

# 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.
- A certificate will be issued with the first seal earned for each individual Achievement Award in a given year. Additional seals will be sent separately if applied for at different times.

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.

## **Achievement Award Programs**

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## **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 of your plants through pictures and words. Keep all your information in a notebook or record book and present it to your State Youth Directors 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 2018 contests.

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### **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 is 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.

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### **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 sent 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 the code book of the National Grange to a qualified individual, with five mistakes or less. Compete in the National Grange Code Reading Contest.

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### **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. (Newspaper article may meet these requirements.)

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### **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.

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.

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### **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](http://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.

### **Arron B. Grosh Mentoring Award**

To encourage Youth to mentor to 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 these ways:

- Assist in the establishment of a Junior Grange Program in your Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange.
- Serve as a Junior Grange leader at the community or Pomona level.
- 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.

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### **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, which includes 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.

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## **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.

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