

Congratulations

on your new

FLORAL JOURNEY



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FSFA is committed to providing quality education to the floral industry and the public. Our objective is to cultivate friendly relationships, promote mutual understanding and foster solidarity of all our members, promote the interest of, and educate our members and the public in the floral industry.

W E L C O M E

We at FSFA International understand that Education is extremely important, and there are lots of different education pathways available when choosing a place to study. We want to thank you for choosing us to help you achieve your Floral accreditation goals.

On behalf of our president, Michael Smith, AIFD, our executive director, Robert Tucker, AIFD The Education committee, and the entire board of directors at Florida State International, we want to congratulate you on taking the first step to become an accredited Florida state master Designer.

We look forward to taking the next steps with you and want to make the process as interesting, informative, and, of course, as fun and educating as possible.

Florida State International has been providing testing opportunities for over 25 years and partners with some of the major industry vendors in the floral world, including Smithers-Oasis, Syndicate Sales, Teleflora, FTD, and Bloomnet, to name just a few.

We are proud to have you onboard and look forward to seeing the great results you can achieve.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

We understand that you may have queries about your testing requirements along the way, and any of the board members will be more than happy to assist you; however, if you wish to reach out to our Education Committee, please find below.

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TESTING: NEXT STEPS

You may be asking questions regarding the next steps for testing. We hope these frequently asked questions and tips will help you along the way.



01 **Now you have paid and are fully registered?**

Once fully registered, you should have received a password to enable you to log onto the written part of the test. If you have any difficulties or have not received your password, please contact Robert Tucker, our executive director, who will be more than happy to help you with this.

02 **When is testing open?**

Online testing will be available to you once you have your password to access the test.

03 **What do I need to achieve to pass?**

The online test consists of 35 questions that our education committee has put in place; many are multi-choice – don't worry, we have not put any trick questions into our test, just basic floral and industry questions. To pass, you must answer 30 out of the 35 questions correctly (85%); you will receive your results instantly once the test is complete.

04 **What if I don't pass the first time?**

Don't worry. We understand that sometimes online tests can be a little daunting, so we will let you test up to 3 times; this doesn't have to be at the same time or day. You can take a break in between if you prefer.

05 **What happens if I don't pass the third time?**

If you don't pass the third attempt, we will automatically enroll you into next year's testing schedule, so you will have the opportunity to try again the following year.

06 **How can we prepare for testing?**

As you embark on this exciting educational journey, Florida State is committed to supporting and motivating you every step of the way.

While attendance is not mandatory, we highly value our partners' shows and events and strongly encourage your participation in as many as possible. Our dedicated webmaster and social media committee work tirelessly to keep you informed about these events, so be sure to check them out for valuable insights and opportunities.

Learn more at the Florida State Florists' Association [website](http://www.floridastatefloristsassociation.com).



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Where is practical testing?

We're excited to have you join us for both testing and enjoying our annual convention at the Caribe Royal Orlando 8001 World Center Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821. Room details will be provided closer to the testing time. Remember, registration for the FSFA Annual Convention 2026 is mandatory to participate in testing. Find complete details on our [website](#).

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When will the practical testing take place?

Testing is scheduled for June 4, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We recommend checking our [website](#) for full details and any updates as the date approaches.

An orientation session will take place earlier that day on June 4 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, giving you time to get familiar with the process before testing begins.

On Friday, June 5 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, we will host a critique session. This is a valuable opportunity to review work, gain insight, and learn from experienced designers.

Following the testing session, we have additional experiences planned. You'll have the chance to see the work of some of the country's top designers and connect with your favorite vendors. Please refer to the enclosed information page for more details.

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What should I know about the Test?

This exam follows the same protocols and testing format as the AIFD certification exam. Candidates will be given 4 hours to complete designs in the categories below. At the orientation, students will be given specific assignments for each category (except Designers' Choice).

Evaluations will be based on criteria found in The AIFD Guide to Floral Design, Terms, Techniques, and Traditions.

Design Categories:

- Wedding
- Sympathy
- Flowers to Wear
- Arrangement
- Designers' Choice

10 **What do I need to bring?**

All necessary fresh products, hard goods, and materials will be supplied for the testing session.

Candidates can bring:

- Floral Knife
- Pruning Shears
- Wire Cutters
- Needle-nose Pliers/Jewelry Pliers
- Ribbon Scissors
- Towel
- Snack
- Jacket - it can be very cool in the room

It is important to note that no electronics, including phones, are allowed inside the testing room.

11 **After Testing**

We're pleased to announce that all participants will receive a comprehensive credential package featuring the FSMD logo for web and print use. This includes a press release template for communicating their FSMD status within their networks. Additionally, we're in the process of developing a dedicated social media group exclusively for FSMD members. This platform will be a central hub for sharing valuable information regarding upcoming events, networking opportunities, and other pertinent details relevant to our community. Stay tuned for further updates!

We are so happy you are going to be joining us in Orlando for what's going to be a show-stopping convention packed with fun events, competitions, and the chance to receive scholarships to continue your education path.



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We sincerely thank our elite sponsors, whose unwavering support has made this testing event a reality. Their commitment to excellence in the floral industry is truly commendable.



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Your partnership and generosity have played a crucial role in our mission to provide educational opportunities for aspiring floral designers. We are deeply grateful for your dedication to our cause.

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Pushing past what's familiar to discover
what's possible. From new techniques and
sustainable design trends, to bold uses of color,
texture and emotion, we honor the fearless that
define today's floral professional.

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Designer of the Year
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Caribe Royale Orlando offers an all-suite stay, creating a comfortable and convenient home base for the FSFA International Convention. Set on 60 acres, the property blends resort-style amenities with the space and functionality needed for a busy conference schedule.

Guest suites feature separate living areas, giving you room to relax between sessions, while on-site dining, a tropical pool, fitness center, and full-service spa make it easy to unwind. With most events taking place right on property and easy access to Orlando's top attractions, everything you need is close at hand.

Please note: Daily resort and parking fees apply.

Visit our website to book your room.

