Please read through these instructions thoroughly before submitting an application.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:
The Awards of Excellence are to be applied for by State Garden Clubs or Regions, not individual garden clubs. The applications should be submitted by the state president or the state awards chairman. All of the applications should represent Excellence.

The application is limited to six (6) printed pages total, front of pages only:

- Page 1. NGC Award of Excellence Application Form – found on NGC website, www.gardenclub.org
- Page 2. Summary of applicant’s qualifications
- Pages 3-6. Maximum of four (4) pages of text and photos/photocopies to cover all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for achievement, participation and record; no binders, vinyl sheet protectors or staples.

Award applications are best emailed to the chairman but will also be accepted by regular mail, one copy only.

DEADLINE: All applications must be received by the NGC Award of Excellence Chairman by January 1. The Award of Excellence for Regions applications are only accepted the second year of an administration. All applications will be judged by members of the Award of Excellence Committee. The winners selected by the Award of Excellence Committee shall be approved at the Winter Executive Committee Meeting.

Email or mail applications to NGC Award of Excellence Chairman:  Donna Rouch, NGC Award of Excellence Chairman donna@rouchpartners.com  1672 South 152nd Street, Omaha, NE 68144-5162; 402-676-0906

If your application doesn’t win feel free to resubmit the application in the future. There are only so many awards given per year.

#23 - AWARD OF EXCELLENCE for NON-MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:
The highest award of National Garden Clubs presented to a Non-member of NGC and sponsored by a State Garden Club organization/federation. It may be awarded to an individual, organization, or institution that has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of goals and purposes of National Garden Clubs. The recipient must accept the award in person. If the winner is an organization or institution, a representative of the organization must accept the award in person. These awards are not intended to be given posthumously.

The application is limited to six (6) printed pages total, front of pages only:

- Page 1. NGC Award of Excellence Application Form – found on NGC website, www.gardenclub.org
- Page 2. Summary of applicant’s qualifications
- Pages 3-6. Maximum of four (4) pages of text and photos/photocopies to cover all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for achievement, participation and record; no binders, vinyl sheet protectors or staples.

SCALE OF POINTS USED FOR JUDGING #23: Presentation - 5, Achievement and Scope of Accomplishment – 50, Advancement of NGC, Inc.’s Goals - 35, Supporting Data – 10;  Total 100 points
# 24 - AWARD OF EXCELLENCE for STATE GARDEN CLUB REQUIREMENTS:

A State Garden Club organization/federation may apply for the Award of Excellence for distinguished work in a state for a coordinated activity or project in accordance with the programs and objectives of NGC in which State Garden Club members have participated. This should involve clubs from many areas of the state. A state may not win this award more than once for the same project unless a significant new phase or activity has been added to the project. If this is an ongoing, long term project, recent involvement must be reflected in the application. The Award of Excellence should be projects that are unique and superior in their scope and execution. A monetary award of five hundred dollars ($500) will be given to the winner from each membership size division. A maximum of four (4) NGC Awards of Excellence may be awarded per year. If there are no applicants in one membership size division another application may be considered, if equally outstanding, to be awarded in another size division.

States will be divided into four (4) size divisions, according to their membership numbers:

a. Membership up to 999
b. Membership from 1,000 to 2,999
c. Membership from 3,000 to 7,999
d. Membership over 8,000

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Page 2. Summary of applicant’s qualifications
Pages 3-6. Maximum of four (4) pages of text and photos/photocopies to cover all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for achievement, participation and record; no binders, vinyl sheet protectors or staples. This data should document state members’ involvement and success of project.
Six pages total.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING #24: Presentation - 5 Outstanding, Unusual or Distinctive Project – 60, Advancement of NGC, Inc.’s Goals – 25, Supporting Data – 10; TOTAL 100

# 25 - AWARD OF EXCELLENCE for REGION REQUIREMENTS:

One Certificate of Merit and $500 may be awarded for distinguished work in a Region for coordinated activity in accordance with the programs and objectives of NGC in which all states in the Region have participated. A Region may apply for this award in the second year of an Administration.

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Page 2. Summary of applicant’s qualifications
Pages 3-6. Maximum of four (4) pages of text and photos/photocopies to cover all requirements in award description and Scale of Points for achievement, participation and record; no binders, vinyl sheet protectors or staples.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING #25: Presentation – 5, Outstanding, Unusual or Distinctive Project – 60, Advancement of NGC, Inc.’s Goals – 25, Supporting Data – 10; TOTAL 100

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