

OFFICIAL CALL

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

128th State Convention

Holiday Inn Pearl – Jackson Area

110 Bass Pro Drive

Pearl, MS 39208

April 24-25, 2026

Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, GFWC-MFWC President 2024-2026

Big Heart ... Little Feet

The One Hundred Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Pearl, Mississippi, Friday - Saturday, April 24-25, 2026.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The Convention is open to all members of GFWC-MFWC.

Registration Schedule:

Thursday, 4/23	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 4/24	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 4/25	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

The registration table will be in the pre-function area near the Trustmark Ballroom, Holiday Inn Pearl, Pearl, MS.

All members attending must be registered. Advance registration is necessary for all meal tickets. Prices and the meal reservation form, along with the Credentials Card, can be found on page 3.

DEADLINES:

- **The deadline for meal reservations to be received is March 30, 2026.**
Meal reservations may not be guaranteed if received after this date.
- **The absolute deadline for hotel reservations is March 30, 2026**
The group-block room rate is **\$129.00** per night (*not including tax and fees*) for Doubles. It is recommended that you use this [link](#) to make your own room reservation. Check-in is 3:00 p.m.; Checkout is Noon. When calling the hotel for room reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the MS Federation of Women's Clubs.

EXHIBITS

The **Exhibit Room** will close at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24th. **ALL** Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook entries **MUST be picked up** between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. Clubs are completely responsible for retrieving entries from the Exhibit Room.

REPRESENTATION

The Voting Body shall consist of the General Officers; Appointed Officers; Past State Presidents; State Chairmen of Standing Committees, Special Committees and Community Service Programs; District Officers and Chairmen, corresponding with those of the State; and regularly accredited Club delegates. Voting delegates shall wear a special designation on their name badges. Each Federation Club of fifteen (15) members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and one elected delegate. For each additional membership of fifteen (15) or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.

RESOLUTIONS

Emergency resolutions may be presented to the Resolutions Committee. All other resolutions must be submitted in advance, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9 of the GFWC-MFWC Bylaws. *An emergency resolution is one arising from a sudden condition calling for immediate action, which because of its nature could not have been submitted at the designated time.*

Dress Code for Convention

Friday Business Session – Business Casual Attire

Friday Night Banquet – Cocktail or Sunday Attire

Saturday Morning Business Session – GFWC, MFWC or Club apparel or casual traveling clothes.

TENTATIVE Schedule of Events*

Thursday, April 23:

4:30 p.m. Audit Committee Meeting – President's Suite
5:30 p.m. Finance and Executive Committee Meetings – President's Suite
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration - pre-function area near the Trustmark Ballroom

Friday, April 24:

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Gavel Club Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Shop Vendors, View Arts, Photography, and Books,
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. Convention Convenes
Business Session, Reports and Awards
Noon – 2:30 p.m. Luncheon & Awards
2:45 – 4:00 p.m. Business Session & Awards
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Pick up All Exhibits - Youth Art, Photography, Books
6:05 – 7:00 p.m. Photo Opportunities – TBD
7:15 p.m. Processional Assembles
7:30 – 8:40 p.m. Banquet & Awards
9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Installation of 2026-2028 Administration

Saturday, April 25:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service
9:45 – 11:45 a.m. Business Session & Awards
Noon Adjournment of 128th Annual State Convention

12:15 p.m. 2026-2028 Administrative Post Board Meeting

- **If a report is moved to another day/time slot, the chairman will be notified.*
- **Chairmen are requested to always have your report with you at all meetings. If possible, we will continue with reports as time permits, to expedite the program.*

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REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail To:

Diane Rouse
2323 Tiffany Circle
Florence, MS 39073

Name: _____
District: _____ **Club:** _____
Phone: _____ Cell Home Work Other
Email: _____

<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration (1 day only)	15.00	_____
Registration (more than 1 day)	20.00	_____
Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday Morning, 4/24 (Gavel Club Members Only)	35.00	_____
Luncheon, Friday, 4/24	45.00	_____
Banquet, Friday Night, 4/24	65.00	_____
Prayer Breakfast, Saturday Morning, 4/25	35.00	_____
Post-Convention Board Meeting Meal, Saturday Afternoon, 4/25	25.00	_____
Pick Your Selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Ham/Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey/Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef/Cheese		
Registration Late Fee (Per GFWC-MFMC Standing Rules #8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for registrations received after the deadline.)	10.00	_____
TOTAL: \$		_____

Allergies: _____ Medication in Emergency: _____

Notify in Emergency: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Home Work Other

CREDENTIALS CARD
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Name: _____ **Club:** _____ **District:** _____

I am a Non-Voting Delegate.

I am a Voting Delegate because I am: (Please mark *only* the highest position you hold.)

- An elected or appointed State Officer of GFWC-MFMC. _____
- A Past State President of GFWC-MFMC.
- A State Chairman of a Standing Committee, Special Committee, or CSP. _____
- A District Officer or Chairman corresponding with those of the State. _____
- A regularly accredited club delegate. *(Each club of fifteen members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and one elected delegate. For each additional membership of fifteen or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.)*

If voting delegate, please have Club President to sign, and mail this along with your meal reservations.
 _____, Club President

Received/Submission Deadline for Registration is March 30, 2026.
Please note that the U.S. Post Office has released new guidelines regarding the postmarking of mailed items.

Two Ways to pay for GFWC-MFMC Annual Convention. Check one.

- Pay by check.** Mail Registration/M meal/Credentials Card and check (made payable to GFWC-MFMC 2026 State Convention) for total amount to: Diane Rouse, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073. Be sure to include 2026 State Convention on memo line.
- Pay by Venmo.** Complete Registration/M meal/Credentials Card and email form to Diane Rouse at rouse99@yahoo.com. Be sure to include 2026 State Convention on memo line.



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NO REFUNDS AFTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF March 30, 2026