

FFGC Award Application Cover Sheet 2025-2027

Complete this cover sheet and additional pages as noted below. Email your completed application to the FFGC Awards chair, Sylvia Swartz: sswartzffgcawards@gmail.com. Most awards are due November 27, 2025. Check Awards Handbook for variations.

FFGC Award # 5 Category/ Class A FFGC Award SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD				
Name of Group/Club/Individual applying for Award Awards Committee				
Club Lake Placid Garden Club			Number of members 104	
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Is this project new? No	Continuing from previous	work? Yes	Ongoin	g? Yes
Beginning date ₁₋₂₀₂₅	Expected completion date	12-2025		

Complete this cover sheet and attach the following information (do not exceed 3 additional single-sided sheets unless you are submitting a BOE which requires more pages).

- 1. A brief summary and objectives of the project;
- 2. Description of the involvement of other club members, other organizations, etc.;
- 3. Project expenses and means of funding:
- 4. Continuing involvement, follow-up, or maintenance;
- 5. Include Landscape plan if applicable does not need to be professionally drawn;
- 6. Photos as applicable (inserted into your document do not send photo prints).

All award applications are to be typed and submitted electronically unless otherwise noted in the award description. Applicants must use this cover sheet and may attach up to three additional single-sided pages. Indicate the Award Name and Number and the name of the applicant on each sheet. Number the pages .



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November 3, 2025

Award #5

Award Name: Special Achievement Award Applicant Name: Lake Placid Garden Club

To: Sylvia Swartz
FFGC Awards Chair

Re: #5 Special Achievement Award Youth Gardening Project-2025

1. A brief summary and objectives of the project;

Our Garden Club is proud to continue its Youth Gardening Project at Crane Brook Academy in Lake Placid, Florida. This private school serves students in grades 1 through 12, and our club focuses on working with the 5th grade class throughout the school year. The goal of the program is to teach students the fundamentals of germinating, planting, growing, and caring for a variety of plants and flowers while inspiring a lifelong love of gardening and nature.

2. Description of the involvement of other club members, other organizations, etc.;

Under the leadership of Carol Lambert, lesson plans are carefully developed by a team of retired school teachers who bring both educational expertise and creativity to each month's topic. Every month, the students participate in three engaging sessions—a classroom lecture introducing the month's theme, a hands-on gardening experience, and a craft activity related to the lesson. These sessions provide a well-rounded and enjoyable way for students to learn by doing, seeing, and creating.

3. Project expenses and means off funding;

All funding the the project has been IN-KIND. The committee devides the program lessons plans among them. Supplies for the planting and crafts are donated. If they need to be purchased the clubs policy is to reimburse if requested. To date all supplies have been donated.

4. Continuing involvement, follow-up, or maintenance;

The students' enthusiasm and curiosity have been a joy to witness, and the collaboration between the









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teachers, club members, and volunteers has made the program a true success. At the end of the school year, Miss Rosie Klein shared a heartfelt thank-you note expressing appreciation for the club's dedication and the positive impact the project had on her students.

In addition to the garden activities, the club held a "Planting Kindness, Harvesting Success" at Tropical Winery, a school supply drive to support the students and teachers at Crane Brook Academy. Thanks to the generosity of members, guests, and the community, enough supplies were donated to last the entire school year. The event not only provided valuable materials for the classroom but also strengthened the partnership between the club and the school.

- 5. Include Landscape plan if applicable does not need to be professionally drawn; NONE
- 6. Photos as applicable (inserted into your document do not send photo prints).

Lake Placid Garden Club supports Crane Brook Academy students

Special to the Highlands News-Sun Provided by Lake Placid Garden Club Sep 3, 2025

The Lake Placid Garden Club (LPGC) has once again demonstrated its commitment to education and community service by generously supporting Mrs Rosie Klein and her students at the local Crane Brook Academy, formerly e-Learning Center. Taking full advantage of Florida's tax-free back-to-school month, club members purchased a wide array of school supplies — enough to last the entire academic year.

On Aug. 22, LPGC members gathered at the Tropical Winery for a special social event that combined fun and philanthropy. During the gathering, members filled a large school basket with essential items, including books, pencils, paper, erasers, markers, folders, crayons, tape, tablets, staples, and more-—ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed.

This effort is just one example of how the Lake Placid Garden Club continues to give back. Throughout the year, the club raises funds to support scholarships, camperships, and a variety of community events, all while promoting education and opportunity for local youth.

Mrs Rosie Klein and her students extend their heartfelt thanks to the members of LPGC for their generosity and continued support.

For more information on the activities of Lake Placid Garden Club visit www.lakeplacidgardenclub.org.

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Email letter sent from the 5th grade teacher, Miss Rosie Klein at Crane Brook Academy, Lake Placid, Fl

My students loved the Garden Club. I have too. Your dedication and positivity is so valuable to these students and I don't say that lightly. In my 30 years of teaching, teaching has changed, a lot. The kids have changed. Parenting has changed. I have my opinions, but like it or not, these are "my babies" for the year and somebody has got to love them. I am given one year to touch them and hopefully, plant a seed. It may be a seed of something academic or a seed of a social skill or an emotional regulation skill. Some of these students will bloom right away, but some will need more time. In my 30 years, this is the most "dysfunctional" class I have ever had and I say that with affection. There is no "normal" anymore within a classroom. What you may not know is that I have kids on medication for ADHD and ODD. I have kids whose fathers are not present and other kids whose fathers are in jail. I have students who parents have died and others whose parents are struggling with addiction. I have kids who are being raised by grandparents and others who are in foster homes. I have kids with truly very little food in the home. And sadly, I have more

than one kid who has been sexually abused. My kids are starving for positive attention and affection. They act up because that's what they know. It's a reflection of the chaos that is going on in their personal lives. If I could take these kids home and rear them all, I would. Since I can't, the best thing I can give them is calm, consistent expectations at school so they learn a "new normal". I do a lot of story telling and a lot of listening. Your Garden Club has added to their new normal. They see you faithfully show up each month because you simply care about them. We've discussed volunteering and the commitment and sacrifice it takes to give to someone else whether it's your time, supplies, or gifts. Your commitment, kind words, smiles, laughter, story telling, modeling, listening etc means the world to these kids. So thank you again for everything you have given "my babies" and for helping them bloom!!! 💚 🌹 🎇 🎇 🌷 🌻 🕀 🛞





Hands on outdoor session



Classroom lecture on Coonties



We planted Kindness, Harvested Success



Organizing supplies