

IC EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

GOLD SEAL MERIT AWARD (For Chapter Educational Programs)

Ten (10) outstanding chapters' yearly programs are recognized each year at International Convention. Chapter entries must be submitted to the IC Educational Chair. Any Chapter in good standing with the International Council is allowed to enter competition on the International level. Each of the top ten (10) finalists will receive a Gold Seal Merit Award from ESA Headquarters. Entries must be postmarked no later than June 1 or no later than one (1) week immediately following your State Convention if it is held later than the June 1 deadline.

Entries are judged prior to International Convention by a committee chosen by the IC Educational Chair. The entries must be submitted to the IC Educational Chair as stated in the requirements. The top ten (10) programs will be on display at the International Convention. **POSTAGE MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY** if you wish it returned to you after convention.

Entries should include all monthly programs submitted on the Educational Report Form distributed to the states by the IC Educational Chair. Each entry should be compiled in a 1"-2" binder/folder. Any entry exceeding the 2" binder maximum will be disqualified. Include in the binder a purpose statement about the theme, a contents' index and divider pages. A complete narrative or outline stating major points emphasized should be attached to the Reporting Form so the program can be fully understood. Judging will be based on educational value and continuity of programs; method of presentation; appearance/content of year's programs (neatness, originality and arrangement of materials); and each portion of the Educational Report Form should be filled in.

MAIE L. WELLS AWARD (For State Educational Chairs)

The Maie L. Wells Award is presented annually at International Convention to ESA's top three (3) State Educational Chairs for the most outstanding service given to directing their states' educational program during the year. First, second and third places will be given a certificate by ESA Headquarters. Any State Chair may enter this competition by submitting her entry to the IC Educational Chair. Entries must be postmarked no later than June 1 or no later than one (1) week immediately following your State Convention if it is held later than the June 1 deadline. Entries are judged prior to International Convention by a committee chosen by the IC Educational Chair. The top three (3) State Educational Chair books will be on display at the International Convention. **POSTAGE MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY** if you wish it returned to you after convention.

The State Chair's information should be submitted in a notebook showing the year's accomplishments and should include development of the State educational theme for the year, communication with Chapter Educational Chairs, articles written for the State newsletter or newspaper, reports or programs given by her at State Council or District meetings, new ideas the Educational Chair has initiated in the state, and a listing of the chapters winning the top educational awards at State Convention. In general, a showing of what the State Chair has done during the year to promote, challenge and direct the State's Educational program.