

Questions & Answers for 2025 BSBS Awards

Award #3

Q: Award number 3 mentions decorative finish (DF), but what about other material embellishment (OME)? Can OME be included? Is it desirable to include OME?

A: Yes. OME can be included. OME will count for this tray, but will be secondary to DF, so OME will not count for as many points as DF.

Award #5

Q: Can synthetic polymers in metal be included in award #5?

A: Yes. If the polymer looks like glass, so that the button appears to be glass in metal, it can be included in this award.

Award #7

Q: What is included in the category of cows, pigs and sheep/rams?

A: For all BSBS 2025 awards: “cows” means any member of the *Bos taurus* species; “pigs” means any member of the Suidae family; and “sheep/rams” means any member of the *Ovis aries* species. In each of these cases, the animal pictured may be any gender, any age, domesticated or wild.

Award #11

Q: Are fictional women OK in this award? What about titles, such as Q for Queen?

A: Yes, known and recognizable fictional adult females are acceptable for this award. Titles are acceptable, but their use should be limited.

Award #20

Q: What is considered a fashion accessory?

A: Please consult the Q&A article by Barbara Barrans on pages 181-2 of the October 2012 NBS Bulletin. She provides an excellent discussion of this question.

Award #22

Q: Must the five petals be visible? If in real life the flower has more than five petals but only five show as it is depicted on the button, will the flower get a measle?

A: Five petals must be at least partially visible. We cannot expect our judges to know flowers well enough to identify which ones might have one or more hidden petals. This will be applied with common sense, however. If only half of a circular flower is visible and it is clear that there are already 5 petals showing, it is reasonable to assume that it has more than 5 petals.

Award #28

Q: Award #28 is listed in class 23-12 (unlisted), so I'm not clear about what is included in shapes other than round.

A: Class 23-12 allows an award to be written for buttons with any common attribute. In this case, that attribute is "any shape other than round," so any button that is a linear shape other than round can be included. The variety of shapes will be the primary consideration for this award.

Award #29

Q: I'm confused by the classes assigned to award #29. Please explain.

A: The classes for award #29 are shown incorrectly. They should read 20-0 + 22-1 + 22-2.