

Membership in the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts shall be open to any garden club in Massachusetts, and any non-profit, tax-exempt society or organization whose activity promotes the objectives of the Federation.

Any garden club in Massachusetts shall be eligible for membership provided it has been in existence for at least one (1) year and has a minimum of ten (10) members.

An application by a garden club for Federation membership shall be accompanied by a copy of its bylaws and Articles of Organization or Charter and submitted to the Membership Chairperson.

Upon approval by the Membership Chairperson, the application, together with bylaws, and Articles of Organization or Charter, shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for final vote. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for election to membership.

Objectives of the Federation:

The Federation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, and all activities shall be in furtherance of such purposes. The objectives of the Federation are to:

Coordinate the interests of garden clubs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to bring them into closer relations of mutual helpfulness by association, conferences and correspondence.

Aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources.

Promote civic beauty, roadside improvements and historic preservation.

Advance the art of gardening and flower arranging, and to encourage education in the areas of ecology, horticulture and landscape design.

Cooperate with other organizations and agencies in furthering these interests.

Aid worthy students pursuing the study of horticulture, conservation, ecology, landscape design and related subjects through scholarship funds maintained by the Federation.

Restrict the activities of the Federation so that it shall not be used or operated for private profit of any member or special group or be used for purposes other than those enumerated above.

The Federation shall otherwise conduct its activities in a manner which is consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.