

General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania
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2016 - 2017 Woman of the Year Award

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OVERVIEW

Woman of the Year is a relatively new program that was successfully instituted during the 2014-2016 administration. *This award was established to honor a deserving woman in PA, and to get the word out about GFWC Pennsylvania.*

By offering this award to a deserving Pennsylvania woman, it continues to be our hope that more and more women will hear about GFWC PA, understand what we are all about, and we will no longer be one of the best kept secrets in the state!

THE RULES

The *Woman of the Year* is someone who stands out because of the special things she does. In all facets of her daily life, she goes above and beyond. And not because it is expected in her job, by her family, or because of her religious affiliation. She is driven by a strong sense of integrity and the desire to stand out and give back to her community.

Nominees for this award:

- Must be over 21 years of age
- Must not hold or be running for a political office
- Must not be a member of the GFWC

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Entry forms are available on the GFWC Pennsylvania website. Go to www.gfwcpennsylvania.org and click on forms and downloads. Instructions are included on the form.

CLARIFICATIONS

Some of the qualifications listed above are easy to determine because they are objective or based on the facts; while others are more subjective – meaning that they are based on observance and the belief that your nominee is indeed worthy of the award.

The *subjective* qualifications are more difficult to consider, but you will know them when you see them! In everyday life, all we need to do is look around us – we are surrounded by women who possess these qualities – in our relationships, business affiliations, partnerships, and social affiliations – everywhere we connect with people.

JUDGING AND SELECTION

Judges will be chosen by asking each District Chairman to submit the name of a club member in their district to serve as a judge for the *Woman of the Year* Award. Judges will individually review each submission. Judges will rate each candidate in the categories of **home life**, **occupation**, and **community** using a numerical score of 1 to 10, with one (1) being the lowest score and 10 being the highest score. Score sheets will be submitted to the *Woman of the Year* Committee. The committee will total the scores. The highest scoring candidate will be the winner.

THE AWARD

The winner of the award will join us for dinner and be announced, honored, and presented with the award at the annual GFWC Pennsylvania convention.

2016-2017 CALENDAR

We will be enlisting your help to advertise for candidates in newspapers, local publications, on the web, through our clubs, through other civic and business organizations, and by word-of-mouth. We are confident that you will recognize and nominate very worthy candidates! You will also be provided with mock press releases, informational write ups, etc.

Look for information about the *Woman of the Year* Award on the GFWC PA website. Additionally, we will be communicating to your clubs via the Clubwoman Newsletter and email sent to your club president.

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