

N.A.G.C. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CRITERIA - Updated 2011, 2015, 2016 and 2024

The North American Gladiolus Council each year (optional) at the annual convention honors a person(s) who has made a significant contribution to NAGC.

Any N.A.G.C. member or Society in good standing (paid member) may submit a name(s) and resume to the Achievement Award Committee for consideration. The resume must be included with sufficient pertinent information on the person(s) so that members of the standing committee will be able to judge the merits of the nominee(s). Each nomination is to be signed by the individual or society making the nomination.

THE NAGC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD honors those members who have worked for the N.A.G.C. If the person(s) has not held an office with NAGC, put on a convention, participated in articles for Glad World, chaired or served on a committee or involved in NAGC related jobs, etc., they should NOT be considered for this award. This award honors members who have spent their time and resources to carry on the inner workings of the NAGC organization.

This award recognizes input and work in NAGC. Items included in the resume, should include NAGC activities participated in, committees served on, offices held, articles written for Glad World, how many years the nominee(s) has been a member of NAGC, etc. Additional information (optional) that could be helpful: what got the nominee(s) interested in glads, how many years had the nominee(s) been involved with gladiolus, what is the approximate number of gladiolus corms planted, what has been done to promote gladiolus, what does the nominee do with glads - hybridize, exhibit, sales, garden tours, talks to groups, etc.

Nominee(s) must be a member(s) of N.A.G.C. and have won the NAGC Gold Medal in order to qualify. An individual(s) can win the award only once. A deceased individual cannot be nominated for this award. If a nominee's death occurs following committee approval, the award will be presented. Nominees do not have to reside within the North American continent.

***The nominee(s) not selected shall remain on the list as candidates for future consideration for an unlimited number of years. This would not preclude the person(s) being subsequently nominated again.**

A standing and revolving committee, consisting of the last four recipients and a chair comprise this committee. The chair shall be the most recent recipient of the award. If the most recent recipient is unable or unwilling to fulfill that obligation, the previous chair would continue.

Nominations and resumes should be turned in to the Chair no later than October 1*. The chair shall then forward to each of the other four members of the committee a list showing all the nominees. This list should be in the hands of the committee no later than June 1. Each member is asked to vote his/her No. 1 and No. 2 choice for the next award and advise the Chair no later than September 1. Should any member fail to meet this deadline, follow-up communication should be made. It should be noted that partners/couples only have one vote unless each has won the award individually. All votes shall be made on a ballot and returned by mail. The chair is a voting member of this committee.

In order to provide helpful information to the committee, the results of the voting for the previous year should be given. This would involve all second choices and the first choices that were not selected.

If the first ballot does not produce a majority decision, then a second ballot must be taken. A minimum of three first choice votes is required. If a candidate does not receive three first place votes, those receiving two first place votes shall be placed on a subsequent ballot. If a candidate does not win a majority of the votes, no award need be presented.

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After a consensus has been reached, the chair will inform the committee of the winning candidate. If requested, any committee member can ask the chair to see and review the ballots. The ballots will be kept for one year. The chair shall inform the Executive Secretary of the name(s) of the recipient(s) no later than October 1 so that the award may be prepared for presentation at the next convention. At this time the Chair is to communicate with the winner and/or family of the recipient in advance of the convention in hopes the person(s) can attend to receive the award in person. An announcement to others should still remain confidential. It is the duty of the Chair to make the presentation. If unable to attend the convention, the Chair should appoint a suitable presenter, preferably another committee member or a person recipient.

At the end of his/her term the Chair shall forward the entire folder on/about the award to the next Chairperson as soon as possible after the Convention, but no later than April 1.

N.A.G.C. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - 2015 Update

Per Board action 2015: Past recipients of the Achievement Award do not need to be a NAGC member to serve on the selection committee.

N.A.G.C. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - 2016 Update

Per Board action 2016: the Achievement Award Committee has the right to remove any nominee from the ballot if the nominee does not meet the stated award criteria. If a nominee is removed, the committee is to inform the nominator that the nominee does not fit the criteria.

N.A.G.C. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - 2024 Update

Per Board action 3/2024: the **deadline for nominations** for all awards is **changed to October 1** based on decision to hold future conventions in summer rather than in early months of the year.