

2016-17 Distinguished Grange Program Application and Guidelines

The Distinguished Grange program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, fundraising and service to their communities.

The award for being named a Distinguished Grange is presented annually at the National Grange Convention. The 2016-17 Distinguished Granges will be honored for their work done from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The postmark deadline to submit your materials to be considered for Distinguished Grange is August 13, 2017 for paper submissions and August 17, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EST for electronic submissions via our website at www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished. Applications received after this deadline will not be awarded Distinguished Grange.

Distinguished Granges will be honored at a special reception and will be recognized in the annual convention program. They will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. Granges that qualify as a Distinguished Grange for five consecutive years will receive a plaque for their Hall.

Please complete the application attached and submit online at www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished or send paper copy to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Distinguished Grange.

SUBORDINATE GRANGE

Grange & Number: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Current position held in Grange: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Years Awarded Distinguished Grange prior: _____

Required

___ Submit completed Grange Profile and Census Forms.

___ Submit all quarterly reports on time to your State Grange (State Grange must provide verification email or letter to you).

___ Remit all dues to your State Grange on time (State Grange must provide verification email or letter to you).

___ Send Delegate(s) to State Grange Convention.

Name _____ Title _____

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___ Send at least two Subordinate Grange Officers or Members to another National Grange, State Grange or regional event.

Name _____ Title _____

Event _____

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Event _____

___ **Submit a community service report to your state.**

___ **Hold a Grange DO-ers Event.**

Attached Description (including date, etc.)

In addition to completing all the requirements above, you must complete some or all of the following, with points adding to 125 or more in order to qualify as a Distinguished Grange.

___ **ADDITIONAL 5 POINTS:** Submit your application online and receive extra credit. (5 pts.)

___ Attend a public meeting as a Grange or host a forum with public officials for your community to attend or hold a legislative event, candidate forum, Grangers Organized to Vote event or make at least one legislative issue contact with a public official on the local, state or national level. (10 pts.)

___ Provide plan for your 150th Birthday celebration event planned for Dec 1-4, 2017. (15 pts.)

___ Provide at least two brief updates by email per year to the National Grange Communications Department for possible inclusion in the National Grange newsletter or magazine, Good Day! (10 pts.)

___ Ensure at least one member from your Grange submits a quality digital photo by email to the National Grange Communications Department for potential inclusion in the National Grange newsletter, social media or magazine, Good Day! Make sure you include a release form. (10 pts.)

___ Submit at least one recording for Grange Radio. (10 pts.)

___ Host at least one Youth and/or Young Adult event/community service event. (10 pts.)

Attach information about the event(s).

___ Host a State Junior Event or Junior 1+ event or community service event. (10 pts.)

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___ Present a Lecturer's Program in a Box and submit a LPIAB Recognition Form. (10 pts.)

___ Net gain in membership. (15 pts.)

- ___ Net gain in affiliated Junior Grange or Junior 1+ members. (15 pts.)
- ___ Invite a Youth from another Grange to speak at a meeting or an FFA or 4-H member to present. (10 pts.)
- ___ Provide at least one press clip showing you are publicizing your Grange, Grange events or have a good relationship with your local press. (5 pts.)
- ___ Host/organize at least three community service or educational events. (10 pts.)
___ Provide information on each event.
- ___ Hold an open house/public Grange event to introduce the organization to your community, engage in conversation about what the loss of organizations like ours or lack of civic engagement means for the community and participate in the DO-ers campaign. (15 pts.)
Provide a description about the event and community attendance/reactions.
- ___ Get the local government officials to recognize the Grange for Grange Month. (5 pts.)
- ___ Present a resolution to your State Grange on something other than Grange Growth or Grange Law. (5 pts.)
- ___ Update your grange.org website with at least meeting time, day and location and contact information for at least one officer OR contact the National Grange to have your grange.org website forward to your present website. Site must also include at least a few paragraphs about your Grange's mission or service to the community/relevance. You are encouraged to connect it to your social media accounts, pictures of your Grange in action and messages from your Grange officers or committee chairs. (If you have done this in previous years, thanks! You can count it again.) (10 pts.)
- ___ Honor veterans with a Patriot's Program or nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor and host the award ceremony. (10 pts.)
- ___ Ensure that at least three members of your Grange have subscriptions to the National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day!. (10 pts.)
- ___ Sponsor or host an event that focuses on health, such as a health fair, 5K, blood drive, etc. (10 pts.)
- ___ Participate in at least one State or National Grange contest, program or educational activity on food security or civic engagement/citizenship before Aug. 1, 2017. (15 pts.)

___ Contribute at least \$100 to the National Grange Building Fund (make checks payable to National Grange) or to any fund in the National Grange Foundation (make checks payable to Grange Foundation). (10 pts.)

___ Provide to membership information on planned giving through programming, workshop/lecturer's event, guest speaker, etc., or have at least one member of your Grange attend a State Grange planned giving workshop/lecture. (10 pts.)

___ Invite a State or National Grange Officer (other than one who is a member of your Grange) to attend one of your activities or meetings – and have them attend. (10 pts.)

Provide details along with this application about event, attendance and involvement of the officer.