



**National Grange 2022 Agricultural Awareness Project:
HOW DOES WEATHER AFFECT AGRICULTURE?**

Awareness awards are presented during the Junior Grange Breakfast at the National Grange Convention in November. Juniors may apply individually or together as a Junior Grange. The Awareness award incorporates research, STEM building projects, sharing your knowledge, and testing yourself through the Weather passport. Many of the award requirements will be covered during the annual convention.

DEADLINE FOR AWARENESS AWARD APPLICATIONS IS AUGUST 15, 2022

Oregon/National Contests

Junior contestants in many National contests are not required to enter the Oregon contest before submitting an entry at National level. Download the entire National Junior Grange Program Guide from the National Grange website or the Junior section of the Oregon State Grange website to explore your opportunities. Although travel expenses to Regional and National contests are the responsibility of the contestant's family, participation at the Oregon State Grange Convention invites support from Granges and Grangers across the state.

The following National awards do not require preliminary qualification in a state or regional contest. The deadline for contest entries is August 15:

- Ambassador Program
- Junior Historian Award
- Junior Mentor
- Agriculture Awareness Award
- Cape of Honor
- Grange in Action

The Oregon Talent, Public Speaking, and Signing contests are part of the Lecturer's program the first day of the convention. Participants must register in the Junior Room at the convention by **noon on Saturday, June 19**. Contestants must qualify in a state or regional contest to be eligible to participate in these National contests. The deadline to register for National is November 1:

- Public Speaking
- Sign-a-Song
- Grange Baseball

Junior Contests and Awards

Contestants must be Junior Grange members. Children between the ages 5 and 14 can join your Subordinate/Community Grange as 1+ members by paying an initiation fee of \$1 and \$1 annual dues. Your President will administer the Junior Grange Obligation. Your Secretary will list the Junior's name, address, and birth date on your next quarterly report. Your Grange retains the \$2 payment.

State Junior Officers

During the annual convention of the Oregon State Junior Grange, many activities are planned for the benefit of the Juniors in attendance. These include educational tours, contests, and the conferral of the Junior Degree by the State Junior Officers on Tuesday morning.

Children aged 5 to 14 may apply to be a State Junior Officer. The application form can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/juniors/. Applications sent to the Oregon State Grange office (643 Union St NE, Salem 97301) or submitted to psjill@comcast.net **before April 30** will be given first consideration. However, if any offices are vacant, applications will be accepted until the first day of the convention. The State Junior committee will select the officers and inform the applicants of the office for which they have been selected.

All officers will need to attend the State Junior Convention Saturday June 18 through Thursday June 23. Officers memorize speaking parts and a marching drill for the Junior Degree. Scripts for degree work will be provided ahead of time whenever possible.

For the conferral of the degree on Tuesday morning June 21, officers will be required to wear a white shirt and black pants or skirt. Dress shoes are preferred.

Junior Talent

(Oregon Contest)

The Junior Grange Talent takes place on the first day of the State Grange Convention. Contestants can enter one vocal, instrumental, or variety act of three to five minutes in the Junior Talent contest. Winning acts may be asked to perform at the Lecturer’s Talent Show on Saturday evening.

Age groups in each category:

- 5 to 7 years
- 8 to 10 years
- 11 to 14 years

Judging Criteria:

Musical Acts Points

Memorization	20
Poise	15
Audience Appreciation	25
Expression	40
Possible:	100

Variety Acts

Points

Memorization	15
Poise	20
Audience Appreciation	25
Expression	25
Understanding	15
Possible:	100

Digital Junior Contests

(Oregon / National Contest)

National Grange has introduced a video talent contest for Juniors. Details are on page 24 of the 2022 Junior Program Guide. Digital versions of Sign-A-Song and public speaking are under consideration. Digital contests are judged separately from in-person contests. Oregon digital contests are being developed. Save your videos and watch the *Grange Bulletin* for updates.

Junior Public Speaking

(Oregon / National Contest)

CATEGORIES:

- **Short Story:** Present a story or poem of your choosing. Minimum time is 1 minute; maximum is 3.
- **Prepared:** Speak on this year’s theme, “How does being a Junior Granger impact my community?” or a topic of your choice. Minimum time is 3 minutes; maximum is 7.
- **Impromptu:** (Only at Regional Conferences) Contestants draw two topics from a mystery bag and select one for a one-to-three-minute impromptu speech.

Judging Criteria:

Points

Time	10
Content	40
Voice Control	20
Body Language	10
Eye Contact	10
Appearance	10
Possible:	100

The first place state winner in each category is eligible to compete at the National Grange Convention in November. Contact the State Junior Director to coordinate travel with others attending. The contestant’s family is responsible for all costs.

Junior Sign-A-Song

(Oregon / National Contest)

CATEGORIES: Novice, Hobbyist, Group

Judging Criteria:

Points

Utilization of total communication (<i>Sign language ability, signs clearly with creative interpretation</i>)	30
Body expressions, displays emotion	30
Presentation, interpretation with confidence	30
Clarity of music selection	10
Possible:	100

The first place state winner is eligible to compete at the National Grange Convention in in November. Contact the State Junior Director to coordinate travel with others attending. The contestant’s family is responsible for all costs.

Junior Grange Baseball

(National Contest)

Grange Baseball 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.

Questions will be gathered from the National Grange roster, Youth and Junior programs, past trivia challenges, manual, degrees, Grange history books, Digest of Laws, Journal of Proceedings, etc.

Regional contests:

- Regional Participants will be divided into two teams: Blue Agates or Golden Sheaves. State affiliations do not matter.
- Play will last for five innings or an hour and a half. In the case of a tie-breaker, an extra inning will be played.
- Each team will get 3 outs per inning. (An out is an incorrect answer.)
- When a player gets up to bat, they will get to determine what type of base hit they want: single, double, triple, home run.
- The type of base hit will determine the difficulty of the question.
- Participants will have 15 seconds to answer a single or double question; 30 seconds to answer a triple or home run question.
- Junior Baseball players may request help from a pinch hitter (help from the audience) no more than 3 times over the total length of the game

Once the teams have been decided, the teams will choose a line-up. Teams cannot help the batter answer a question.

Statistics will be kept on each individual player. The three players from each region with the best slugging percentages will represent the region at National. These participants will be referred to as "Silver Sluggers".

For anyone not participating, team cheering sections are highly encouraged. Cheer gear will be provided by the National Grange Youth Department.

Anyone may participate at a regional level. Only Juniors/Youth/Young Adults will be able to participate at National session.

National Rules will be used at the Oregon State Grange Convention.

The top 3 contestants in the Junior Category will win a cash prize.

Junior Historian Award

The Junior Historian Award is the highest level of achievement an individual Junior Grange member may obtain. The purpose of the award is to challenge Junior Grange members to learn and become fluent in the Rituals and History of our organization.

The candidate must send a completed application, including the Junior Historian Knowledge written test and proof of completion of requirements, to the National Junior Director postmarked no later than **August 15**: See www.orgrange.org/juniors/ for the test and requirements.

A special recognition and certificate will be presented to each Junior Grange member who meets the requirements. The Junior Historian applications and documentation will be displayed at the National Grange Convention and those receiving the award will be recognized at the Junior Grange Breakfast.

Ambassador Program

The Junior Grangers chosen to be an Ambassador need to show a desire and willingness to represent the National Junior Grange program. The expectation is that they will be exemplary representatives of the Junior Grange, participate in and lead Junior Grange activities at the National Grange Convention; act as ambassadors throughout the year; promote the Junior Grange Program; and exemplify leadership qualities.

Two Junior Grangers may be chosen and will be expected to attend the National Grange Convention. This program requires parent/guardian permission and participation. The Ambassador's family will be responsible for all costs including travel, housing, meals and registration.

Junior Grange Community Service Contest

The intent of this collaborative program between these two departments is to bring attention to the community service projects Junior Granges are doing. We know that some Junior Granges either perform Community Service projects on their own or in conjunction with their sponsor Granges. This would also be a way to enhance the 1+ program by drawing attention to what a single Junior Granger is doing in their community and hopefully pique the interest of other children in that age range.

Please see the Community Service section of the Awards booklet for the information on this contest.

Oregon and National Grange Contests

Creative art, creative writing, mini scrapbook, and photography contests can be, but do not have to be, entered for judging at the State Grange Convention. If they are, awards in each age group: 1st place: \$10, 2nd place: \$5, 3rd place: \$2.50.

After the convention, the State Director will send winning entries to the National Junior Director. However, if you want your entry returned to you and not sent to National Grange, please specify on your entry.

Juniors can send entries to National Grange without having them judged at the State Convention. Send them to the National Junior Director postmarked no later than **September 1**. Entries are not guaranteed to be returned to the contestant.

Photography

(Oregon/National Contest)

Theme: Raised Right Here.

Rules:

- Take a photo. Photoshop can be used only to crop or adjust brightness and contrast.
- Write one to three sentences describing your picture.
- Adult participation should be limited to enjoying the scenery while your Junior takes the photo.
- Digital pictures will be accepted for judging via email to psjill@comcast.net until **June 1**. If you submit a photo print, size must be 5x7.
- Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and how well the photo matches the sentence(s) you wrote.
- The first-place photo will be entered in the National contest.

Creative Art

(Oregon/National Contest)

Draw or paint a picture showing what agriculture looks like in your community. Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

Rules:

- Maximum paper size is 8.5 x 11 inches.
- May use crayons, colored pencils, markers, paints, or watercolors.
- Judging will be based on creativity, originality and use of theme.
- Label an index card on the back with the contestant's name, age and birth date, state, Grange name and number, and mailing address.

Creative Writing

(Oregon/National Contest)

Write a story or essay on one of these topics:

- IF you got to be the National Grange President for a day, tell me about all that you would want to accomplish in that day.
- Write about the most important news event that you have heard about and how did it make you feel?

Rules:

- Minimum length one page and maximum four pages double-spaced, typed or handwritten.
- Judging will be based on creativity, originality and use of theme.
- Label an index card on the back with the contestant's name, age and birth date, state, Grange name and number, and mailing address.
- Entries may be sent via email as a PDF document.

Handy Craft

(Oregon/National Contest)

Create a String Art picture using a wood base, nails, and yarn.

Rules:

- Base should be a maximum of 8.5x11 inches (standard printer paper size).
- Judging will be based on creativity and originality.
- Deadline for mailing is September 1.

Baking

(Oregon Contest)

All entries must be received in the GWA exhibit area at the convention no later than **noon on Sunday June 19**.

Each contestant can have only **one entry** in each contest. All entries must be labeled with the contest, category, entrant's name, complete address, email, phone, Grange name and number, and county.

Drop Cookies (No peanut butter or chocolate chips)

- Group 1 is limited to Junior members between ages of 5 and 14 years.
- Sponsored by Linda Pugh
- Place 12 cookies on a sturdy paper plate inside a Ziploc bag. Put one cookie in a separate Ziploc bag with a label that has your name and Grange (see page 6). Put both bags inside another Ziploc bag.
- 1st place: \$5, 2nd place: \$4, 3rd place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each group

Bar Cookies

- Group 1 is limited to Junior members between ages of 5 and 14 years.
- Sponsored by Linda Pugh
- Place 12 cookies on a sturdy paper plate inside a Ziploc bag. Put one cookie in a separate Ziploc bag with a label that has your name and Grange (see page 6). Put both bags inside another Ziploc bag.
- 1st place: \$5, 2nd place: \$4, 3rd place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each group

Sewing

(Oregon Contest)

All entries must be received in the GWA exhibit area at the convention no later than **noon** on **Sunday June 19**.

Each contestant can have only **one entry**. All entries must be labeled with the contest, category, entrant's name, complete address, email, phone, Grange name and number, and county.

Apron

- Group 1 is limited to Junior members between ages of 5 and 14 years.
- Sponsored by Marilyn Reiher
- Rules: May use any pattern and any material suitable to the kind of apron. Must be made by contestant within past year.
- Judged on workmanship and serviceability.
- 1st place: \$15, 2nd place: \$10, 3rd place: \$5 (plus ribbons) for each group

National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Group 2 is for Juniors (age 14 and under). See page 41 of the National Junior Grange 2021 Program Guide for the pattern, instructions, and rules.

Minecraft Architects

(Oregon Contest)

The ability to plan and create is a pivotal skill in Minecraft. This is a live action contest that takes place during the OSG convention in June.

Judging will be based on creativity and originality.

National Grange contest age groups:

- 5 to 7 years
- 8 to 10 years
- 11 to 14 years

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