OUTSTANDING CROWN CLUB CHAPTER AWARD ENTRY
2017-2018

SPONSORING JA CHAPTER: Junior Auxiliary Hattiesburg

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POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE:
MARCH 15, 2018

NUMBER OF CROWN CLUB MEMBERS: 48

JA CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS OF CLUB: Rachael Mayo, Chairperson

State briefly the age range of Crown Club members, how they are selected, how often and how long they meet, how and which officers are selected, and all requirements for membership, including meeting attendance and minimum service hours that must be worked.

Crown Club members are in grades 10-12 in Forrest and Lamar counties. They must have a minimum 2.75 GPA, complete application for membership and submit 2 references, possess leadership ability and interest in serving the community, and pay membership dues. There are 7 monthly general meetings of which they must attend 5. Members must also perform a minimum of 12 service hours. Officers for the club are as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Hours Secretary. They are chosen by their peers with a recommendation by the JA Chairperson and her committee.

Are applicants whose mother is an active or associate JA member in good standing given preference? Yes

Does the club have a Web site? No

For the most recently completed service year, how many service hours were worked overall by the membership? How many girls exceeded the minimum number of hours required by 10 or more hours? Crown Club of Hattiesburg members have completed a total of 697.5 service hours thru March 4, 2018, with an expected 30-55 more service hours by the end of this school year. Three young women, two seniors and one sophomore, have exceeded the minimum amount of service hours by 10 or more hours by March with several others that will exceed it by the end of the school year.

Club budget and amount spent on each project: The budget is $3000.00. Our projects do not need budget allocation as they are service oriented. Budget pays for scholarships, fall workshop, a donation to the church where we meet and the spring mother daughter tea.
Amount provided by JA Chapter: $0
Amount provided via Club fundraiser/s: $5,224.00

Does the Club award scholarships? Yes. If so, how many, amount and brief criteria for selection: The Crown Club of Hattiesburg offers 2 scholarships in the amounts of $1,000 and $500. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded to a deserving senior in Forrest or Lamar Counties based on service to her community, leadership, academic achievement and need. The alternate of the Junior Auxiliary Scholarship will receive this award and is chosen by the Scholarship Board.

Does the Club maintain a scrapbook? Yes. If so, how is it compiled? Pictures are taken throughout the year at each project and event by members and advisors and shared through the “groupme” app. This year the chapter elected to create a digital scrapbook through Shutterfly. The album includes journaling and photos that detail each Crown Club of Hattiesburg event and service project. Scrapbook committee members journaled details of the events and list names of all attendees photographed.

Attach to application the following: Copy of Club’s Constitution, several meeting agendas, paperwork reflecting means of recording members’ service hours, list of officers by name, membership application, and if applicable, a club scholarship application. Attach complete list and description of projects and for each, how many service hours were worked, number of CC girls who worked the project, and number of JA members who worked the project.

In 750 words or less, DOUBLE SPACED; describe the Club, give an overview of its community service projects, administration and financial management, and detail how the Club plans and prepares its projects. List Club projects that are direct partnerships with any projects performed by the sponsoring JA Chapter. Describe any special challenges or adversity that this Club has faced. Specifically describe and include how the Club developed any noteworthy creative or challenging projects. Describe the brainstorming and discovering of needs in the community, and delivery of services through projects, that make this Club worthy of recognition as one of the Outstanding Crown Clubs of all Chapters of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries. (Attach separate essay) Send one digital photo per entry either email or on disc.

IT IS UNNECESSARY TO SUBMIT ANY SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL
Outstanding Crown Club Chapter Award Essay

Crown Club’s purpose is to provide high school girls an opportunity to grow through service to others in our community. The program promotes leadership in our youth and instills in them an appreciation for volunteering. Our third class consisted of 48 sophomore, junior, and senior girls from area high schools, and we continue to grow the size and scope of Crown Club as a result of the success and excitement our first three years generated. Crown Club is a project of Hattiesburg Junior Auxiliary, and as such, the ladies of JA assist and oversee all aspects of Crown Club and are present at all meetings and service projects.

Crown Club projects are chosen in the beginning of the year at the Fall Workshop by listing projects we have participated in the previous year and allowing members to fill in a project questionnaire in which they are able to brainstorm and add new ideas to our list. We then cull the list and present to the girls what the Advisory Board feels is feasible with budget and time considerations. The projects the Crown Club participated in for the 2017-2018 year are as follows:

- Empty Bowls: For the third year, Crown Club partnered with Edwards Street Fellowship Center for their annual “Empty Bowls” soup meal fundraiser. The proceeds of this event are used to assist with families in need through ESFC. Crown Club girls worked weeks before the event painting pottery bowls to be sold during the event and staffed the event by setting up, serving soup, gift wrapping and clean-up.

- Special Olympics: Crown Club members served as Olympian Buddies during their fall games on Saturday, September 9, at Oak Grove High School Football Stadium. On Saturday, February 24, 2018, Crown Club members served as Olympian buddies at the Hub City region Special
with books. Crown Club members earned 1 service hour per semester for donating 5 or more books for Little Free Library. Crown Club members earned 1 service hour per month for refreshing the Little Free Library with books.

- Edwards Street Fellowship Center: Crown Club assisted Edwards Street Fellowship with their Food Pantry distribution. Members also decorated the brown grocery bags with encouraging notes and drawings.

The administrative and financial management of the Crown Club is the responsibility of the members’ elected officers. The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and hours secretary all have individual duties as well as collective ones. All of this is overseen and assistance is given as needed by the Junior Auxiliary advisors. The bank account associated with this is through the JA Hattiesburg.

A challenge for us in the past has been communication. We have found the social messaging app, “GroupMe”, remind 101 and a bi-monthly newsletter has helped greatly in this area.

The Crown Club of Hattiesburg is worthy of Outstanding Crown Club Chapter of the year in consideration of the many ways they have reached out in this community.