

COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN RUTH PARKS AWARD

- Purpose:** The purpose of the Ruth Parks Award is to recognize the unit club that most effectively implements the programs of the National and Colorado Federations.
- History:** Ruth Parks, a past CFRW President, was the NFRW President from 1961-1963. This award, established by Mrs. Parks in 1961, was first presented at the CFRW Board of Directors meeting in January 1962. The award is to be based on NFRW's goals, specific requirements outlined by the Colorado Federation, non-partisan educational projects and community services by unit clubs and individual skills.
- Contest Criteria:** The contest period runs from January 1 through December 31. In accordance with the Standing rules, entries must be received by the CFRW Awards Chairman no later than two weeks prior to the annual CFRW Board of Directors' meeting.
- Contest Judging:** The application form has six categories adapted from the NFRW Achievement Awards form which the unit clubs receive biannually and from requirements of the Colorado Federation. Your club President, Awards Chairman or a member of your Board of Directors should complete the form attached to this report and include pertinent information as needed.
- Your application should be sent with your club roster, listing the number of community service hours beside the name of each regular member and a list of organizations your members have served. Organizations and programs such as Disabled American Veterans, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Channel 9 Health Fair, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, health associations, religious groups, hospitals, nursing homes, and those serving the needy are the types recommended for community service. Volunteer hours for social organizations will only count if the time is spent on philanthropic projects, such as service to the blind, and hearing impaired or others with handicaps.
- Note:** More than 1200 hours submitted by any one member must be accompanied by documentation
- Contest Judging:** The application for these awards will be reviewed by the Awards Committee with the assistance of other present and past officers of unit clubs, and will be validated by the Awards Chairman. Every application will be evaluated on a pre-determined point system.
- These awards will be presented to the unit club with the highest number of points; Awards include: First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Honorable Mention; A traveling silver bowl accompanies the First Place Award and remains with the winning club for one year.

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Criteria Review

Club Name: _____

President's Name: _____

The Ruth Parks Trophy is awarded each year to the unit club of CFRW that best demonstrates the implementation of the State and National Federations' programs from January 1 thru December 31.

Criteria Review for judging is based on the following:

1. A unit club roster must be included with the application to document membership. Addendum may be added to include members who joined after the roster was printed. Community service hours should be shown to the side of the member's name. (50 points)
2. Unit club programs and activities. Minutes of five (5) meetings must be attached to the application form to document the programs presented and activities conducted during the calendar year. (50 points)
3. Three (3) unit club newsletters must be attached to the application form. (50 points)
4. Completion of Supplemental Activities Bonus List. (66 points possible)
5. Description of community service project. (20 points)
6. Description of membership recruitment project (20 points)
7. Description of fundraising project. (20 points)
8. Name of books donated and to whom, for Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (20 points)
9. Standing Committee Chair Check Off. (20 points possible)
10. Complete application. (1 point bonus)

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Application and documentation are due to Awards Committee at least two weeks prior to the CFRW Board of Directors Meeting, held in the first quarter of the year.

Club Name: _____ # Members _____

President's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Preparer's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Documentation Check Off

1. Club Roster showing community service hours to the side of each members name. (50 points) _____
2. Minutes of five (5) meetings. (50 points) _____
3. Three (3) Newsletters. (50 points) _____
4. Supplemental activities bonus point check off (66 points possible) _____
5. Criteria Review Descriptions (80 points possible) _____
6. Completed application (21 points possible) _____

Standing Committee Chair Check Off
(2 points each)

1. Program Chairman _____
2. Membership Chairman _____
3. Awards Chairman _____
4. Bylaws Chairman _____
5. Parliamentarian _____
6. Public Relations and/or
Communications Chairman _____
7. Campaign and/or Legislative Chairman _____
8. Youth Activities Chairman _____
9. Historian and/or Archivist _____
10. Community Service Chairman _____

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Supplemental Activities Bonus Point Check Off

Club Name: _____

Program:

1. Did your program chairman present programs including:
 - a. Americanism and/or Heritage (2 points) _____
 - b. State election law and procedures or practical party procedures. (2 points) _____
 - c. The difference between Republicans and Democrats. (2 points) _____
 - d. Issues of national interest. (2 points) _____
2. Did your club invite state party officers to present a program?
 - a. State GOP Chairman or Vice Chairman (2 points) _____
 - b. CFRW President or 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th VP (2 points) _____
 - c. National Committee Member (2 points) _____
 - d. County Chairman or Vice Chairman (2 points) _____

Membership:

1. Did your unit club participate in a program to recruit young/career women? (5 points) _____
2. Did your unit club actively participate in a program to distribute the Primer of Politics? (5 points) _____
3. Did your membership increase this year over the previous year? (5 points) _____

Political:

1. Did your members participate in a Get Out the Vote program? (5 points) _____
2. Has a member of your club participated as a poll watcher or election judge? (5 points) _____
3. Did your club “adopt” a candidate? (10 points) _____

Leadership Development:

1. Did your club send at least one delegate and your president or her representative to the CFRW convention? (5 points) _____
2. Did one of your non-officer members attend a state board meeting, conference or workshop? (5 points) _____
3. Did you sponsor a youth for a special political or educational activity? (5 points) _____