

YOUR ROAD MAP TO GFWC TEXAS ESO MEMBERSHIP - 2022-2024

1. Complete the Pledge Application (www.gfwctexas.org) and submit it to your district ESO chairman who will then submit it to the state ESO chairman. Alternately, you may submit it at the time you submit your first set of book reports.
2. Peruse the following list of 34 ESO subject categories. In which categories do you mostly read? Start with those, and choose four categories in which you have read at least 4 books. Every book ever published will fit into at least one of these ESO subject categories.

1. American History	15. Home	27. STEM/STEAM books for children
2. The Arts	16. Garden	28. Travel
3. Biography and Memoir	17. International Authors	29. Geography
4. Business and Finance	18. Parenting and Families	30. Volunteerism
5. Conservation and Ecology	19. Poetry	31. Women's Studies
6. Drama	20. Reading to Children - Picture Books and Story Books	32. World History
7. Education	21. Reading to Children - Chapter Books and Young Adults	33. Texas Authors or Authors from Texas
8. Fiction, Classic	22. Religion and Inspirational	34. Books about Texas or that are set in Texas
9. Fiction, General	23. Science	
10. Fiction, Historical	24. Social Science	
11. Fiction, Mystery, Thriller	25. Sports and Recreation	
12. Fiction, Romance	26. STEM/STEAM books for adults	
13. Fiction, Science Fiction/Fantasy		
14. Health and Medicine		
3. Identify 4 books that you have read in 4 separate categories. You will now work with those 16 book titles.
4. With the 16 books you have chosen, write a brief report on EACH of them using the GFWC Texas ESO Book Report form, also found at www.gfwctexas.org
5. Complete a Book Report Submission form, also found at www.gfwc.org. On this form, you will list the 16 titles and their categories for book reports you have written.
7. Make copies of your book reports and submission form to keep in your files.
8. Submit the book reports and submission form to your district ESO chairman who will document your work and send them on to the state ESO chairman. Also, inform your local club ESO chairman of your progress and activity for inclusion in the January club level reporting cycle.
9. Congratulations!!!! You have started on your ESO journey!!!! You will be awarded an official ESO Member certificate and an ESO pin, which you have the honor of wearing at all Federation activities.
10. You may now progress upward through the ESO levels to earn Star, Torch, and Century awards. To achieve Star level, submit 4 book reports in 6 categories (DIFFERENT from those on which you reported for Member level) for a total of 24 book reports. With the 16 from Member level and the 24 toward Star level, you will have submitted 40 reports in all. An explanation of the ESO levels is included under "Frequently Asked Questions" at the ESO tab on www.gfwctexas.org
11. For news and updates, please "Like" the following two Facebook pages:
"GFWC Texas ESO" and "GFWC ESO Book Club"
12. Start keeping an informal personal log of all past books that you have read. Please keep in mind that any book you have read in the past is reportable. The challenge is to place it into one of the 34 ESO subject categories.
13. Start keeping a log of all future books you may want to read. There are many book lists to guide you as you plan your future reads. Two huge lists, one from Texas and one from GFWC, are included on the GFWC website under "ESO." Please note that the choice of which books to report is yours! There is no required reading list! Read books that you choose and are of interest to you!
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