

The Governor's Trophy

May be awarded to a Federated Garden Club, which has distinguished itself by providing a year of well-balanced club programs, exceptional civic activity, club projects in all areas of conservation, and activity in State projects as defined in the Scale of Points. The club chosen will receive the Governor's Trophy, an engraved silver bowl and tray, and a certificate recognizing the club as the most outstanding garden club, in its size category, in the state. The trophy may be kept until the following spring, and must be returned to the State Awards Chair **no later than March 10**. If the trophy is shipped to the Chair, it must be insured. The club will be reimbursed for the shipping costs, if requested.

How to Apply:

1. The Book of Evidence (BOE) and two copies of the current GCFP application form must be received by the State Awards Chair no later than **January 15**.
2. The BOE should be prepared in accordance with the National rules beginning in page 8 of the manual. **BOE for Governor's Trophy may have 25 pages, 50 surfaces.**
3. In providing evidence of work planned and completed, it may be necessary to include two club yearbooks (if your club does not correspond to the calendar year)

Rotation of size categories:

1. **Small Clubs** (up to 29 members) may apply 2018 for 2017
2. **Medium Clubs** (30-99 members) may apply in 2019 for 2018
3. **Large Clubs** (over 100 members) may apply in 2020 for 2019 year
4. **Rotation repeats every three years. Refer to the Keystone Gardener and the GCFP website for current size eligibility.**

Scale of Points for Governor's Trophy

Presentation.....5

Neat and concise

Club Meetings 15

At least 9 meetings a year, well-attended

Well-balanced, garden-related programs with emphasis on horticulture: includes workshops, garden tours, field trips, exhibits.

Civic Activities..... 45

Flower Show, Community Planting and/or Landscaping, Horticulture Therapy, Arbor Day or Tree Project, Work with Youth, Community Involvement

Conservation Activities.....15

Birds and/or Butterflies, Litter Control and/or Recycling Pollution, Air and/or Water Wildflower and/or Nature Study

Club Organizational Activities.....10

Published Yearbook, Published Newsletter (at least 2 per year) Reception of new members during the year, Club Attendance at District and State Meetings

Club Supported State Projects10

World Gardening; contributed to and/or promoted Scholarships; given by the club, contributed to State Scholarship, and/or promoted and sponsored An applicant for a State or National Scholarship

Total Points 100