

Jennie Award

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The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family.

They are chosen by their clubs to compete at state, region, and national levels for the Federation's highest honor.

The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the fictitious name "Jennie June." The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who exemplifies her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence.

Since it is an award for lifetime personal excellence, club presidents should consider utilizing the knowledge of club historians for Jennie Award nominees. Club presidents should be mindful of first impressions and make the nominee's packet of supporting materials as professional as possible because it may be judged at the different levels by influential community leaders.

Award Rules

- Clubs may nominate one member who has demonstrated the qualities outline under the judging criteria for this award.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing of a GFWC club for a minimum of five years. Her tenure of service may be with several clubs. Years of service must be consecutive not concurrent.
- Current and past members of the GFWC Executive Committee are ineligible.
- Nominations should emphasize a member's entire lifetime of service.
- Clubs must complete and submit the official GFWC Jennie Award Nomination Form along with a maximum 500-word written narrative. Narratives should include descriptions of the nominee's:
 - Club activities
 - Participation in community groups and organizations, both volunteer and professional
 - Commitment to her nuclear or extended family
- Clubs must submit the following supportive materials along with nomination form and narrative:

- Photograph of nominees (no larger than 5x7 inches)
- Clips of two-three newspaper (or other media) stories about successful projects
- To which the member contributed (it is not necessary for such articles to mention the member by name).
- Letter of endorsement from club President
- Letter of endorsement from a representative of another organization
- Nomination forms and supporting materials, including photographs, will not be returned.
- Clubs must submit nomination materials to Betty MacMaster, GFWC Washington State President, postmarked by June 1, 2019, for state level judging.

We have so many deserving women in Washington State, that each club should consider nominating a member of their club for this outstanding award.

GFWC Jennie June Nomination Form: <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-20-Jennie-Award.pdf>