YOUTH AWARD OPPORTUNITIES Attention all parents, grandparents, or friends of youth in grades K-12. As you visit them during the November/December holiday season you may want to encourage them to enter one or more of the youth contests. The table below shows the details.

Type	Grade	Subject 2024	Deadline to District Awards chair	Description
Poetry	K-12 compete at each grade level	"My garden has vegetables to spare that I can share" Helping fight hunger by sharing vegetable from our garden	Dec 31, 2024	No more than 24 lines including title with a max of 42 letters/spaces per line
Essay	9th – 12th compete at each grade level	"Is recycling plastics the answer to our plastic disposal problem"	Dec 31, 2024	600–700-word essay
Sculpture	4th – 8th compete at each grade level	Keep our Planet Green	Dec 31, 2024	Create a sculpture of recyclable, reused and reduced material. Must be able to fit sitting on an 8.5 x 11 inches sheet of paper with proportional height
Poster (Smokey the Bear and Woodsy Owl)	1st – 5th compete at each grade level	Smokey "Only you can prevent wildfires" Woodsy "Lend a hand – care for the land" or "Give a hoot, don't pollute"	Dec 31, 2024	Poster should be 11x17; Smokey and Woodsy must be presented in their correct colors

All entries come to the club awards chair first and then are submitted to the district award chairs by December 31st, 2024.

Due to State Aawrd Chairs and Youth Gardening Chair by January 15th , 2025

To view the winning entries from last year, visit the National Garden Club website. Winning entries are also recognized at the District/State and Regional levels.

Guidelines and specific criteria for each award are listed on the **National Garden Club website** found at: **gardenclub.org – then hover over Youth & Scholarships – then select Contests & Activities and then select the award you are interested in learning more about.** Please be sure to review the requirements and submission guidelines for each award. The youth do not need to live in the area to be entered by your club.