **STATE PRIDE:** Showcase images that make you proud of your state! Examples are Rocky Mountains, university football games, saguaro cactus, pecan pie, the 16th U.S. President, etc. These photographs must be taken in the state submitting them.
    A. Color
    B. Black & White

21. **GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST** These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they actively meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate in groups or one-on-one..

A. Color
B. Black & White

RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

1. Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
2. All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
3. Photographs for the first year of the Administration must be taken between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
4. Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer.

ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

Judges will look at the overall creativity of subject and quality of the photograph. Photos may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black/white.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR STATE JUDGING

Printed Photography Submissions:

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- Each photograph must be an 8 X 10-inch print.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8 X 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. No mattes, frames, or hangers are to be included.
- Photographs may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- Printed photographs will not be returned.
- Each photograph must have a label affixed to its back with the following information:
  ø Contest name: *World in Pictures* with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit
  ø Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number
  ø Name and State of the sponsoring club
  ø Title and a brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent information about the photograph
  ø Arrow indicating the top of the photograph

DEADLINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

State Level: Clubs must send entries to their respective State Photography Contest Chairman for judging. State entry deadlines are determined by the respective State Federation.
National Level: To be eligible for national judging, submit one winner from each State Federation for each contest and category, along with a cover letter from the respective State Photography Contest Chairman listing the names of the winning submissions and the signed GFWC Creative Arts waiver from each state winner. Photograph entries must be postmarked by May 15, and sent to: GFWC Photography Contest, 1734 N Street, NW Washington, DC 20036-2990.

- National Level submitted photographs will not be returned.

- The following awards will be presented at the GFWC Annual Convention for the top three national entries in each contest and category:

First Place	$100
Second Place	$75
Third Place	$50

DISCLAIMER

By submitting your photographs to GFWC for the GFWC Photography Contests on the national level, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

GFWC CREATIVE ARTS' WAIVER FORM

The GFWC Creative Arts Waiver Form is attached to this Photography Contests program. For further information, contact GFWC at Programs@gfwc.org or call 202-347-3168.