

GFWC JENNIE AWARD

Information & Nomination Rules

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The *GFWC Jennie Award* is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award highlights those extraordinary members who epitomize 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. In fact, it is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC.

Each State Federation is encouraged to submit the name of one member who has shown outstanding commitment to club, community and family to their GFWC Region for consideration. At the 2025 Regional Conferences, two nominees will be announced and sent to GFWC for final selection. At the 2025 GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, each Region's honoree will be presented with a special remembrance and certificate.

Many CFWC Districts and Clubs currently honor members who contributed volunteer hours (beyond expectations); held various leadership positions; and have contributed their time to other organizations. The task isn't easy to single out one outstanding member; however, what an honor it is to bestow this prestigious award on one of your own who is so deserving of this special recognition.

JENNIE AWARD RULES

- Clubs may nominate one (1) member, in good standing, who has been a Federation member for at least five (5) consecutive years.
- Clubs must complete the official GFWC Jennie Award Nomination Form, along with a narrative about the nominee and additional materials described below. Submit the nomination packet to the CFWC Jennie Award Chairman, Stephanie Stark, by **June 1st 2025**.
- The narrative should include descriptions of nominee's lifetime of service, such as:
 - Club activities
 - Participation in community groups and organizations, both volunteer and professional
 - Nominee's commitment to nuclear and extended family
- The following supportive materials must be submitted with the nomination form and narrative:
 - Letter of introduction and endorsement explaining the reason for the nomination (500 words max)
 - Letter of endorsement from a representative of another organization
 - Two to three newspaper clippings (or other media) describing a project which the member contributed toward its success.
 - Photograph of nominee (no larger than 5x7")