

The Garden Club of St. Louis

Expectations of Proposers and Provisionals

The Purpose of the Provisional Year in The Garden Club of St. Louis is threefold:

- To provide a warm welcome and introduction to the history, organization, culture, activities and opportunities of the GCA and The Garden Club of St. Louis.
- To provide interactions with the committees of the GCSL, and hands-on workshops organized by various committees.
- To encourage and promote continued engagement beyond the Provisional year.

Expectations of Proposers:

1. When a candidate is being considered for Provisional Membership in the GCSL it is beneficial to bring them to several meetings as your guest and introduce them to other club members. This allows them to observe and participate in club events, and to better discern their potential interest in becoming a member.
2. Once Proposer and Nominee decide there is serious interest, Proposers should:
 - a. Seek two additional Sponsors.
 - b. Submit a Nomination Packet to the Membership Chair.
 - c. Apprise their Nominee of the process, and of the expectations of Provisional Membership in the club.
 - d. Nominees should not be brought as guests to the April meeting as this is during the period that decisions are being rendered.
3. The role of the Proposer during the Provisional year is to encourage participation and engagement on the part of their Nominee.
4. Proposers should participate with their Nominees to the greatest possible extent in the obligations of their Provisional year. If they are unable to do so in person, they should engage Sponsors or others to stand in for them with their Nominees.

Expectations of Provisionals

1. Provisionals should plan to attend at least four GCSL sponsored events in addition to the evening program meetings.
2. Provisionals are expected to participate as a group in creating Holiday Lunch centerpieces which are sold to raise funds for the club.