



2018 APPLICATION SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY DISTINGUISHED GRANGE

Applications are due to the National Grange with a postmark date of Monday, August 6, 2018 or electronically by 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, August 6, 2018. Late applications will not be considered. Please contact Loretta Washington at lwashington@nationalgrange.org or by phone at (202) 628-3507 ext. 109 with questions or for clarification prior to deadline.

Grange Name: _____ Number: _____

Names and Zip Codes of Primary Community/Communities Served:

Name of Submitter: _____

Current position held in Grange: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

List years your Grange was awarded Distinguished Grange prior: _____

REQUIRED

___ Submit a 2018 Grange Survey to the National Grange (Date: _____)

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

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

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

___ **Maintain membership or increase membership. Members as of 7/1/17 _____
Members as of 6/30/18 _____**

___ **Host at least one visit by a State or National Grange representative to your Subordinate Grange and allow them to offer information/a message to your membership.**

Attached Description (including date, etc.)

___ **Send at least one Delegate (or member if you are ineligible to send a delegate or delegates) 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 or to an event held by another Grange.**

Name _____ Title _____

Event _____

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Event _____

___ **Have a discussion about the mission of your Grange and its future. Prepare an action plan with goals for the next year, next 5 years and next 20 years and submit it to membership@nationalgrange.org or to National Grange ATTN: Membership, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 before July 1, 2018.**

(This is your plan, unique to your Grange. No plan is wrong and there is not a template, but please put thought into the plan and determine how you will use it to move forward.)



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

___ ADDITIONAL 5 POINTS: Submit your application online and earn 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.)

Date: _____ Event: _____

___ Hold an event to celebrate the Grange's 150th Birthday (if you celebrated in 2016, before July 1, you can count this) and provide information about the outreach you did to local media about the event/Grange history (we hope you were successful in getting press attention, but if you were not, you can still capture points for the event). (15 pts.)

Date: _____ Event: _____

___ Host at least one Youth and/or Young Adult event/community service event. (10 pts.)
Attach information about the event(s).

Date: _____ Title/Topic: _____

___ Host a Junior Event or Junior 1+ event or community service event. (10 pts.)
Attach information about the event(s).

Date: _____ Title/Topic: _____

___ Present a Lecturer's Program in a Box and submit a LPIAB Recognition Form OR anyone in your Grange can create a Lecturer's Program in a Box, present it at your Grange and submit it to the National Lecturer. (10 pts.)

Date: _____ Title/Topic: _____

___ Update your grange.org website with at least meeting time, day and location and contact information for at least one officer/director 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.)



___ Provide at least one brief update with a photo to the National Grange Communications Department for possible inclusion in the National Grange social media, newsletter or magazine, *Good Day!* (15 pts.)

Date: _____ Subject: _____

___ Invite a Youth from another Grange, or from FFA or 4-H, to speak at a meeting. (10 pts.)

Date: _____ Name (Org): _____

___ 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.)

Date: _____ Title/Source: _____

___ Host/organize at least two community service or educational events (lecturer's programs where public attends can count). (20 pts.) *Provide additional information on each event and attach.*

Date: _____ Title/Topic: _____

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___ 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 OR in a conversation about what needs are currently unmet in your community that a group like the Grange may be able to assist with. (15 pts.)

Provide a description about the event and community attendance/reactions.

Date: _____ Topic: _____

___ Get the local government officials to recognize the Grange for Grange Month OR for our 150th Anniversary (proclamation available). (5 pts.)

Date: _____ Governing Body: _____

___ 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.)

Date: _____ Fund: _____ Amount: \$ _____



___ Present a resolution to your State Grange on something other than Grange Growth/Good of the Order or Grange Law. (5 pts.)

Title/Committee: _____

___ Honor veterans with a Patriot's Program or nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor and host the award ceremony. (10 pts.)

Date: _____ Honoree/Program: _____

___ Ensure that at least three members of your Grange have subscriptions to the National Grange quarterly magazine, *Good Day!*. (10 pts.)

Names _____

___ Sponsor/host event focused on health, such as health fair, 5K, blood drive, etc. (10 pts.)

Date: _____ Title/Topic: _____

___ Participate in at least one State or National Grange contest, program or educational activity on food security or civic engagement/citizenship before July 1, 2018. (15 pts.)

Date: _____ Title/Topic: _____

___ 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.)

Date: _____ Title/Speaker: _____

___ Net gain in affiliated Junior Grange or Junior 1+ members. (15 pts.)

Membership as of July 1, 2017 _____ Membership as of June 30, 2018 _____

___ 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 about event, attendance and involvement of the officer.

Date: _____ Name/Office: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS _____

Minimum of 125 points required

