

# Grange Inter-State Youth Exchange (GISYE)

*Submission Deadline: April 15*

AGES 16-20

The GISYE program provides the opportunity for exchange visits between youth Grange members and families in different states. The exchange, of 7 to 10 days in length, is designed to help the young Grangers to develop a better understanding of the community and Grange life of other areas. By thus building interest, enthusiasm and the increased youth membership should result.

## **The Plan**

This program is open to single Grange members (minimum of one year) in good standing who are more than 16, but less than 20, years of age on April 15, and in good physical condition.

The exchange is boys with boys, and girls with girls. One-way GISYE assignments are also possible. It is not restricted to rural families. SO far as possible, exchange will be placed with families of the same or similar religious faith.

Applications are received by the National Grange Youth Department, which then selects the exchanges. Upon notifications of their selection, each pair of exchangees will arrange their own schedule of visits. These should be 7 to 10 days in length and preferably sometime between June 15 and September 1.

Travel arrangements are the responsibility of the exchangees and their host families. The cost is to be borne by the family involved. Each exchange will get an official "GISYE" pin.

## **The Exchange**

Exchangees should correspond with their host families prior to making the visit. Upon arrival, they will participate in all the family activities of their host.

If it also a responsibility of a GISYE to publicize the program and make a report of their visit to the National Grange Youth Department.

## **The Host Family**

The host family will accept the exchange as a member of the family and, as such, provide room, board and laundry service while the exchangee is in their home. **ALL PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS AND ANY PERSON OVER THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN THE HOST FAMILY HOME MUST HAVE COMPLETED A SAFE GATHERINGS BACKGROUND CHECK**

## **The Grange**

The Subordinate and Pomona Granges should arrange a special program or activity in honor of the exchanges and assist in assuring the success of the exchange program.

# GISYE Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number City State Zip code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Health (circle) Good Fair Poor Physical Handicap

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of clergyman \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Grange No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Joining - \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) Held \_\_\_\_\_

Present offices and committees assignments held in the Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Past offices and committee assignments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Membership in organizations other than Grange \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held, honors received, projects: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: Year in School \_\_\_\_\_ Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans \_\_\_\_\_

Does your home have: Electricity (circle) Yes No

Plumbing (circle) Yes No Bathroom (circle) Yes No

Have you participated in the exchange before (circle) Yes No

We would like to participate in the GISYE program because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Other family members living in the household: \_\_\_\_\_

Have both parents completed a Safe Gatherings background check? \_\_\_\_\_

Have all family members, over the age of 18, completed a Safe Gatherings background check? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Legal Guardian #1 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Legal Guardian #2 Signature

\*\*\*\*\*

**References:**

References need to be someone outside the Grange and outside the family unit.

*We are pleased to serve as character references for the members of the applying family, and have no hesitation in recommending them as hosts for a young visitor from another state for several weeks.*

Reference 1

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

To be completed by Subordinate Grange to which applicant belongs.

*Our Grange, after personal investigation by the undersigned, recommends this applicant and family for participation in the Grange Inter-State Youth Exchange Program. We Understand that we will be a host to an incoming exchange.*

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grange No. \_\_\_\_\_

Master \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form before April 15 to your State Grange Youth Director. It is the responsibility of the State Directors to investigate all applications and forward their comments to the National Grange Office before May 1.

\*\*\*\*\*

To be completed by State Youth Director after receiving it from the applicant.

*I, after personal investigation by the undersigned, recommend this applicant and family for participation in the Grange Inter-State Youth Exchange Program.*

State Youth Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_

State Youth Director Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

