



Grange Youth, Young Adults and Directors,

Let this handbook guide you as you continue to grow and develop into the leaders of the Grange of today and tomorrow.

The National Grange Youth Department is a valuable resource to encourage youth between 14 and 21 and young adults between 22 and 35 to become leaders in their communities and then continue with that leadership.

The immense variety of contests, achievement awards, and opportunities will help any Grange leader to grow the program in their state.

Each award interconnects the other departments of the Grange to build a strong foundation at all levels.

The National Grange Youth Department programs and achievement awards are designed to showcase the achievements of Grange Youth and Young Adults at all levels of the Grange.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

Mandy E. Bostwick
National Grange Youth and Young Adult Development Director
11690 Ferguson Road
Ozawkie, KS 66070
(785) 250.7606
youth@nationalgrange.org

For more details about the program, email youth@nationalgrange.org or call National Grange at (202) 628-3507 and ask for Youth Director.

© 2019 National Grange
1616 H St. NW
Washington, DC 20006

Table of Contents

- 5 – Grange Youth Leadership Exchange Program & Application
- 7 – Grange Youth Focus Areas Contest
- 7 – Youth Community Service Award
 - 8 – Youth Community Service Award Entry Form
- 9 – National Junior Horticulture Contest
- 11 – Grange Ritual Contest
- 13 – Code Reading Award of Merit
- 14 – Parliamentary Procedure Contest + Judging Score Card Worksheet
- 17 – Grange Jeopardy
- 18 – Right on Target Youth Committee Award
- 19 – Grange Youth Superstar Program
- 19 – Junior Mentor Award
 - 20 – Junior Mentor Award Entry Form
- 21 – Apathy Not Allowed + Grassroots Activism Award
 - 22 – Grassroots Activism Award Application (Sponsored by Potomac Grange #1)
- 23 – G.R.O.W. Club: “Go Right On Working”
 - 23 – G.R.O.W. Club Travel Scholarship
 - 24 – National G.R.O.W. Club Academic Scholarship
 - 25 – G.R.O.W. Club Academic Scholarship Application
- 26 – Folding Display Contest + Form
- 27 – Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award & Application
- 29 – 2019 Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth
- 30 – 2019 National Grange Youth Achievement Awards Program
- 37 – Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Patron Program
 - 39 - 2019 National Grange Horizon Leadership Program Application
- 41 – National Grange Ambassador Program
- 42 – National Grange Outstanding Young Patron Program
- 43 – National Grange Youth Officers Team
 - 44 – National Grange Youth Officers Team Application
- 46 – 2019 John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience
 - 47 – 2019 John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience Application
- 49 – Distinguished Youth Grange Program
 - 49 – State Grange Application
 - 53 – Subordinate Grange Application
- 57 – 2019 Regional Public Speaking Competition
- 59 – Sign-A-Song Regional Contest

Grange Youth Leadership Exchange

New for 2019

Submission Deadline: March 1

The Grange's fraternal bonds connect our members from coast to coast. To strengthen the bonds of state Grange youth departments, the National Grange Youth Department is launching its leadership exchange program.

This program is designed to have a team of Grange youth and young adults travel with a team leader to another state to experience a Grange event in another state or provide assistance to a Grange youth department for a state-level project. The Grangers will also have the opportunity to explore the host state.

Exchange programs provide opportunities to travel, sightsee, meet new people, make new friends, explore expanding interests, experience how others live and see other Grangers in action. Exchange programs, properly planned and conducted, can be an important educational experience. Once the forms are received, the National Grange Youth Development Director will work with interested states to pair up states. Once paired, it will be the responsibility of the two states to finalize when and what activities will be included in the exchange.

To participate:

1. The State Grange Youth Director or Master will submit an interest form to the National Grange Youth Director on March 1. The list will include members of the youth leadership team and a team leader.
2. The team leader must be at least 22 years old and appointed by the state Master and/or youth director. State youth directors can serve as the team leader.
3. Team members are responsible for raising funds to cover their travel costs, including housing, meals, travel and other related costs.
4. Host states will be responsible for organizing at least one fun event for the visiting team to experience the state outside of a Grange function. It could be to visit a state capitol, popular landmark, or other location.
5. Participants should be involved in the design and implementation of the exchange.
6. Events youth could assist with include, but are not limited to, youth camps, junior camps, state sessions, Grange lock-ins, teen weekends or another state-level event that includes youth participation. The teams can assist with workshops, interactive activities or other activities the host state believes will benefit both states.
7. Members are expected to participate in the majority of leadership team functions.

Grange Youth Leadership Exchange Form

Form can also be found at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/ExchangeApp

State: _____

Team leader: _____

Team Leader Contact information:

Names of youth leadership team members

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is correct.

Printed Name

Date

Signature of Submitter

Signature of State Master

Grange Youth Focus Areas Contest

Submit by Sept. 1

The best and most viable programs for large-scale use or replication will be included in the Grange Youth Program Guide. The Grange encourages all Grange Youth to develop programs around the following topics, test them in their Subordinate, Pomona or State Granges, and develop a summary of the project using the following format.

TOPICS:

- a. Making a Difference in Your Community
- b. Agriculture Advocacy/Education
- c. Citizenship/Grassroots Advocacy

Submit to the National Grange Youth Development Director by Sept. 1, 2019 a summary of the way in which your Grange took on the topic, the program/project developed around the focus area, the roles designated by the group and how the group made decisions, the timeline, project funding/support necessary, and outcome. The summary should include a list of all Grange participants and numbers on those who actively participated and an estimate and description of those who subsequently benefited from the event/program. You should also include a summary of media coverage/media content distribution related to the program or event such as an overview of articles found in your Grange newsletter about the program, copies of advertisements/posts made on social media about the program and/or news stories.

Submissions will be judged based on creativity, repeatability at other Grange events and advancement/education of the topic area. First place for each category will receive \$50. All submissions will receive a certificate and will be included in a youth idea book.

Youth Community Service Award

New for 2019 in conjunction with National Grange Community Service Dept.

Community Service is an integral part of the Grange that allows local members to interact and serve the communities where they reside. The National Grange will continue to recognize winners on the state level. The National Grange Youth Department and National Grange Community Service Department are pleased to announce the National Grange Youth Community Service Award.

State Masters, State Youth Committees and/or State Community Service Committees can nominate a Grange youth/young adult, between the ages of 14 and 35, or a group of Grange Youth for the award. The application deadline is September 1, 2019.

State winners will receive a certificate and be recognized at National Session during Youth Leadership Days. The Community Service and Youth Departments will organize a committee to select one overall winner. The overall winner will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievements. If you have questions contact National Grange Youth Development Director at youth@nationalgrange.org or National Grange Community Service Director Pete Pompper at mbeachgranger@gmail.com or 609-820-6239 (c).

Electronic applications can be found at: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/commserviceaward

Youth Community Service Award Entry Form

Due: September 1, 2019

Nominee name(s) _____

Nominee's State and Subordinate Grange: _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please tell us why this person should be selected:

Describe the community service activity that was conducted and who benefitted from the activity. Was this a new or ongoing activity?

What was the impact or results of the community service activity?

Who else was involved? Explain or describe their contribution.

Please feel free to use additional pages if necessary

Name of Grange submitting nominee _____

City/Town/State _____

Chairpersons' name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

NJHA and Grange Youth Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest

This year, the National Grange Youth Department and National Junior Horticultural Association have partnered together to encourage horticultural education. Horticultural education was a passion of Wib Justi, first National Grange Youth Development Director. He was involved with NJHA, fostering a partnership between the two organizations.

Started in 2015, a Grange division has been added to the NJHA Horticultural Identification and Judging Contest. In addition, Grange youth can participate in other NJHA national contests. To learn more about these contests and for entry deadlines, go to www.njha.org.

The other contests included with opportunity to earn a Grange youth seal are as follows.

- Demonstration in Horticulture, Kelley public speaking silver seal and Saunders agricultural ruby
- Horticulture Artwork, Saunders agricultural emerald
- Horticultural Photography: Digital Imagery, Saunders agricultural emerald
- Horticultural Photography: Still Film, Saunders agricultural emerald
- Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest: – Saunders agricultural ruby, Kelley speaking silver
- NJHA's Next Top Chef: Saunders agricultural ruby, Kelley speaking silver
- Promotion of Horticulture: Saunders agricultural emerald
- Science and Horticulture: Environmental Awareness Saunders agricultural ruby, Kelley speaking silver
- Science and Horticulture: Experimental Horticulture: Awareness Saunders agricultural ruby, Kelley speaking silver
- Science and Horticulture: Production: Awareness: Saunders agricultural ruby, Kelley speaking silver
- Speaking in Horticulture: Saunders agricultural ruby, Kelley speaking silver
- Extemporaneous Speaking Contest: Saunders agricultural ruby, Kelley speaking silver
- Horticultural Performing Arts: Saunders agricultural ruby, Kelley speaking silver
- Writing in Horticulture: Saunders agriculture emerald

Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest

Purpose of the Contest

The production, marketing and buying of fruit, vegetable, flower and ornamental crops requires a detailed knowledge of many subject matter disciplines. This contest is a training program concerned with teaching youth to recognize and identify some of the most important horticultural crops, to learn criteria influencing quality and to be able to answer questions and solve problems relating to the art and science of horticulture.

National Program Chair contact:

Terry Berke, Ph.D.; Senior Plant Breeder, Hot Peppers, Monsanto Vegetable Seeds

37437 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

Phone: (530) 669-6119; Cell: (530) 383-2349; Fax: (530) 666-6791. Email: terry.berke@monsanto.com

Rules and Regulations

Team Guidelines

- A. The Grange team consists of 3 or 4 individuals aged 14-21.
- B. Contestants who have previously placed first (Grand National Award Winner) or been a member of a first place team will participate in the Honors Division.
- C. The top individual in the Honors Division is automatically ineligible for further competition.
- D. Coaches and other individuals not competing in the contest will not be allowed in the contest room while the contest is being conducted. After the last paper has been turned in the contest room will be open for observation and photography of the identification and judging sections. Answers will be placed on the entries.
- E. Entry Deadline: September 15. Consult with your leader for additional information.

Contest Format

The horticulture contest consists of three sections (Judging: 80 pts., Identification: 200 pts. [250 pts. for honors] and Horticultural Knowledge: 160 pts.) for a total point score of 440 pts. (490 pts. for honors).

Judging

Eight classes of four (4) plates each will be judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true to type, and size. Two classes will be taken from the list of four commodity groups to be identified/judged (fruits and nuts, vegetables and herbs, flowering and indoor plants and woody ornamentals). Plates in each class will be ranked from first to last. Scores will be determined by a Hormel calculator. Oral reasons will not be required of contestants.

Information

Eighty (80) objective questions (true-false and multiple choice) will be taken from information in this study manual and on this section of the website. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

Identification

One hundred samples (100) will make up the third segment of the contest. Twenty-five (25) samples will be taken from each of the four (4) commodity groups. These commodity groups will be separated onto different tables and the participant will have a complete list of all items which could potentially appear. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts such as, but not limited to: stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products. Participants in the honors division of the contest will identify 25 additional specimens. The specimens will come from all four groups and will not be segregated by category (randomly mixed).

Awards

Up to 5 teams and 10 individuals may receive medals based on the number of entries in each division. The top individual and team will receive gold medals; second place when awarded will receive silver medals; and any other placements awarded will receive copper medals. The top team in each division will also receive a plaque. Top individuals in each of the divisions may also be eligible for a cash prize when available. The highest overall scoring individual of all the divisions is also eligible for a monetary prize in years that monies for such are available.

2019 Grange Ritual Contest

Can you crack the Grange code? If so, you can present your skills at the National Grange Session and test your skills against other Grangers from across the country.

You can obtain a copy of the code book and the cipher by request from the Assembly of Demeter, High Priest Bruce Croucher, 2514 County Road 25, Clifton Springs, NY 14432, (315) 462-3067, or croubr@fltg.net. Or, you can contact your state master or state youth director for additional information.

The winners of the contest will have to recite a portion of the opening ceremonies during the Evening of Excellence. Participants will be judged in their oral presentation of the code. There will be two categories:

Novice – for beginners learning the code (can compete in contest for up to 2 years.) Novice contest winners will advance to the Patron Contest next year.

Patron – for members with two or more years' experience.

The judge(s) will be selected by the High Priest, Assembly of Demeter, certified and able to issue the Award of Merit code reading card to qualifying members.

Novice contest

Novice contestants will present to the judge the following items from the code book: The Use of the Gavel, Degree Words (1st-4th) Annual Password, Voting Sign, Sign (1st-4th) and Patrons Grip. Novice contest winners will have to compete in the Patron Contest next year.

Patron contest

The Patron contest is designed to follow the code reading Award of Merit card requirements.

From Section I, contestants must read:

1. Opening page 2-3
2. The Use of The Gavel page 5
3. Salutations for all Degrees page 7
4. Password At Outer Gate page 8
5. Degree Words ----- 1st Degree page 9
6. Degree Words ----- 2nd Degree page 13
7. Degree Words ----- 3rd Degree page 15
8. Degree Words ----- 4th Degree page 17
9. Annual Word page 19
10. Voting Sign page 19

From the Section II, they must read:

1. Passing To Different Degrees page 4-5
2. Signals at the Inner Gate page 6-7
3. Signal At Outer Gate ----- 1st Degree page 8

4. Signal At Inner Gate ----- 1st Degree page 8
5. Sign ----- 1st Degree page 9
6. Salutation ----- 1st Degree page 10
7. Signal At Inner Gate ----- 2nd Degree page 13
8. Sign ----- 2nd Degree page 14
9. Salutation ----- 2nd Degree page 14
10. Signal At Inner Gate ----- 3rd Degree page 15
11. Sign ----- 3rd Degree page 16
12. Salutation -----3rd Degree page 16
13. Signal At Inner Gate ----- 4th Degree page 17
14. Sign ----- 4th Degree page 18
15. Salutation ----- -4th Degree page 18

Contestants select two of the elements in Section III to compete.

1. Sign of Caution page 10-11
2. Sign of Distress page 11
3. Patrons General Sign page 12
4. Sign of Recognition page 20-21
5. Patrons Grip page 22
6. Patrons Test page 23-24

In case of a tie, the judge can select another portion for the contestants to read to break a tie.

The guidelines for earning an Award of Merit Card are on the following page.

Code Book Reading Award of Merit

Note: Participant may elect to read the entire code book. In electing this option, the participant will be allowed five mistakes

SECTION I:

1. Opening page 2-3
2. The Use of the Gavel page 5
3. Salutations for all Degrees page 7
4. Password at Outer Gate page 8
5. Degree Words ----- 1st Degree page 9
6. Degree Words ----- 2nd Degree page 13
7. Degree Words ----- 3rd Degree page 15
8. Degree Words ----- 4th Degree page 17
9. Annual Word page 19
10. Voting Sign page 19

(Participant cannot make a mistake within Section I.)

SECTION II:

11. Passing To Different Degrees page 4-5
12. Signals at the Inner Gate page 6-7
13. Signal At Outer Gate ----- 1st Degree page 8
14. Signal At Inner Gate ----- 1st Degree page 8
15. Sign ----- 1st Degree page 9
16. Salutation ----- 1st Degree page 10
17. Signal At Inner Gate ----- 2nd Degree page 13
18. Sign ----- 2nd Degree page 14
19. Salutation ----- 2nd Degree page 14
20. Signal At Inner Gate ----- 3rd Degree page 15
21. Sign ----- 3rd Degree page 16
22. Salutation ----- 3rd Degree page 16
23. Signal At Inner Gate ----- 4th Degree page 17
24. Sign ----- 4th Degree page 18
25. Salutation ----- 4th Degree page 18

In addition to the above, participant must select two of the following six options in completing Section II.

1. Sign of Caution page 10-11
2. Sign of Distress page 11
3. Patrons General Sign page 12
4. Sign of Recognition page 20-21
5. Patrons Grip page 22
6. Patrons Test page 23-24

(Participant is allowed three mistakes within Section II)

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Purpose

The purpose of this contest is to encourage Grange youth and young adults to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, public speaking, and problem solving skills.

Grange youth and young adult members will use parliamentary procedure to conduct an orderly and efficient meeting, following the meeting format, including the Grange opening and closing as prescribed in the subordinate Grange manual. Teams can follow the opening and closing ceremonies from the 2012 National Grange Subordinate Manual. The Parliamentary Authority for the contest shall be the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

As part of the contest, they will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary law
- Conduct Grange business effectively
- Present a logical, realistic and convincing debate on motions
- Record complete and accurate minutes
- Present memorized speaking parts during the opening and closing ceremonies

Team members will be needed to fill the offices of Master, Overseer, Steward, Chaplain, Secretary and Gatekeeper. During the contest, the offices of Lady Assistant Steward, Assistant Steward, Lecturer, Treasurer, Ceres, Flora, Pomona and Executive Committee will be filled by non-competing Grange members. State Grange Youth Departments will host the state contest and may choose up to two teams to represent their state. Multi-state teams are permitted.

Event Rules

1. Notification of having a team is due to the National Youth Director by Sept. 1 of the contest year.
2. Team members must be qualified Grange members at the time of qualification. They must be between the ages of 14 - 35 as of January 1 of the contest year.
3. Teams will consist of a Master, Overseer, Steward, Gatekeeper, Chaplain, and Secretary. Additional offices will be filled by the Youth Officer Team.
4. The event will consist of the following activities: a.) Written Examination; b.) Opening Ceremonies; c.) Team Demonstration; d.) Closing Ceremonies; e.) Oral Questions.
5. Members will conduct a regular subordinate Grange meeting and demonstrate a designated main motion and four additional parliamentary procedure motions.
6. It is recommended that the meeting be conducted according to the most current Grange Subordinate Manual. Teams may use whichever opening version they prefer. Opening and Closing Ceremonies should be memorized.
7. The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised will be the Parliamentary Authority for the contest. If there is a discrepancy between RONR, the Grange Subordinate Manual, and the Digest of Laws, the Digest, followed by the Manual will override RONR.

Event Procedures

1. Team members should arrive at the contest location at least one hour prior to listed event start time to take the exam. Ex. if demonstration begins at 9 am, all team members should arrive by 8 am.
2. The room will be set up according to the Grange Manual. Station markers, cloths, and a timer will be provided.
3. All team members will be provided with paper and pencils to take notes during their demonstration.
4. Team members will have one minute immediately before their team's demonstration to look at their cards. They may not write on or mark the cards or confer/signal to each other during that time or the rest of the demonstration. This one minute will begin when the Master taps the gavel and will be timed

by a timer provided by contest coordinators.

5. Each member will receive a card listing the main motion and four additional permissible motions. An individual's required secondary motion will be marked by underlining and bolding that motion. The unmarked motions will be made by the other team members.

6. The Secretary will not be given a required motion. It is recommended that the secretary make the main motion for contest purposes. Minutes will only be judged in the event of a tie.

7. The demonstration will not be over 15 minutes. A time clock will be provided so the team can see. Time will begin when the Master signals with two ~~taps~~ raps of the gavel and will end at the conclusion of the Closing Ceremonies. A time keeper will hold up cards at the 10 and 14 minute marks if no clock can be provided.

8. Teams will begin Opening Ceremonies with team members seated at their stations. No Opening or Closing Drill will be performed. Assistants will walk room to examine and report and assume all members present are correct. The Salute to the Flag and Roll Call of Officers will be performed.

9. Team members should have opening and closing ceremonies memorized. Manuals will be available if they are not. However, 5 points will be deducted for each team member who uses assistance during opening ceremonies.

10. The order of business will begin at the conclusion of Opening Ceremonies and begin with the consideration of New Business. The motion to adjourn is not allowed.

11. Each team member will be required to present two debates. Each debate will be worth a maximum of points. If the member exceeds two debates during the demonstration, the top two debates will be counted.

12. Only one debate is allowed per motion per team member. The exception to this rule is the motion maker who may make two debates on that motion.

13. Only votes from the team should be counted. The additional officers (filled seats) will be instructed not to vote. Should they vote, their votes should be ignored for contest purposes.

14. Following the disposal of all New Business, the team will perform Closing Ceremonies.

15. Judges will ask one oral question (containing 1 -2 parts) of each team member at the conclusion of their demonstration. Members may not consult with or receive help from team members and must answer individually.

16. Business casual dress is highly recommended.

17. It is recommended that Opening Ceremonies take no more than 5 minutes, and Closing Ceremonies no more than 3 minutes. The remaining time should be used for the demonstration of New Business.

Written Test:

The 45-minute written test will consist of 25 questions covering:

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Standard Order of Business
- Grange Knowledge
- Permissible Motions

Questions will be drawn from the most current editions of the Grange Subordinate Manual and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

References/Resources:

- Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition)
- National Grange Digest of Law
- Grange Subordinate Manual
- Dunbar's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure Test Questions
- Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition) in Brief

Awards:

Awards will be presented to the 1st Place Team, High Scoring Individual, and High Scoring Chair.
Participatory awards may be presented to other participants.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest Judges Score Card Worksheet

	Written Test	Opening Ceremony	Debate (2x, 15 pts each)	Required Motion	Oral Questions	Individual Total
Master	25	15	30		10	80
Overseer	25	15	30	50	10	130
Steward	25	15	30	50	10	130
Chaplain	25	15	30	50	10	130
Secretary	25	15	30		10	80
Gatekeeper	25	15	30	50	10	130
INDIVIDUAL TOTALS	150	90	180	200	60	680

Main Motion		50
Conclusions Reached		65
Team Voice, Poise, Expression		50
Closing Ceremony		20
TEAM TOTAL		135
Deductions for Overtime		
TOTAL POINTS		1000

Additional Rules

President's debate points = Ability to preside, use of the gavel

Only the top 2 debates will be scored

Time limit-deduct 2 points per second over 15 minutes

Conclusions reached = did team deal with business appropriately; no motions left on the floor;
do the decisions make sense?

Opening Ceremonies Memorization – 5 points deducted for each person not having memorized these

Tie Breakers for Teams will be in the following order:

Secretary's Minutes

Written Test-Sum of all scores

Oral Questions-Sum of all scores (will also be used to break ties for the team written test award)

Example Oral Questions:

Master: What type of vote is required to postpone definitely?

Overseer: Is a second needed to refer a motion to a committee?

Steward: What vote is needed for a point of order?

Chaplain: What is the purpose of (Call the) Previous Question?

Secretary: What are the three motions that may interrupt the speaker?

Gatekeeper: What is the purpose of Division of the Assembly?

Grange Jeopardy

Grange Jeopardy is an exciting event that brings together youth and young adults interested in Grange trivia and history. Individuals have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the Grange, its history and impact on rural America. This factsheet serves as a guideline to prepare Grangers for a Grange Jeopardy competition.

Background

The Jeopardy program is set up for anyone who has an interest in Grange history, trivia and structure. Grange Jeopardy gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas, while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications and listening skills. The competition is for individuals between the ages of 14-35, as of January 1 of the year competing.

Preparation

In Jeopardy, individuals compete against each other earning points for correctly answering questions about the Grange and rural issues. Questions can be obtained by visiting www.nationalgrangeyouth.org to review past national trivia challenges or using Grange resources such as the current edition of the Grange blue manual, Grange publications, websites, Grange Digest, Grange bylaws, and history books.

Selection

A state selection system will be set up to determine who will compete at the regional level. The winner will be selected by a written Grange knowledge test or state jeopardy contest, developed by the state youth department or a state-level trivia test is available from the National Grange Youth department. The state winner is based on the highest test score. State youth/young adult directors will score the tests.

Each state can send up to three contestants to the regional contest. The regional contest will be conducted at each regional youth and/ or leader's conference. The regional contest will follow the same format as the national contest with several semi-final rounds, based on the number of entrants and one final round. A minimum of 2 per round advances to the final round. In the case of only one semi-final round, the top six contestants will advance.

National contest description is as follows:

The national contest accepts a maximum three contestants from each region. A minimum of 2 per round advance to the semi-final round. In the case of only one semi-final round, the top six contestants will advance. There will be up to eight per semifinal round and one final round with up to 8 participants.

Each round consists of six categories, each with five questions, with a point value of 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500 points. A maximum of eight players compete at one time.

In round 1, all contestants participate. A random selection of who selects the first question takes place. Contestants wishing to answer a question must activate the signaling device. Once a contestant signals to answer the question, the question will be covered. Answers are in the form of a question. If answered incorrectly, the question will reappear for another contestant to answer. Contestants have 10 seconds to signal after the question is completed. Points are awarded for correctly answering questions. There

are deductions for wrong answers, answering without signaling, not waiting to be recognized and failing to give an answer. The amount of points deducted is determined by the point value of the question. The player with the last correct answer gets to select the next category and point value.

An individual's score must be greater than zero to advance to any final round of play. The top contestants (up to 4 in each heat) from round 1 will advance to play a second round. At the end of round 2, each contestant will have the opportunity to answer a "Final Jeopardy" question, providing they have positive points. The answer will be in written form. Contestants can wager all, part or none of the points they have accumulated. Rankings are based on top scores. The contestant with the most points is declared the champion.

Please note: All trivia questions and answers prepared for the contest are final and cannot be challenged at the time of the contest.

Prizes

Regional contest winners will receive:

- First Place: \$25 regional winners; an Amazon gift card winner
- Second Place: \$20 regional winners; \$100 winner
- Third Place: \$15 regional winners; \$50 national winner

Right on Target Youth Committee Award

DEADLINE: September 1, 2019

A Granger or a group of Grangers who work together to reach out to the youth in their community can earn this award by setting a goal and sharing their accomplishment. Subordinate, Pomona Grange and State Youth Programs are eligible for consideration.

The goal of their project, the plan of action and result must be submitted to the National Grange Youth Development Director to be considered for the award. Photos are not required but encouraged.

Each member of the planning and implementation committee will receive a certificate of recognition.

While the deadline for reports is September 1, reports can be sent to the National Youth Director at any time for display at the National convention. Reports should contain a written summary of what was planned and the results of the project along with pictures that show what happened.

Entries must contain the names of the Grange members working on the project, along with a main contact name, address, phone number, Grange name and number.

Prizes

- First Place: \$50 and a certificate
- Second Place: \$30 and a certificate
- Third Place: \$20 and a certificate

Grange Youth Superstar Program

New for 2019

The National Grange Youth Department is designed to encourage youth and young adults to progress as leaders in our Granges and communities. Grange youth have the opportunity to craft a unique program set utilizing the National Grange Youth Department's achievement award program.

For each seal earned, Grange youth and young adults are able to fill in a starpoint in each Grange achievement award program. Based on activity level and service, Grange youth can achieve a bronze, silver or gold award. The qualifying Granger will receive a unique award for each level completed. This is a cumulative award and seals will be earned over multiple years.

Award requirements are as follows.

Bronze: 100 seals | Silver: 200 seals | Gold: 300 seals.

In order to receive an award, the state youth director will need to submit a letter of recommendation, including a record of seals earned. A scanned image of the youth record poster will work.

Junior Mentor Award

New for 2019 in conjunction with the National Junior Grange Department

Grange youth and young adults can have a powerful impact on the Grange experience with our youngest members. These youths invest into our Junior Grangers at multiple levels – at the community, Pomona and state levels. This award is designed to recognize the Grange youth and young adults that go above and beyond to guide and mentor Junior Grangers.

State Masters, State Youth Committees and/or State Junior Grange Committees can nominate a Grange youth/young adult, between the ages of 14 and 35. The application deadline is September 1, 2019.

State winners will receive a certificate and be recognized at National Session during Youth Leadership Days. The Junior Grange and Youth Departments will organize a committee to select one overall winner. The overall winner will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

If you have questions contact National Grange Youth Development Director at youth@nationalgrange.org or National Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins at (515) 739-1030 or junior@nationalgrange.org.

Please mail the applications to youth director.

Electronic applications can be found at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/JrMentorAward

Junior Mentor Award Entry Form

Due: September 1, 2019

Nominee name(s) _____

Nominee's State and Subordinate Grange: _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please tell us why this person should be selected:

How has this youth/young adult impacted the lives of Junior Grangers?

Please list some specific tasks, projects or initiatives that this youth has led to inspire Juniors?

Give some examples of how they have gone above and beyond to help Junior Grangers and/or a Junior Grange Department.

Name of Grange submitting nominee _____

City/Town/State _____

Chairpersons' name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Apathy Not Allowed

Updated for 2019

Apathy Not Allowed is a joint venture between the National Grange's Youth and Legislative Departments that seeks to educate Grange Youth on crucial legislative matters affecting them and their Granges. Subsequently, involved Youth will be educated on the many ways in which Grangers and citizens alike can advocate on issues they feel important to shape public policy and communities in which they live.

Among the world's developed countries, the United States ranks second from the bottom in regards to voter turnout; a position that is entirely unacceptable if we are to grow as a nation and fix the problems we are currently facing. Political apathy is significantly higher among teens and young adults, who see little relation between government action and their daily lives. Thus, Apathy Not Allowed will work to engage our Grange Youth and get them involved as responsible citizens with a firm grasp on their civic duties as members of a free society.

Just as our Grange Declaration of Purposes suggests, we will ensure that our Grange Youth "take a proper interest in the politics of one's country" so they might become the informed and involved citizens required to move America forward and to guarantee a better society for future generations.

Grange Grassroots Activism Award

DEADLINE: March 1 – SPONSORED BY POTOMAC GRANGE #1, Washington, DC

Any member who has completed the Sapphire and Emerald John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award requirements is eligible to enter into the Grange Grassroots Activism Award program. The program requires entrants to submit an application to the National Grange Legislative Director along with supporting documents. Find the online application at: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/ActivismApp

Applicants must submit all of the following:

1. The completed application form;
2. A copy of a letter/email you have sent to a state or national representative OR a copy of a published letter to the editor you wrote advocating on behalf of the Grange for a specific policy issue OR a copy of a resolution you have written and presented to your local, Pomona or State Grange, including information on date of presentation and outcome;
3. A typed analysis paper of 2,500 to 3,000 words, 12 point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced with 1-inch margins all around, illustrating the merits of a National Grange policy for the Grange as a whole, your community/state and/or rural Americans/farmers and an action plan for Grange members across the country to advocate on behalf of that policy;
4. Two letters of reference; one letter from your State Grange Master/President; state Legislative Director; state Youth Director or from a National Grange Officer demonstrating your character, ability for engagement and activism and interest in Grange policy. If you do not have a State Grange, you may submit two letters from National Officers or one letter from a National Officer or your state's National Deputy and one letter from another State Master, a National Grange Staff Director or a professor or teacher who understands your Grange involvement.

Prizes

Two \$800 travel scholarships to attend the 2019 National Grange Legislative Fly-In. All other entrants will receive certificates of participation.

2019 Grange Grassroots Activism Award Application

State _____ Subordinate Grange & No. _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

General Biographical Information (education, years in the Grange, etc.) and other information of relevance:

Have you held any Grange offices or served on any committees, etc.? If so, please indicate these below.

Have you worked or volunteered for any local, state or national political campaigns or offices? If so, please indicate these below:

I certify that the above information is correct.

Signature

Date

Please indicate the names of your references whose letters you have attached to this application:

Name Relationship to you (if applicable)

Name Relationship to you (if applicable)

G.R.O.W. Club: “Go Right On Working”

The G.R.O.W. Club is an elite club that is made up of Grange members who have participated in the National Grange Prince, Princess, Young Couple, Young Patron, Ambassador or Horizon Leadership programs or have served as Youth team members or as a National Grange Youth Director.

- A. All G.R.O.W. Club members uphold the theme of the Club by assisting in developing and promoting local, state and national youth programs.
- B. All G.R.O.W. club members are encouraged to wear their Grow Club Pin.
- C. An Annual reunion/meeting will be held at the National Convention with the possibility of introducing the newest members of the Club.
- D. G.R.O.W. Club members are expected to encourage their local Granges, Grangers, Pomona Granges and State Granges to support the Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund.
- E. An address and e-mail database will be continually updated of current members.
- F. G.R.O.W. Club members have benefited from the Youth Leadership Fund; therefore they realize the value of the Fund. G.R.O.W. Club members will act as a “Booster Club” for the Youth Leadership Fund. G.R.O.W. Club members are encouraged to submit fund raising ideas. G.R.O.W. Club members may be utilized in fund raising efforts.
- G. G.R.O.W. Club members will elect a board, which will consist of six elected members and two ex-officio members. One (1) representative from each of the following regions shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting: Eastern, Great Plains, Midwest, Northeast, Southeast and & Western. A rotating board has been established; therefore allowing each member to serve for three years. The board shall select their own officers. The National Grange Master/President and the National Youth Development Director will serve as ex-officio members.
- H. The G.R.O.W. Club board will be instrumental in planning the yearly activities for the G.R.O.W. Club.

Find the G.R.O.W. Club Team representatives at
www.nationalgrangeyouth.com/GROWClub

National G.R.O.W. Club Travel Scholarship

The G.R.O.W. Club has established a scholarship to assist Horizon Leadership or National Youth Officer Team participants cover some of their costs to attend national session. Find the online application at: www.nationalgrangeyouth.com/GROWtravelscholarship

National G.R.O.W. Club Academic Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- 1) Purpose: The purpose of the National Grange Scholarship is to assist in the educational expenses of Grange members from across the United States.
- 2) The GROW Club Board will award at least one scholarship in the amount of \$500. The number of scholarships will be determined by the amount of funds available.
- 3) Selection will be based solely on the application. The selection committee will consist of the members of the National GROW Club Board.
- 4) Chosen recipient will be notified by October 1. Scholarship winner will be announced at the National GROW Club Banquet.

Find the application online at: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/GROWScholarship

SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS: Please read all instructions carefully.

- 1) Please complete application, answering all questions and providing the required attachments. Total application including attachments must not exceed 10 single sided pages.
- 2) Complete applications with attachments must be postmarked on or before September 1. Incomplete or late applications will be rejected, NO EXCEPTIONS. The National GROW Club Board will not inspect applications for completeness prior to the deadline.
- 3) Please submit necessary application signatures.
- 4) Please send completed application to National Youth Director.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Must be a current Grange member in good standing.
- 2) Must be a full time student enrolled in a college, university, community college, technical institution or trade school.
- 3) Must complete application with all required attachments sent in one package.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Official Transcript: Graduating high school seniors must submit high school transcript. Those who have completed any semesters of college and are currently enrolled in college must submit an official college transcript.
- 2) ONE letter of recommendation from a leader in your Subordinate Grange who is not your relative.
- 3) ONE Letter of recommendation from your State Master.
- 4) ONE Letter of recommendation from a source other than a relative.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT AND GUARDIAN

I certify that all information given on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of the information on this application. I understand that the selection committee may review information on this application and my transcripts. I acknowledge that I disclose my Social Security Numbers as a voluntary but necessary action for the purposes of identification. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

G.R.O.W. Club Scholarship Application

Full Name _____

SSN# _____ Birth Date _____

Current Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Years of Subordinate Grange membership _____

Grange Name and Number _____

Name of High School _____ City _____

College where you are to be enrolled _____

College City and State _____

Major _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Please answer the following questions. You may use additional paper if necessary.

1) List Grange activities you've participated in over the last three years on Local, Pomona, Regional, State and National levels.

2) List school and other non-Grange activities in which you are involved. Include extracurricular activities, service projects and office or leadership positions held.

3) Please list Awards and Recognitions over the last three years.

4) Explain your long-range goals for school, employment.

5) Explain how your experiences in the Grange will benefit your future.

Folding Display Contest

The goal of the Folding Display contest is to create a display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house or other forum to promote the Grange, a Grange program or Grange issue.

Contest Rules:

- 1) All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a subordinate/community Grange
- 2) There will be two age divisions of the Folding Display Contest: *Youth* - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1; *Young Adult* - Grange members between the ages of 22-35.
- 3) Each entry must be selected at a state Grange level contest. Each state may send up to one entry per category to national contest. The display theme must be Grange related. **State youth directors must notify National Youth Director by Oct. 1 or after state session, of state winners.**
- 4) All entries must be exhibited at the National Grange Session; members need not attend to participate.
- 5) A Grange member may enter as an individual OR as a member of a group. All group entry members must be in the same age division.
- 6) Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself.
- 7) Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality and neatness.
- 8.) Grange member will be responsible for shipping arrangements of display to and from National Grange meeting.

Folding Display Contest Evaluation Sheet

CONTENT 30 Points

Is the theme well defined?

Accurate and appropriate information

Use of Materials

ORGANIZATION: 30 Points

Arranged in such a way that theme portrayed can be followed easily and logically?

NEATNESS: 25 Points

Picture and clippings securely fastened?

Captions neatly written?

Display sturdy, durable, and attractive?

ORIGINALITY: 15 Points

Creativity.

Total Points _____

FOLDING DISPLAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Division _____

Folding Display Topic _____

Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award

Updated for 2019

Membership is a valuable part of the Grange experience and it is the responsibility of all members to grow the Grange. Youth are a part of the membership growth process.

To encourage youth and young adults to grow the Grange, the youth department in conjunction with the membership department will be recognizing youth and young adults for their recruitment efforts. The program will run from Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019.

Members recruited can be of any age, must have never joined the Grange before. Membership application forms must be properly submitted to the state Grange. The award will be submitted by your state youth director with verification from the state Master and membership director (if applicable).

Each state can select one Grange youth to be recognized by the National Grange as its State Youth Recruiter of the Year. The national award winner will receive a cash prize of \$50.

Considerations for selection should include, but not exclusively,

- Number of members recruited in a year
- Service on a Grange Growth team
- Assistance with subordinate Grange membership growth activities and/or events, fair booth, mall/library display
- Present the four steps of membership recruitment at subordinate Grange meeting.
- Participate in monthly membership matters Zoom meetings

State Youth Recruiter of the Year Awards will be presented during the Youth Days at National Session. Or, at the request of the state, sent to be presented at a state session.

Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award Entry Form

Due: September 1, 2019

Nominee name _____

Nominee's State and Subordinate Grange: _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please tell us why this person should be selected: _____

How has this youth/young adult impacted the lives of Junior Grangers?

Please list some specific tasks, projects or initiatives that this youth has led to inspire Juniors?

Give some examples of how they have gone above and beyond to help Junior Grangers and/or a Junior Grange Department.

Name of Grange submitting nominee _____

City/Town/State _____

Chairpersons' name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

2019 Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth

DEADLINE: Postmarked by September 1, 2019

This award is designed to recognize outstanding Grange Youth who go above and beyond in leading the Grange through membership development, leadership growth and grassroots efforts.

This award can be designed to meet individual needs, however, they will need to complete the following:

1. Earn a minimum of three different achievement award seals – can be from the same program or a combination of several.
2. Complete the Grange Trivia Challenge; earn a minimum of 80 percent
3. Complete one of the following ritual elements: demonstrate the salutation, code reading or participate in the presentation of one of the Grange degrees.
4. Participate in a project that promotes the Grange and/or Grange youth department or complete a Right on Target award application.
5. Demonstrate leadership in the Grange.

Some examples of projects that will qualify for parts of this award are as follows:

- Conduct a workshop that you develop and present.
- Write a resolution and present it to your Grange for consideration.
- Participate in a legislative event.
- Organize a letter writing campaign for a worthy cause.
- Participate in any type of leadership program
- Share your Grange Spirit by helping create a display for a local event, a brochure promoting a Grange project, event or your local Grange. Help or create a Grange newsletter, or web site, etc.
- Participate in, promote, spearhead or organize a community service project in your Grange or volunteer at a local charity or charity event.
- Share your heart by serving as a mentor to a Junior Grange as a helper. Serve as a camp counselor at Junior Grange Camp or some other group.
- Help your Subordinate, Pomona, or State Lecturer with a program.
- Other leadership activities or projects not mentioned above.

Proof of your accomplishment must be submitted to the National Grange Youth Development Director postmarked by September 1. A simple report, including picture, name, address, Grange name and number or a letter from those you helped can be used a proof. Entries may also qualify for an achievement award seal. Each youth submitting proof will receive a special certificate and a lapel pin in recognition of their individual efforts.

2019 National Grange Youth Achievement Awards Program

Achievement Awards may be earned by any Grange member any age. If you feel this is something that you would like to participate in and take the time and effort to meet the requirements and wish to receive a certificate, please complete the tasks for each seal and certificate.

Guidelines:

- Seals do not have to be earned in any order.
- Anyone interested in working on a Youth Achievement Award seal may request an Achievement Awards Record poster and place their seals as they are earned onto their poster. Additional seals will be sent as earned and requested. Many ideas for programs, projects and workshops can be developed from the guidelines presented in these Achievement Awards. Let your imagination guide you as you develop programs and reach out to people in your community.

2019 Achievement Award Programs

- William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award
- John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award
- John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award
- Drill Achievement Award
- Caroline Hall Achievement Award
- Oliver H. Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award
- Frances McDowell Trivia and Current Events Achievement Award
- Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Achievement Award
- William Ireland Deaf Awareness Achievement Award

William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award

Sapphire: Visit a local farm and talk with the farmer about what it is like to run a farm. Write a short essay describing what you learned and send it to the National Youth Director. Or, if you live on a farm, develop a “know your farmer” project that could be shared at a Grange meeting or other outreach program. For example, Ag in the Classroom, farm-city day, dairy princess promotion or agriculture day on the hill.

Emerald: select an area of interest; learn as much about your selection as you can, prepare an exhibit and exhibit it at a community/county fair, Grange fair or exhibit day or meeting, trade fair, or in a local business. (Examples include: animals, crops, home improvements, home economics skills, science, wood working, mechanical, computer technology, photography, art, musical talent, theatrical talents, etc.) Take pictures of your project, keep records of the expenses involved in the project, compare the costs involved with the potential profit, evaluate and write a conclusion about your project. Keep all your information in a notebook and present it to your State Youth Director who will apply for your Achievement Award.

Grange youth participating in the following NJHA contests qualify for an emerald award: Horticulture Artwork, Horticultural Photography: Digital Imagery, Horticultural Photography: Still Film; Promotion of Horticulture; Writing in Horticulture.

Silver: Develop, print and distribute a brochure, table tent card or display of your Grange and display at your local or state fair. Send a copy of the brochure, table tent card, or a picture of the display to the National Grange Youth Development Director, as well as photos of you at the fair with your display. Or publish a newsletter for your Grange or develop and/or design or maintain a Webpage or create a video or PowerPoint presentation promoting your Grange or a special activity sponsored by the Grange that could also be presented at a local or state fair. Also included are Facebook and YouTube presentations. Send a copy to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Ruby: Plant a garden or a plant or develop an agriculture enterprise (livestock, dairy, direct farm sales, etc.) and keep a diary of the progress through pictures and words. Keep all your information in a notebook or record book and present it to your State Youth Director who will apply for your Achievement Award. 4-H and FFA record books may be utilized for record keeping.

Grange youth participating in the following NJHA contests qualify for a ruby award: Horticultural Demonstration; Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest; NJHA's Next Top Chef; Science and Horticulture: Environmental Awareness; Science and Horticulture: Experimental Horticulture; Science and Horticulture: Production: Awareness; Speaking in Horticulture; Extemporaneous Speaking Contest; Horticultural Performing Arts.

Gold: Organize a mutual event with your local FFA, 4-H, or other agricultural organization and your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange. Let these groups explain what they do and do the same for the Grange. Have some kind of activity for the two groups to do together, such as games, discussions about agriculture, etc. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Win NJHA Grand National Award at 2019 contests.

Any member who completes all five levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin.

John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award

Sapphire: Plan a legislative night for your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange. Invite local elected officials to your meeting and have them discuss issues important to your Grange. Or, present a workshop on the legislative process or legislative/policy topic of interest. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Emerald: Research an issue important to your community, state or nation. See if there is an existing Grange policy. Review existing policy and decide if it is still current. If no policy exists or the current Grange policy needs updating, write a resolution for Grange passage. Submit the resolution for consideration at your subordinate/community Grange. Write a report on your findings and any actions that were taken. If contest available, have the report judged at a state Grange session. Have state youth director verify the work and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Silver: Participate in the state Grange legislative experience as a state session delegate for your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange or in a state legislative experience program. Or, participate in a state or national Grange legislative day/trip/fly-in. Or prepare and deliver a persuasive speech at a Regional Youth Conference in the Prepared Speech Division that focuses on a specific Grange policy and

advocacy strategies. Or schedule a meeting with an elected official to discuss a Grange issue. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation.

Ruby: Work with your State Legislative Director or State Master/President to organize or participate in a Legislative Day at your State House. Or, participate in the National Grange Legislative Fly-In. Have state youth director verify the work and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Gold: Participate in the John Trimble Legislative Youth Experience at National Session. Submit an application for the Grassroots Activism Award. Or, participate in the National Grange Legislative Fly-In.

Any member who completes all five levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin.

John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award

Sapphire: Research one of the seven degrees and think about how you can apply the lessons from this degree to your daily life. Write a short essay about what you have learned and send it to the National Youth Director.

Emerald: Memorize the Master, Overseer, or Chaplain's charges in the opening ceremony of your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange and recite them to the appropriate Master/President. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Silver: Memorize the obligation ceremony or welcoming ceremony; recite it to your subordinate Master, state youth director or state master. Have the qualified individual verify and send verification letter to National Youth Director.

Ruby: Organize a ritual workshop for youth and young adults in your state. Include the opening and closing, as well as degree work. Send a copy of the plan for the workshop to the National Youth Director.

Gold: Participate in the National Youth Officer Team or State Youth Officer Team. Or, read opening and closing ceremonies in the code book of the National Grange to a qualified individual, with five mistakes or less. Compete in the National Grange Code Reading Contest

Any member who completes all five levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin.

Drill Achievement Award

Drills are impressive and a method of teaching team work. Learning to work with other people is an important skill in life. The Founders worked as a team to create this wonderful organization and many people over the years have continued to work as a team to keep it going. Minimum number of People in a Drill: Three. There is no maximum limit.

Sapphire: To earn this seal an individual must participate in a drill presentation at your subordinate or Pomona Grange; or participate in a school drill or other organization drill. You will need to obtain a letter from the Grange, school or organization official verifying your participation.

Emerald: Participate in a drill presentation at your state Grange Youth Camp, Convention/Session or Drill competition. You will need to obtain a letter from an official verifying your participation and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Silver: Participate in a Regional Drill presentation or competition.

Ruby: Create an original Drill and lead a group in the drill at your local Grange, Pomona Grange, state Grange, regional conference or in a school or other organization setting. Submit a copy of the drill to the National Youth Development Director along with a list of all the participants.

Gold: Prepare and present a workshop on drills. Send a copy of your material to the National Youth Development Director with the date the workshop was presented and the number of people who attended along with your evaluation for improving the workshop.

Any member who completes all five levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin.

Oliver Hudson Kelly Public Speaking Achievement Award

Sapphire: Prepare and present a speech to your Grange or another group. Your subordinate/ community Grange youth chairman or Master may verify your participation by writing a confirmation letter, which is to be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Emerald: Present your speech at a Pomona Grange activity or meeting or other county activity. Your Pomona youth chairman or Master may verify your participation by writing a confirmation letter and sending it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Silver: Participate in your State Grange's Public Speaking program. State Youth Directors will apply for this Achievement Award for participants. All state winners will compete at the regional program, which will be held at the regional youth conferences.

Youth Ambassadors and Young Patrons can also earn a silver seal for speaking at a state-level Grange event.

Grange youth participating in the following NJHA contests qualify for a silver award: Horticultural Demonstration; Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest; NJHA's Next Top Chef; Science and Horticulture: Environmental Awareness; Science and Horticulture: Experimental Horticulture; Science and Horticulture: Production: Awareness; Speaking in Horticulture; Extemporaneous Speaking Contest; Horticultural Performing Arts.

Ruby: Participate in your regional Public Speaking program or contest.

Gold: Prepare and present a workshop on public speaking for your Grange or another group. Obtain a letter of confirmation from the Master or person in charge of the group and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. Present a speech at the National Grange Evening of Excellence or serve as presenter for a National Youth Department program.

Any member who completes all five levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin.

Francis McDowell Grange Trivia Challenge

Purpose: To increase Grange knowledge and history.

The challenge will be in a written format. The questions will include but not be limited to the Grange fourth degree manual, the Digest, Grange history books, the National Grange Officers and Directors, and local news media (national and international stories).

Awards

The award will be a certificate noting the completion of challenge for those who score above 75%. Challenges may be obtained at any time by contacting the National Youth Development Director or from the National Grange Youth Website at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org. When you have completed the challenge return it to the National Youth Development Director.

Horizon Leadership participants and National Youth Officer Team members will be expected to complete the Trivia Challenge prior to attending and participating in the National convention.

Grange Youth achieving a perfect score on the test will be recognized at National Session during the Youth Activity Days.

Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award

To encourage Youth to mentor Junior Grange members.

Sapphire - Assist the Junior Grange leader with the Junior Grange meetings and activities - obtain a letter confirming your assistance from the Junior Leader and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. If no Junior Grange exists in your area, work with your local and State Grange leadership on a plan to start a Junior Grange.

Emerald: This level can be earned one of four ways:

1. Assist in the establishment of a Junior Grange Program in your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange; or 2. Serve as a Junior Grange leader at the community or Pomona level; or 3. Lead a Junior Grange service, community or fun activity - a minimum of six (6) service hours is required. For certification, obtain a letter from adult leader and submit it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Silver: Become a counselor for your State Junior Grange Camp; obtain a letter from the camp director confirming your participation as a counselor, which should be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director. You may also plan a large-scale activity for Juniors and Youth to interact if there is no Junior Grange Camp in your State or area.

Ruby: Assist with state session/convention Junior Grange activities, including assist Juniors with the presentation of the Junior Degree, Junior Grange tour, Junior Grange talent show or other State Junior Department events. If there are no formal Junior Grange activities, be a buddy to a junior member attending the state convention. Obtain a letter from an official stating your participation from your state junior director and give a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Gold: Assist with national session/convention Junior Grange activities, including presentation of the Junior Degree, leading Junior Grange workshops, or Junior Grange event set up. Or, the seal can be earned by leading a workshop at a State or National Junior Grange event or by submitting a Junior badge or program idea to both the National Junior director and the National Grange Youth Director.

Any member who completes all five levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin.

Caroline Hall Achievement Award

Caroline A. Hall is recognized as the “eighth” founder of the Grange. One of the many gifts she brought to the organization was the gift of music. She was a major force behind the production of the first Grange Song Book. This award will recognize those who are still contributing talent to the Grange and to their community. Another of the things she was noted for was her contributions to her community.

Sapphire: Share a specific talent you have in one of your Subordinate/Community Grange or your Pomona Grange programs. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance, presentation of the event such as a photo and the number of people in attendance.

Emerald: Participate in a community service project in your Grange or your community. Obtain a letter of verification from the project coordinator and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the dates you helped with the project and as many specifics as possible.

Silver: Share a specific talent you have at one of your State Grange activities or enter a talent contest which doesn't have to be a Grange Talent contest. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman or contest coordinator and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance and the number of people in attendance.

Ruby: Share a specific talent at a regional conference, assist with planning games or workshops. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance and the number of people in attendance.

Gold: Assist in organizing or organize a local Grange or community talent show or a service project. Newsletters and other forms of publicity should be utilized. Submit a copy of the program, which includes the names of the program or project, the names of the people participating and the title of their performance with the number in attendance and date to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Participate in or organize a fundraiser for a charity and complete a report for the Caroline A. Hall T.L.C. recognition program. For the report, send details on the event/ speaker, number in attendance, and preplanning and post planning checklists/comments.

Any member who completes all levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement award lapel pin.

William Ireland Deaf Awareness Achievement Award

For many years, the National Grange has recognized the importance of communication skills and community service. One program that has been the hallmark of the organization has been its commitment to deaf awareness. The National Grange Youth program recognizes our long-term association with this issue with a unique achievement award.

Sapphire: Learn the manual alphabet. Demonstrate it to someone proficient in sign language. (It can be done at a Sign-a-Song contest). Send verification letter to National Youth Development Director.

Emerald: Develop a deaf awareness display or program. Present/display it at a subordinate/community or Pomona Grange meeting or in some other public venue or school presentation. Send a copy of the program or photo of this display, with verification letter from the local youth director or Master (president) to the National Youth Development Director.

Silver: Participate in state sign-a-song contest, enter an educational display at State Session, or present a workshop on sign language at a state session, state youth camp or state youth conference. State Youth Director, Community Service/Deaf Activities Director or State Master will apply for the award.

Ruby: Participate in a regional Sign-a-Song contest or present a speech on deaf awareness at regional youth conference.

Gold: Participate in the National Session Evening of Excellence Sign a Song contest or develop an education publication (such as brochure, Website, PowerPoint, video, etc.) to promote deaf awareness and/or sign language.

Any member who completes five levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin and other appropriate award.

NEW ACHIEVEMENT SEAL POSTER RECORD AVAILABLE. Contact the Youth Director to get yours!



National Grange Youth & Young Adult

Achievement Awards Record



CAROLINE A. HALL TALENT AWARD



THIS CERTIFICATE CAPTURES THE WORK OF

JOHN TRIMBLE LEGISLATIVE AWARD



JOHN THOMPSON RITUAL AWARD



FRANCIS MCDOWELL TRIVIA & CURRENT EVENTS AWARD



WILLIAM SAUNDERS AGRICULTURAL AWARD



AARON B. GROSH MENTORING AWARD



GRANGE DRILL AWARD



WILLIAM IRELAND DEAF AWARENESS AWARD



OLIVER HUDSON KELLEY PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD



Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Patron Program

DEADLINE: Sept. 1

Find online application at: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/OYPapp

The purpose of the Horizon Leadership Ambassador program is to provide an opportunity for Youth, Young Adults and Young Couples, selected to represent their state at a National Grange convention, to build their leadership potential; broaden their view of the Grange by experiencing a National Convention; receive educational training to use in their own states; and build relationships with Grangers throughout the nation by having fun.

The National Grange Horizon Leadership Ambassador program is an opportunity for youth selected by their state to participate in activities as guests of The Grange Foundation, Youth Leadership Fund.

The National Grange will provide scholarship assistance toward room and meal costs at the National Grange convention for Horizon Leadership Ambassador program.

Each state may send two youth (one male, one female) and two young adults or a young couple, who meet the following criteria:

1. Youth ambassadors must be 16-21 years of age at the time of their state selection, have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 23rd birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the National session. These individuals must also be single, never been married, may not have children and must not marry and/or have children during term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.
2. Young Adults/Young Couples must be between the ages of 22-35, have observed their 22nd birthday, but not their 37th birthday by December 31 of the year they attend national session.
3. Ambassadors/ Young Adults/Young Patrons must have been a Grange member for a minimum of one year at the time they attend National Session.
4. Previous State Ambassadors/Young Patrons/ Young Adults who have participated in this program at the National Grange Convention are not eligible. Exception: Young Adults who are former Youth Ambassadors are eligible to participate in the Young Patron Program.
5. Ambassadors/Young Adults/Young Patrons must meet their state's requirements.
6. Ambassadors/Young Adults/Young Patrons must be able to attend the National convention to represent their state during Youth activities days. (Wednesday evening through Saturday). The Ambassadors/ Outstanding Young Adults/Young Couples must complete three seals in the Oliver Hudson Kelly Achievement Award. They must also complete one of the John Thompson Ritual Achievement Awards.
7. Ambassadors/Young Adults/Young Patrons must also complete the requirements for a minimum of 2 seals of any of the other achievement awards between September 1 of the previous year and October 15 of the current year.
8. Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Adults must attend a regional youth conference in the past five years before national session, and attend a state session in the past two years.

9. Each Horizon Leadership Ambassador/ Young Adults/Young Patrons will be expected to complete a Grange trivia challenge with a score of at least 80% prior to attending the convention. Trivia Challenge must be returned to the National Director by October 15 of the current year. Trivia challenges may be obtained from the National Director or the National Grange Website www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.
10. Official Application form must be completed and postmarked by September 1. Send to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The application must include a summary of your Grange activities in the following areas: Fellowship, Activities, Recognition, Leadership, Service, and membership.
11. The following letters of recommendation are to be sent with the application:
 - a. Subordinate Grange, preferably Master or Secretary.
 - b. State Master
 - c. State Youth Director (if applicable)
12. Horizon Leadership youth ambassadors will be housed together at the National Grange Convention with up to three other official participants per room.
13. Young Adults will be housed in the same area with up to three other official participants per room. Young couples will be housed one per room.
14. Horizon Leadership Ambassadors/ Outstanding Young Patrons will be recognized at the National Convention.
15. Ambassadors/ Young Patrons or their individual states are responsible for their own transportation and convention registration fee.
16. The Grange Foundation Youth Leadership fund will provide each ambassador with the following tickets: A. Tour B. Pizza Party C. Banquet D. Invitation to A.O.L.E./G.R.O.W. Club Dinner
17. Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.
18. Youth Ambassadors/Outstanding Young Patrons are asked to bring a ½ inch wide binder with photos and highlights from their year as ambassador or Young Patron to National Session. The binders will be placed on display in the idea fair and reviewed by the judges.

2019 National Grange Horizon Leadership Program Application

DEADLINE: September 1, 2019

State _____ Subordinate Grange & No. _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Youth Ambassador _____ Male _____ Female _____ Young Adults: _____ Male _____ Female

Age as of Jan. 1: _____

Parents Names (Youth Ambassadors only) _____

Biographical Information

Description (5-8 lines) of yourself and/or family to be used for display purposes at the National Session. Enclose three 4" x 6" color prints including one picture of the family. The pictures will be mounted on a poster board and displayed along with the bio at various functions throughout the Annual Session.

Date of Joining Grange _____ Highest Degree held _____

Number of members in Subordinate Grange _____ Average number of members at meetings _____

of Grange meetings held in the last year _____ # of Grange meetings you attended this last year _____

Regional Youth Conferences Attended in past five (5) years. _____

Last state session attended in the past two (2) years _____

What activities/events did your state require you to participate in as an ambassador/young couple/young adult?

List two achievement awards you have earned this year or are currently working on:

REQUIRED. Must be earned between Aug. 31, 2018 and Sept. 1, 2019. (Grange test does not count.)

1. _____ 2. _____

List what levels you have completed in the Oliver Hudson Kelly Achievement Award (Must be earned between Aug. 31, 2018 and Sept. 1, 2019):

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

What level of the John Thompson Achievement Award did you complete? _____

Your Signature(s) _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18) _____

Subordinate Certification:

This will certify that the above named person is an active member in good standing of our Grange, and is eligible to participate in this program, and that the information contained in this report is correct.

Subordinate Youth Chairman or Secretary Signature _____ Date _____

Master’s Signature _____ Date _____

State Certification:

Youth Director’s Signature _____ Date _____

State Master’s Signature _____ Date _____

Three letters of recommendation are to be sent in addition to this application:

- a. Subordinate Grange, preferably Master or Secretary
- b. State Master
- c. State Youth Director (if applicable)

Grange Experience (Please provide information on separate sheet)

List leadership roles you have fulfilled in Grange indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.

SUBORDINATE/ COMMUNITY GRANGE YEARS

STATE/NATIONAL GRANGE YEARS

Leadership Experience

A. Community and Service Programs participated in by you (and your spouse) and leadership given. (Civic and service clubs, professional organizations, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.)

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

B. List significant offices held or awards achieved while participating in youth organizations.

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

C. What additional award(s) and recognition have you received in the past?

D. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?

E. What have you done to promote membership in the Grange? How many people have you encouraged to join Grange, how many actually joined?

This form is due to the National Grange Youth Development Director postmarked September 1. Send forms directly to National Grange Youth Development Director.

National Grange Ambassador Program

Two youth, preferably one male and one female, who have shown outstanding mentoring abilities as a Horizon Leadership Ambassador will be selected to serve as the National Grange Youth Ambassadors for a one-year term. Dependent on Youth department funding, the National Ambassadors will also receive membership development training and assist with National Grange-sponsored activities. They will also assist with several National Grange Youth Department leadership and development projects.

A selection committee, appointed by National Youth Development Director, will select the ambassadors. The committee will judge the candidates based on ambassadorship, an interview, speaking ability, and a written test of Grange knowledge.

The first alternates must be willing to step in should the Ambassadors not be able to finish his/her term. Their duties would include:

Throughout the year:

- Help organize and promote Grange Youth Zoom meetings.
- Write a minimum of one blog per month for the National Grange Youth page.
- Assist with ongoing Youth Department activities and projects.
- Be available to travel as a representative of the National Grange Youth Department, as budgets permit.
- Assist youth director with management of Grange youth social media.

For National Session

- Helping the Horizon Leadership participants know where things are at the hotel.
- Greeting upon check-in and helping them find their rooms.
- Involving those who are reluctant to become involved.
- Assisting the Director with details of convention. For example in contacting participants when last minute changes are made or instructions are needed, or being at a workshop when Director needs to be somewhere else.
- Act as a facilitator for workshops when needed.
- Provide valuable input as to age appropriate workshops.
- Arrive at convention Tuesday evening or early on Wednesday to allow time to meet with Director before participants arrive.
- Plan get-acquainted activities for Wednesday evening.
- Assist and/or lead other Youth events during National Session

Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund will pay transportation costs to the convention, plus motel costs at the convention and the meal functions required to attend (Get acquainted dinner, tour, Horizon Leadership dinner, and celebration banquet, etc.). All other meals would be at their own expense.

National Grange Outstanding Young Patron Program

One or two young adults, between the ages of 22 and 35, who have shown outstanding leadership abilities as a Horizon Leadership Young Adult will be selected to serve as the Outstanding Young Patrons attending the next year's National Grange Convention.

Dependent on Youth department funding, the Outstanding Young Patrons will also, during the next Grange year, receive membership development training and assist with National Grange-sponsored activities. They will also assist with several National Grange Youth Department leadership and development projects.

A selection committee, appointed by the National Youth Development Director, will select the Outstanding Young Patrons at the National Session. The committee will judge the candidates based on ambassadorship, an interview, speaking ability, and a written test of Grange knowledge.

Their duties would include:

Throughout the year:

- Help organize and promote Grange Youth Zoom meetings.
- Write a minimum of one blog per month for the National Grange Youth page.
- Assist with ongoing Youth Department activities and projects.
- Be available to travel as a representative of the National Grange Youth Department, as budgets permit.
- Assist youth director with management of Grange youth social media.

For National Session:

- Helping the Horizon Leadership participants know where things are at the hotel.
- Greeting upon check-in and helping them find their rooms.
- Involving those who are reluctant to become involved.
- Assisting the Director with details of convention. For example in contacting participants when last minute changes are made or instructions are needed, or being at a workshop when Director needs to be somewhere else.
- Act as a facilitator for workshops when needed.
- Provide valuable input as to age appropriate workshops.
- Arrive at convention Tuesday evening or early on Wednesday to allow time to meet with Director before participants arrive.
- Plan get-acquainted activities for Wednesday evening.
- Assist and/or lead other Youth events during National Session

Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund will pay transportation costs to the convention, plus motel costs at the convention and the meal functions required to attend (Get acquainted dinner, tour, Horizon Leadership dinner, and celebration banquet, etc.). All other meals would be at their own expense.

National Grange Youth Officers Team

DEADLINE: September 1

Purpose: To assemble a team of Youth from across the nation to open the National Grange convention on Friday morning at the annual session. This will provide more youth with an opportunity to participate in the National Grange convention.

- The Grange Youth Officers Team will march in, open the Grange in the fourth degree and march out.
 - Master, Overseer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., G.K., and Chaplain have speaking parts.
 - Lecturer will need to select an opening song.
 - Secretary will need to be prepared to call the roll of Youth officers – which will be established following the application process. Secretary is responsible for learning how to pronounce the names of the officers correctly.
 - Ceres, A.S., and L.A.S. will need to know how to present the flag properly according to the Official Flag presentation ceremony offered by the National Grange.
 - A.S. and L.A.S. may submit suggestions for the seating & retiring drill. Also please limit the time of the opening drill to 6 minutes and the retiring drill to 3 minutes.
 - Musician applicants must submit a musical demonstration tape or CD. Musical piece should be no more than 3 minutes. Musician may make suggestions for March Music. The National Youth Development Director will screen any music suggestions for appropriateness.
 - There are 18 offices to be filled: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper., Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and four executive committee positions and Musician.
 - Those applying for a position should be Grange members who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age.
 - The National Grange Youth Development Director will contact each applicant with additional questions during the selection process.
 - The selection process will be based on letters of recommendation as well as the application. Youth previously serving as Master are ineligible for re-application.
 - Each applicant will be notified of the results no later than October 1, so that each has adequate time to make travel arrangements. Each member of the N.G.Y.O.T. will receive a special certificate.
 - Applicants are required to prove that they have earned a minimum of three achievement awards, which have been earned between August 31 of the previous year and September 1 this year. One award seal must be completed in the John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award. They will also need to complete the Grange Trivia Test.
 - Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a member of their local Grange -preferably master – and state youth director, and state Master.
 - Applicants must be committed to memorizing their speaking part if the office they are applying to fill has a speaking part. Each Applicant must be willing to comply with the dress guidelines that will be established for Youth officers.
 - Current Horizon Leadership Ambassadors and John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience delegates are not eligible to apply.
 - Youth housing at the National convention will be available for any who wish to participate. If funds are available in the Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund financial assistance will be given for lodging and meals. If funds are not available all expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the youth participating.
- Applications must be postmarked by September 1 to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

2019 National Grange Youth Officers Team Application
Find the online application at: nationalgrangeyouth.org/officerapp

Name _____ Gender _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Age as of Jan. 1 _____

_____ Grange No. _____, State _____

Please list the offices you are interested in filling in order of preference:

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Which Achievement awards (3 or more) have you earned? Must be earned between Aug. 31, 2018 and Sept. 1, 2019. (One must be John Thompson and Grange Trivia does not count.)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

What facts would prevent you from coming to the National convention other than illness or death?

if a student, have you obtained permission from teachers/professors? _____

How are you going to pay for the trip?

Biographical Information

Description (5-8 lines) about yourself and/or family to be used for display purposes throughout the National Session. Enclose three 4" x 6" color prints including one picture of the family. The pictures will be mounted on a poster board and displayed along with the bio at various functions throughout the Annual Session.

Grange Experience (Please provide information on separate sheet)

List leadership roles you have fulfilled in Grange indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.

SUBORDINATE/ COMMUNITY GRANGE YEARS

STATE/NATIONAL GRANGE YEARS

Leadership Experience

A. Community and Service Programs participated in by you and leadership given.
(Civic and service clubs, professional organizations, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.)

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

B. List significant offices held or awards achieved while participating in youth organizations.

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

C. What additional award(s) and recognition have you received in the past?

D. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?

E. What have you done to promote membership in the Grange? How many people have you encouraged to join Grange, how many actually joined.

Your Signature _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18) _____

Subordinate Certification

This will certify that the above named person is an active member in good standing of our Grange, and is eligible to participate in this program, and that the information contained in this report is correct.

Master's Signature: _____ Date: _____

State Certification

Youth Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

State Master's Signature _____ Date _____

Three letters of recommendation are to be sent in addition to this application:

- a. Subordinate Grange, preferably Master or Secretary
- b. State Master
- c. State Youth Director(if applicable)

This application must be postmarked on or before September 1. Send this application along with your letter of recommendation to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

2019 John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience

DEADLINE: September 1, 2019

Find online application at: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/Trimbleapp

Opportunities for Legislative Experience

National Convention Youth Legislative Experience will provide opportunities for one or two Grange Youth, age 16 – 35, with an interest in the legislative aspect of the National Grange to see the inner workings of committees and the grassroots legislative policy development effort at the National Grange Convention.

- Each youth will serve on one of the legislative committees reviewing resolutions as a voting member of the committee and as a youth staff assistant to the National Grange Legislative Director. Participants will watch the delegate body take action on the resolutions and assist in other ways.
- An individual may participate in the program a maximum of one time.
- As a youth staff assistant they will be assigned some additional logistical duties so that they can see how the backroom production process works at the convention. These duties will not conflict with the opportunities of seeing the National Delegates work on the floor.
- As guests of the National Grange their room cost will be paid (which will be shared with other participants) plus meals or tickets to certain meal functions.
- Transportation will be participant's responsibility.
- Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.
- Applications will be submitted to the National Youth Development Director, who will share applications with National Legislative Director and National Master in making selection of participants and assignment to committee.
- Please include letters of recommendation from your Subordinate (community) Grange Master, state youth director (if applicable) and your State Grange Master.

Applications can be obtained from your State Youth Director, the National Youth Development Director, State Masters or the National Grange Website at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.

Applications must be postmarked by September 1 to the National Youth Development Director.

2019 John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience Application

_____ Grange No. _____
County _____ State _____ National Convention Region _____
Name _____ Gender: _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Phone _____ E-Mail address _____
Age as of Jan. 1 _____ Facebook ID: _____

Biographical Information

Description (5-8 lines) of yourself and/or family to be used for display purposes throughout the National Session. Enclose three 4" x 6" color prints including one picture of the family. The pictures will be mounted on a poster board and displayed along with the bio at various functions throughout the Annual Session.

Date of joining Grange _____ Total average meeting attendance in past year _____

Number of regular Subordinate Grange meeting held in the last year _____

Number of regular Subordinate Grange meetings you attended this last year _____

Highest Degree held in the Grange? _____

Current Office or Committees serving on? _____

Grange Experience (Please provide information on separate sheet)

List leadership roles you have fulfilled in Grange indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.

SUBORDINATE/ COMMUNITY GRANGE YEARS

STATE/NATIONAL GRANGE YEARS

Leadership Experience

A. Community and Service Programs participated in by you (and your spouse) and leadership given. (Civic and service clubs, professional organizations, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.)

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

B. List significant offices held or awards achieved while participating in youth organizations.

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

C. What additional award(s) and recognition have you received in the past?

D. Legislative Experience you have participated in to date: (For Example, resolutions written, state convention delegate or attendance at business sessions, local government experience, etc....)

E. How do you plan to use this experience in your own Grange, Pomona or State?

F. What is your legislative area of interest? Please prioritize 1,2,3,etc...

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| _____ Citizenship & Public Affairs | _____ Agriculture |
| _____ Conservation & Natural Resources | _____ Education & Health |
| _____ Labor & Judiciary | _____ Transportation & Taxation |

Your Signature _____

Your Parent's Signature (if under 18) _____

Subordinate Grange Certification

This will certify that the above named person is an active member in good standing of our Grange and is eligible to participate in this program, and that the information contained in this report is correct to my knowledge.

Youth Chairman (Signature) _____ Date _____

Subordinate Master (Signature) _____ Date _____

State Certification

State Youth Director (Signature) _____ Date _____

State Master (Signature) _____ Date _____

Return this form to the National Grange Youth Development Director postmarked by September 1. Please include the letters of recommendation from your Subordinate Master and your State Grange Master.

2019 Distinguished Youth Program & Application

DEADLINE: Postmarked by September 1 to National Youth Director

The Distinguished Youth Program, similar to the National Grange Distinguished Grange Awards Program, was established to encourage our state youth directors to get their youth/young adults to participate in all the programs available to our members as appear in this guide. Being named a 2019 Distinguished Youth Program shows your commitment to the youth of our Order, their leadership training, skill enhancement, participation in Grange activities and much more. Only through a strong Grange Youth program can we ensure the vibrant future of our organization.

The Distinguished Youth Program Awards will be presented annually at National Grange Convention and will seek to honor Youth Programs for their work from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. All Distinguished Youth Granges will receive a certificate and be recognized in the annual honors list.

STATE GRANGE DISTINGUISHED YOUTH PROGRAM

Find the Application online at: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/DGStateYouth

State Granges may qualify for the award by completing enough of the following requirements to earn 100 points.

State Grange Name: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Current Grange Position Held: _____

Address: _____

City/County: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Organize a state youth committee/youth team (if your Grange had a youth committee organized prior to July 1, 2018, please indicate when it was organized). (5 pts)

Committee Chair

Date Organized

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Host a state committee organizational meeting or at least 2 committee meetings if your committee was previously organized. (5 pts.)

_____ Date _____ Date

Have a state youth event, such as camp, lock-in, retreat. (10 pts.)

_____ Event Type _____ Date

Organize a youth activity at State Session. (5 pts.)

_____ Event Type _____ # of Participants

Host state youth speech, Sign-A-Song contest and Grange Jeopardy contests. (20 pts.)_

_____ # of Speech Participants # _____ of Sign-A-Song Participants _____ # of Jeopardy Participants

Participate in Apathy Not Allowed program as a State Grange (ex. of programming options: host a youth-oriented Capitol Day, sponsor a youth to attend the National Grange Fly-In, work with youth to present a legislative program at the State level; or some equivalent legislative-oriented youth activity or program). DESCRIBE. (20 pts.)

Host a State Youth Ambassador contest or Young Couple/Young Adult contest. (10 pts.)

_____ Youth Ambassador(s)

_____ Young Couple/ Young Adult

Allow Youth Officer Team to open or close State Session. (5 pts.) State Master's Initials: _____

Submit an article or column to your State Grange newsletter. (5 pts.)

Title and Date Published

Submit article to National Grange Youth Director for consideration in youth department blog about your youth program or an event. (5 pts.)

Title and Date Submitted

Submit a Right on Target Youth Award report. (10 pts.) _____ Date

Organize a youth community service project. DESCRIBE. (15 pts.)

Organize a youth-oriented membership drive or recruitment activity/program or have at least five youth from your state participate in a Membership seminar. DETAILS. (20 pts.)

Work with your Lecturer or other state committee to have a new youth-oriented program or competition in 2019 or 2019 (have committee chair or Lecturer certify with signature). DETAILS. (20 pts.)

Lecturer or OTHER Committee Chair's Signature _____

Donate at least \$200 from your State Grange to the National Grange Foundation Youth Fund. (This donation will also count for your State's National Grange Distinguished Grange application.) (15 pts.)

_____ \$ _____
Date Amount

Total Points: _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is correct.

_____ _____
Printed Name Date

_____ _____
Signature of Submitter Signature of State Master

SUBORDINATE/POMONA GRANGE DISTINGUISHED YOUTH PROGRAM

Find the Application online at: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/DGYouth

Subordinate and Pomona Granges may qualify for the award by completing enough of the following requirements to earn 100 points. YOUR GRANGE MUST HOLD AT LEAST TWELVE (Subordinate) OR FOUR (Pomona) LEGAL MEETINGS OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM SUBMITTING FOR THE AWARD.

Grange Name: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Current Grange Position Held: _____

Address: _____

City/County: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Organize a Subordinate or Pomona Grange Youth Committee (if your Grange had a youth committee organized prior to July 1, 2018, please indicate when it was organized). (5 pts.)

Committee Chair _____ Date Organized _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Hold at least two Youth Committee meetings. (5 pts.) _____
Date _____ Date _____

Host a Youth Lecturer's Program, Youth Service Event; Youth Competition or other Youth oriented program to entice young members to further their Grange experience. DETAILS. (10 pts.)

Have at least one youth member of your Grange submit application for a youth opportunity at the State or National Grange level. (10 pts.)

Name	Opportunity
------	-------------

Request at least one copy of the Apathy Not Allowed book and complete one "Apathy Not Allowed" event of your choice OTHER than the previously indicated program, service, competition or event. DETAILS. (15 pts.)

Take in at least one new member between the ages of 14 and 35 by the end of the second quarter, June 30. (To submit additional names, attach separate sheet of paper to application.) (5 pts.)

Name	Age	Date Obligated
------	-----	----------------

Have at least one youth column or blog post appear on your Grange website (see National Grange for details about your FREE website through grange.org). (5 pts.)

Website Address	Date
-----------------	------

Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in a State, Regional or National Sign-A-Song competition or host a youth-oriented sign language and deaf awareness event at your Grange. (10 pts.)

Name	Event Competed In	Date
------	-------------------	------

Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in a State, Regional or National Public Speaking competition or host a youth-oriented public speaking competition (open to Grange and non-Grange youth) at your Grange. (10 pts.)

Name	Event Competed In	Date
------	-------------------	------

Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in a State, Regional or National Jeopardy Contest or host a youth-oriented Grange Trivia contest in your Grange (written form is OK). (10 pts.)

Name	Event Competed In	Date
------	-------------------	------

Organize a Youth Drill Team at your Grange (if previously organized, indicate date). (20 pts.) _____
Date

Invite your State's Young Couple, Youth Ambassador(s), or State Officer who is a Youth to speak at your Grange. (10 pts.)

Date	Name(s) of Ambassador(s)/Couple/Officer
------	---

Submit article for consideration about an ongoing youth program or project in your Grange to the National Grange for appearance in the National Grange Youth Blog. (5 pts.)

Title	Date Submitted
-------	----------------

Submit a list, including names, date of birth, office presently held if applicable and e-mail, of all Youth Members in your Grange to the National Grange Youth Department (ATTACH TO APPLICATION). (15 pts.)
Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in any one of the following National Competitions: Grassroots Activism Award; Youth Membership; Youth Commercial; John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience; National Youth Officer Team; Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program; or Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth. (10 pts.)

Name	Applied For/Competed In
------	-------------------------

Have at least one of your youth members submit an entry to the National Grange Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest (or State Version) or National Grange Lecturer's Photo Contest (or State Version). (10 pts.)

Name	Contest Object was Submitted To
------	---------------------------------

Have at least one of your Youth attend a State or National Legislative Event, such as a Capitol Day or Fly-In. (15 pts.)

Name Event

Submit a Right on Target Youth Award report. (10 pts.) _____
Date

Donate at least \$1 per member of your Grange (as of date of check) to the National Grange Foundation Youth Fund. (20 pts.)

_____ \$ _____
Date Amount

Total Points: _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is correct.

Printed Name Date

Signature of Submitter Signature of State Master

2019 Regional Public Speaking Competition

(Age Categories Updated)

There will be three categories this year along with three age divisions as follows:

1. Youth: 14-21 years of age
2. Young adult 22-35 years of age
3. Adult 36+ years of age.

The age of the contestant as of January 1 determines the age group.

For state, regional and national public speaking contests, props will be allowed, but must be appropriately sized for the room. Points can be deducted for props.

Category A: Prepared speech

Contestant's choice of topic – Contestants in Category A will be required to answer an impromptu question at the end of their speech. The questions will be related to the contestant's chosen speech topic. This will include William Ireland Communication Achievement Award speeches. Speeches must be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes. At National, regional winners' speeches will be judged and the best two will present at the Evening of Excellence.

Category B: Radio Spot Contest

A radio spot is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Pretend you're a "DJ" and you're doing a commercial for the Grange. Can include one or two people in the radio spot.

Radio spots should be exactly 60 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but may not include a spoken introduction or "tag" by another other than the contestant. If music or sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device. The contestant will provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy.

Musical/sound effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 60 second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to the Grange, be original and created by the contestant.

Category C: Impromptu Speeches

An impromptu speech is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. No note cards are used, and topics are generally drawn.

- We hope that by establishing an impromptu speech category that members will build confidence and in the future participate in the prepared speeches or the radio speech category.
- Impromptu speeches should be at least one minute in length and not longer than 5 minutes.
- Time keeper will hold up hand when the 1 minute mark has been reached and then 4.30 minute mark has been reached so speaker knows when he/she can stop.
- Participants will draw two topics, select their choice of the two and return the other one.
- Competition will be held at the Regional Conferences – You need not have participated in a state competition in order to participate.
- Participants must notify National Director of intent to enter prior to the beginning of the contest.

Impromptu speaking will be judged on the following criteria:

- Voice - Spoke clearly, easy to understand;
- Stage Presence - dressed neatly and appropriately, posture, nervousness, etc.;
- Expression - Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion;
- Confidence in speaking, Content of speech;
- Clarity of thoughts and ideas on topic.
- One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established.

Prizes

National Grange will provide ribbons to the top three entrants in each division and age category along with cash prizes.

Prepared Speeches will receive \$20 for 1st, \$15 for 2nd and \$10 for 3rd.

Impromptu and Elevator Speeches will receive \$15 for 1st place, \$10 for 2nd and \$5 for 3rd. There will be a special award presented to the Best of Show at the regional contest, plus a cash award of \$25.

One Overall Winner from each region will be selected to showcase at the National Grange Convention.

To advance to the National Convention, Grangers must compete in their local region.

Impromptu Public speaking category entries are not eligible for Best of Show. Each Best of Show that showcases at the National Grange convention will receive \$100.

2019 Sign-A-Song Regional Contest

Updated for 2019

Novice – one who is beginning to learn sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the sign-a-song contest no more than two years.

Hobbyist – one who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun. One who has entered the sign a song contest more than two years.

Group – two or more people signing.

Expert – one who signs professionally. Ineligible for Best of Show, but looking for opportunity to encourage others to participate.

Rules

1. Each state may send one entry in each category to the regional competition. Selection of the state winners is under the jurisdiction of the State Grange
2. Participants are to supply the National Youth Development Director with three copies of the words to the song they are signing.
3. Participants must provide their own music. A CD player and speakers will be available.
4. Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing may only enter in the expert category. Expert category entries are ineligible for the Best of Show. If there is a professional signer in a group entry, it is only eligible in the Expert category.
5. Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign Language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
6. Participants must be Grange members.
7. Props and costumes are permitted, rhythm is optional.
8. Only one song may be signed during the competition performance.
9. Participants must sign their own name and song title.
10. Participants must inform the audience and judges what type of sign language they will be using. (Pidgin, ASL, ESL, etc.)

Judging guidelines for 2019 Sign-A-Song Contest (100 pts. Total)

Sign language ability, signs clearly with correct interpretation - 32 points

Body expression, displays emotion, expresses key thoughts with body movement, mouths words for lip reading - 30 points

Presentation, interpret with confidence, uniformity (group) - 25 points

Song selection is appropriate, with a clear meaning and is suitable for the participant's signing ability - 10 points

Signed their own name - 1 point

Signed title of Song - 1 point

Informed judges and Audience of type of sign language being used - 1 point

Prizes

National Grange will provide ribbons for each regional contest for first, second and third.

First place will receive \$20, 2nd place \$15 and 3rd place \$10.

The Best of Show will receive a special award and an additional cash award of \$25 and be eligible to showcase at the National Grange Convention in November. To be eligible to participate in National Showcase, you must advance from your local region. Showcase acts will receive \$100 for participating.

