

Scholarships

Grange Insurance Association

Born in 1965, the Grange Insurance Association scholarship fund began with just a few hundred dollars in rewards. The fund grows every year, with grants exceeding \$30,000 today. This kind of generosity from donors allows us to send more students from our communities to colleges and universities worldwide.

Who is eligible? Applicants must meet **one** of the following:

- A current GIA policyholder or the dependent of a GIA policyholder living in Oregon, California, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, or Wyoming.
- The dependent of current a GIA company employee, but not the child or legal ward of officers, directors or agents of GIA.
- The previous recipient of a GIA scholarship.

Where can the scholarship be used?

Three scholarships will be for students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

Twenty two scholarships will be for academic studies and may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes.

What is the application process?

- The application form, which can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/scholarships/ must be complete and legible.
- An official grade transcript. If you are attending college, please send a transcript of your college grades and your scholastic placement in class (upper half, upper third), if available.
- A handwritten or typed essay in which the applicant tells about yourself, your family and your future goals. Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere. What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you?

When is the deadline?

The application with transcript and essay must be postmarked no later than **March 1**.

Who selects the recipient?

The decision of the committee will be final.

How much is the scholarship?

The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and each additional winner will receive \$1,000-2,000.

Grange Workers Activities (GWA)

Who is eligible? An Oregon Grange member, who by September 1 will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education. Graduate students and previous GWA scholarship winners are not eligible.

Where can the scholarship be used?

A check will be made out to the school where you are enrolled. You must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours fall term.

What is the application process?

An application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/scholarships/.

When is the deadline?

The completed application must be sent to the Oregon State Grange office, 643 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

Who selects the recipient?

The State Grange GWA Director and District Chairpersons select and announce the winner at Oregon State Grange Convention in June.

How much is the scholarship?

One \$1000 Scholarship will be awarded.

Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial

Who is eligible?

An Oregon Grange member or the child or grandchild of an Oregon Grange member who has graduated from high school or completed a GED.

Where can the scholarship be used?

The scholarship is to be used for undergraduate work while attending any institute for post-high school education.

What is the application process?

The application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/scholarships/. All sections must be completed. Up to two additional sheets may be attached. The application must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, one of which is from a Grange member.

When is the deadline?

The application and recommendations must be sent to the Oregon State Grange Office, 643 Union St NE, Salem OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

Who selects the recipient?

Board members of the Oregon State Grange Foundation will review applications and select the recipient.

How much is the scholarship?

The amount of this scholarship is based on the interest earned on Brother Mandel's bequest. The scholarship will be paid to the recipient with proof of enrollment. The request for payment must be submitted before the end of May of next year.

Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mrs. Ramm's daughters to honor their mother and her commitment to education. In 1941 Mary graduated from high school at age 16 but put off college until after World War II. She first started college in 1948 to study history and education but was forced to quit school for both financial reasons as well as to help on the family farm and was not able to return to school until 1960. She graduated from Central Washington College of Education in the summer of 1961. She taught elementary school. Mary was a history buff and during the last year of her life she spent many hours on the family history and genealogy.

Who is eligible?

A female undergraduate student who is returning or has returned to college after a three year break and is an Oregon Grange member in good standing. Previous winners may reapply.

Where can the scholarship be used?

This scholarship is open to all qualifying students but priority will be given to students majoring in Education, History or Family History/Genealogy.

What is the application process?

1. Complete the application form, which will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/schoalrships/
2. Include a statement of need, goals and personal information that does not exceed 500 words. It should include:
 - Leadership positions you hold/have held in organizations in your school and community including Grange.
 - Participation in community service activities in your community including with your Grange.

- List awards or honors received in the past five years.
- Your family situation (husband/children/grandchildren, etc.).

3. Copies of previous college transcripts (does not need to be certified) and letter of acceptance if you are not currently in school.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a member of your Grange

When is the deadline?

The scholarship application must be sent to the Oregon State Grange office, 643 Union Ave, NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

Who selects the recipient?

The Oregon State Grange Foundation selects the winner and reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any given year. The winner will be announced at the annual Foundation meeting held during the Oregon State Grange Convention.

How much is the scholarship?

A minimum of \$250 will be paid directly to the winner upon proof of registration and can be used for any college expenses.

Charles E. Spence Memorial

Who is eligible?

An applicant must have been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years.

Where can the scholarship be used?

The applicant's choice of school.

What is the application process?

An application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/scholarships/. Send the completed application, plus one additional page if necessary, along with a letter of recommendation from the President of your Subordinate/Community Grange.

When is the deadline?

Send the completed application to the Oregon State Grange, 643 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

Who selects the recipient?

The Oregon State Grange Executive Committee will review applications and select based on:

- Scholastic ability
- Grange involvement
- Community service
- Subordinate/Community President's reference
- Financial need

The winner will be announced at the annual State Grange Convention. Your presence is requested although not required.

Additional scholarships may be awarded if funds are available.

How much is the scholarship?

\$1000

National GROW Club Scholarship

Who is eligible? A Grange member in good standing who is a full-time student enrolled in a college, university, community college, technical institution or trade school.

Where can the scholarship be used?

The recipient can pay educational expenses at any college, university, community college, technical institution or trade school.

What is the application process?

Complete the application, which can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/scholarships/, answering all questions and providing the required attachments. The total application including attachments must not exceed ten single-sided pages. The complete application with all required attachments must be sent in one package.

Attachments include:

- Official transcript: Graduating high school seniors must submit their high school transcript. Those who have completed any semesters of college and are currently enrolled in college must submit an official college transcript.
- One letter of recommendation from a leader in your Subordinate/Community Grange, who is not your relative.
- One letter of recommendation from your State President.
- One Letter of recommendation from a source other than a relative.
- Signed statement by applicant and guardian.

When is the deadline?

Complete applications with attachments must be mailed to the National Youth Director postmarked no later than **September 1**.

Who selects the recipient?

The National GROW Club Board will select a recipient based solely on the application. The chosen recipient will be notified by October 1. The scholarship winner will be announced at the GROW Club meeting during the National Grange Convention.

How much is the scholarship?

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded.