



EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

The Georgia State Council presents educational awards at the annual convention to encourage the “**Pursuit of Learning**”.

There are three major awards available to chapters.

The Gold Link Award: If your chapter reports on six educationals during the year by the deadline, you will automatically receive the Gold Link Award. The Chapter Education Chair submits an Educational Report Form for every chapter educational. The forms are on the state website. You can download the form or fill it out, print it and send it to the Education Chair. Guidelines: See items 1-4 below.

The Gold Seal Merit Award: This award requires a little more work. The chapter Educational Director submits an entry in the form of a 1”-2” binder/folder that contains a purpose statement about the theme, a cover page, an index, the Educational Report Forms covering at least six educationals, comments by the Educational Chair, divider pages between programs and more. A complete narrative or outline stating major points emphasized should be attached to the Reporting Forms so that the programs can be fully understood. Pictures and other extras can be included, but are not necessary and will not receive additional points. The booklet is judged by people outside of ESA. Judging will be based on educational value and continuity of programs; method of presentation; and appearance/content of the year’s programs which includes neatness, originality and arrangement of materials. You can see how the judging works by downloading the judge’s score sheet and use it as a template for your submission.

Guidelines:

1. A separate reporting form must be submitted for each program. Forms are available on the Georgia State Council website: esageorgia.com
2. All reports must be typed or neatly printed.
3. All programs must be postmarked by April 15th. Educational Reporting forms may be delivered to the State Educational Director at the Fall and Spring Council Meeting.
4. Programs must have been presented during the months reported.
5. There will be three judges selected by the State Educational Director. Each entry will be judged independently.
6. Award Certificates will be presented at the annual convention by the Georgia State Council to the first, second and third place winners based on points. (See the Gold Seal Merit Award judging forms.)

Distinguished Athenian Service Award: This award is for the Outstanding **Chapter Educational Director**. The Chapter President or Awards Chairman should submit a brief description of the special educational accomplishments which qualify the Chapter Educational Director for this award. She must have "rendered some important educational service" to: 1) her chapter, 2) her community or 3) her State Council, contributing notable value to her state's educational expansion. ****NOTE: This is a State award. There are no standardized forms available.** The GSC Educational Director will have these entries judged by non-ESA members.

Any Chapter in good standing of the International Council will be allowed to enter the Educational competition on the International level. The Georgia State Council Educational Director will submit the first place winner of **The Gold Seal Merit Award** for competition at the International Council level.

FYI - The Maie Wells Award is given at the International Convention to the top three **State** Educational Chairs. The judging form is also on the website.