



**The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's  
GOLD MEDAL PLANT AWARD  
ENTRY APPLICATION**

Any person or organization is encouraged to submit a plant for consideration. The award is made to the plant, not to the nominator. Plants eligible for plant society awards may not be nominated (i.e., Rhododendron).

Entries should be:

- ◆ woody shrub, tree or vine
- ◆ species or cultivars not currently widely used for ornamental purposes
- ◆ new plants resulting from selection or breeding, or
- ◆ plants newly introduced to the area from other parts of the United States or from abroad
- ◆ hardy within 150 miles of Philadelphia (in an area extending from Washington, DC, to New York City)

**The information in this application is used for evaluation and is the source for all publicity should the plant be selected for Award.  
Please duplicate the application as needed.**

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	September 15	Deadline for entrants to submit entry form
	Winter	Evaluators review entries and select plants
	Summer	Evaluators meet to make final Award selections

## **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

**LOCATIONS** In addition to information regarding the plant(s), each entry should be represented by landscape-size plants that are accessible to evaluators in a public garden, park, or nursery located within 150 miles of Philadelphia in an area extending from Washington, DC, to New York City.

**IMAGE DOCUMENTATION** High resolution digital images are preferred or 35mm slides of the following types help expedite this application and are very valuable for the program as we prepare to consider the plant for Award. Any images you have would be helpful and can be returned.

- Images showing relevant seasonal change
- the whole tree or shrub
- close-up images detailing specific qualities for which this plant is held to be superior
- any other image you feel is appropriate

**AVAILABILITY** To assist in evaluations and ensure a plant can be promoted, if possible please furnish evidence of an active propagation program—i.e., growers you know to be propagating or who are currently looking at your selection. This information will also be used to compile source lists for Award winners.

**GOLD MEDAL PLANT AWARD WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED** each October in the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's magazine, *Green Scene*, with photographs and cultural information. Promotional materials about the winners are distributed to horticultural publications, garden writers, and representatives within the horticultural community.

**If you need assistance with the application,  
contact Joe Ziccardi Jr.,  
Gold Medal Plant Award Manager,  
(215-988-8800) [jziccardi@pennhort.org](mailto:jziccardi@pennhort.org)**

**Return form to: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society  
Gold Medal Plant Award  
100 N. 20th St. - 5th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**

**PROVIDE BELOW AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE**

**NOMENCLATURE**

Botanical Name of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Genus Species Cultivar

Common Name \_\_\_\_\_

Trademark (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Patented (if applicable - include patent #) \_\_\_\_\_

Authority with which the cultivar name is registered \_\_\_\_\_

Name of plant introducer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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**ORNAMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**FOLIAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ Evergreen \_\_\_\_\_ Deciduous

Color in Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_

Fall (give dates) \_\_\_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_\_\_

**FLOWERS** Color \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Bloom \_\_\_\_\_

**FRUIT** Color \_\_\_\_\_ Date of best color \_\_\_\_\_

Endures how long? Do birds eat it, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER** Bark Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Beauty \_\_\_\_\_

Habit \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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**CULTURAL INFORMATION**    USDA Hardiness Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental Characteristics - **P** for preferred, **T** for tolerated by the plant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sun            \_\_\_\_\_ Bog            \_\_\_\_\_ Acid soil            \_\_\_\_\_ Pollution sensitive  
\_\_\_\_\_ Part sun        \_\_\_\_\_ Moist            \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral soil            \_\_\_\_\_ Pollution tolerant  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shade            \_\_\_\_\_ Dry            \_\_\_\_\_ Alkaline soil

Pests \_\_\_\_\_ Deer Resistance (**yes** or **no**) \_\_\_\_\_

Disease \_\_\_\_\_

Maintenance (note any special requirements) \_\_\_\_\_

Maintenance problems (e.g. growth, invasive, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Best means of propagation:    \_\_\_ Cutting            \_\_\_ Budding            \_\_\_ Grafting            \_\_\_ Seed

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**PLANT CHARACTERISTICS**

**GROWTH RATE**            \_\_\_\_\_ Slow            \_\_\_\_\_ Moderate            \_\_\_\_\_ Rapid

**GROWTH FORM**    \_\_\_ Ground Cover        \_\_\_ Vine        \_\_\_ Shrub        \_\_\_ Tree        \_\_\_ Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Height & spread at maturity \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST USES**        \_\_\_ Specimen        \_\_\_ Street tree        \_\_\_ Mass        \_\_\_ Hedge        \_\_\_ Foundation planting

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOW DOES THIS PLANT COMPARE** *to existing cultivars, the typical species or related species in cultivation and to the standard for the class, if one has been designated? **What makes this plant an Award winner?***

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Date of Entry \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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1) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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