# Agriculture Contest

## Agriculturalist of the Year

This recognition is available to any Oregon Grange member who is actively engaged in farming, ranching, forestry, fisheries, agribusiness, agricultural education, or rural development. Every Subordinate/ Community Grange is encouraged to submit the names of qualified candidates from their Grange, and each Subordinate/ Community Grange may certify as many applicants as they feel are qualified.

Applicants must be Grange members in good standing and the application must be certified by a Subordinate/ Community Grange. The application for this award will be mailed to your Subordinate/ Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from [www.orgrange](http://www.orgrange). org/agriculture/. The completed application must be signed by the Master of your Subordinate/Community Grange.

The applicant must also submit an essay of 500 to 700 words on the importance of agriculture and its relationship to their vision for the Grange. The applicant may also briefly describe their involvement in Subordinate/Community, Pomona, and State Grange activities in their essay. Although the essay is important to help the judges understand the applicant, this is in no way an essay contest. It is the information conveyed in the essay that is considered by the judges. One annual winner will be selected based on the applicant’s involvement in agriculture and their accomplishments.

Applications must be sent to the State Agriculture Director postmarked no later than **June 1**.

A three-person panel appointed by the Agriculture Committee and the State Master will review and rank the applicants based on the written application and essay.

The winner will be announced and receive a plaque at the State Grange Convention in June.

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# Community Service Contests and Awards

## Annual Community Service Report

The Annual Report is a record of the community service projects your Grange sponsored during the year. It also records the time your Grange members volunteer in your community. You may have one large project or several small ones, but your involvement in the community is important.

Projects should involve members and non-members working together. Partner with other groups to generate new ideas to give back to your community. The media is often more receptive to stories about projects involving several groups working together.

Oregon is one of the few states that does not require non-profits to report volunteer hours to maintain their non-profit status, but with rules becoming tighter for non-profits, this could soon be a requirement. . There have been instances where a Grange has been able to protect it’s non-profit status because they had information on their volunteer hours.

“Everything counts’ as volunteer hours on your annual report whether you volunteer for your Grange or within your community.

Involve your members in planning your Grange projects. Generate one new project for the year. A well thought out plan means “success” for your Grange. Refer to “The Endless Sea Filled with Possibilities” book for project ideas.

Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges are encouraged to do projects and report annually.

Project reporting:

* The period for the Community Service Report is January 1 through December 31.
* Select a project or projects.
* Have a goal of one new project for the year.
* Keep an accurate record of hours spent by members and non-member on your project(s). Total the number of Grange members and non-members who participated and the number of hours worked for each group. You may want to print the Community Service Volunteer Log (download-able from the Community Service page of the State Grange website), make copies, and distribute them to your members to record their volunteer hours once a month.
* Take photographs of your events and activities.
* Get publicity for your project (social media, newspapers, Grange Bulletin, etc.).
* Complete the Annual Community Service Report Form, which can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/community-service/](http://www.orgrange.org/community-service/).
* If you are entering a yearbook, be sure to make a copy of your report and include it in your yearbook.
* Mail the report form to the State Community Service Director postmarked no later than **March 1**. Reports for 2018 will be accepted until June 1, the deadline for prior years.
* All participating Granges will receive a recognition certificate for their Annual Report.

## Community Service Yearbook

The Annual Community Service Report lists your projects with the number of members and non-members participating and the number of hours donated by each. A Community Service Yearbook shows graphically through photographs, newspaper articles, and other documents each project and its impact. The yearbook is not a history of everything your Grange did during the year. It can be a great tool for recruiting new members because it shows what you did in your community!

Community Service Yearbooks must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by **noon** on **Sunday June 23**. If no one from your Grange is attending the convention, you may mail your book to the Community Service Director postmarked no later than **June 1**.

Yearbook Organization:

* Put the name of your Grange on the cover.
* Include a one-page description of your Grange and community.
* Include a Table of Contents with a summary of each project.
* Use a tab to mark each section to match the Table of Contents.
* Limit large projects to four pages and smaller projects to two pages.
* Only include one or two thank you notes from your project.
* If you held a fundraiser, include where the money was donated.
* Place all pages in page protectors.
* Include a copy of your Annual Community Service Report in its own page protector.

Don’t Include:

* An officer or member roster or meeting minutes.
* Obituaries when a family used your hall after the funeral.
* Mowing the grass at your Grange hall; that’s maintenance, not community service.

Awards:

* 1st place: $100, 2nd place: $75, 3rd place: $50, 4th place: $25.
* All entries will receive a recognition certificate.
* The first place winner will be sent to National Grange.
* Oregon’s judging guidelines are the same as **National Grange’s**.

## **Volunteer of the Year**

This program is designed to recognize a member who is a dedicated volunteer in your Grange and in your community. The Community Service Chairperson and/or your Grange should select a name to be considered for Volunteer of the Year.

* Judging will be based on the type, quantity and quality of volunteer service performed.
* The Volunteer of the Year Award form is then filled out. The form will can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/community-service/](http://www.orgrange.org/community-service/) of contact the State Director to request the form to be mailed or emailed.
* Write a **short** narrative (750 words maximum) about the nominee’s service and accomplishments during the past year (January 1 to December 31). Explain what this member has done for your Grange and your community.
* Include the nominee’s name and contact information on the entry form.
* Make sure that the Community Service Chairperson and the Subordinate/Community Grange Master sign the completed form. Send the form and narrative to the State Grange Community Service Director postmarked no later than **June 1**.
* The State Director will form a judging committee to select the state winner. Only one winner will be selected from all entries.
* The winner will be announced and presented with a certificate and award at the State Grange Convention.
* All those nominated will receive a certificate of thanks.

## Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher of the Year Awards

The persons you nominate can be a paid professional or a volunteer. Your Grange can and should recognize anyone else in your community (first responders, medical personnel, etc.) at an open house, Grange meeting or public event.

Send the National Grange FF/LEO/Teacher of the Year Award form to the State Community Service Director postmarked no later than **June 1**. The form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/community-service/](http://www.orgrange.org/community-service/) or contact the State Director to request the form to be mailed or emailed. Please attach photos, newspaper articles and any other supporting paperwork you have.

The first place winner in each category will be recognized at the Oregon State Grange Convention and sent to the National Grange Convention in November.

## Youth Community Service Award

Your Grange can nominate a youth or young adult member between the ages of 14 and 35 or a group to receive this recognition. The application form can be downloaded from the Youth page of the State Grange website: [www.orgrange.org/youth](http://www.orgrange.org/youth). The application must be sent to the State Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **August 15**. See page 28 for further details.

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# GWA Contests

All contests are open to members and non-members. Each contestant can have only **one entry per category**.

All entries must be labeled with the contest, category, entrant’s name, complete address, email, phone, Grange name and number, and county. For non-members, please supply your sponsoring member’s name and Grange.

Contest entry labels can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/grange-workers-activities/](http://www.orgrange.org/grange-workers-activities/). You can also make your own following this template.

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All entries must be received in the GWA exhibit area at the Molalla High School no later than **noon** on **Sunday June 23**.

The Oregon State Grange GWA Committee will secure judges for all contests.

The GWA contest exhibit area will be open before and after State Grange is in session and during lunch and other break times.

## Baked Goods and Candies

These rules apply to cookies and candies to ensure that judges do not touch items that will be sold.

* Place 12 of each on a sturdy paper plate. Enclose in a Ziploc bag.
* Put one piece in a separate Ziploc bag. Put label on single item.
* Put all in another Ziploc bag.
* An extra mailing label would be appreciated with each entry.

Baked items and candies will be judged on appearance, consistency, & taste.

**Drop Cookies (No peanut butter or chocolate chips)**

* Groups:
1. Junior member between ages of 5 and 14 years; sponsored by Linda Pugh
2. Member or non-member 14 years or older; sponsored by Dorena Grange #835
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons) for each group

**Bar Cookies**

* Groups:
1. Junior member between ages of 5 and 14 years; sponsored by Linda Pugh
2. Member or non-member 14 years or older; sponsored by Jasper Grange #532
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons) for each group

**Chocolate Chip Cookies**

* Sponsored by Beavercreek Grange #276
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Peanut Butter Cookies**

* Sponsored by Greenacres Grange #834
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Unbaked (skillet) Cereal or Made in Pan Cookies**

* Sponsored by Greenacres Grange #834
* Example: Rice Krispies Treat, unbaked chocolate oatmeal, peanut butter
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Peanut Butter Candy**

* Sponsored by Goshen Grange #561
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Candy (No peanut butter)**

* Sponsored by Beverly Doescher
* Categories 1: Fudge

 2: Divinity

 3: Peanut brittle

* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons) for each category

**Hand-Dipped Chocolates**

* Sponsored by Catherine Johnston
* May be dipped in milk, dark, or white chocolate
* Filling may be anything except fudge, divinity, peanut brittle, or peanut butter.
* 1st place $5, 2nd place 4, 3rd place $3 (plus ribbons)

**Sweet Rolls**

* Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261
* Yeast only
* Rules: Place 6 items on a sturdy paper plate in a Ziploc bag. Put one item in a separate Ziploc bag with a label on it. Put both in another Ziploc bag and seal with an extra mailing label.
* 1st place: $10, 2nd place: $7, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Muffins**

* Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261
* Any kind of muffin
* Rules: Place 6 items on a sturdy paper plate in a Ziploc bag. Put one item in a separate Ziploc bag with a label on it. Put both in another Ziploc bag and seal with an extra mailing label.
* 1st place: $10, 2nd place: $7, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Gluten-Free Baked Item**

* Sponsored by Mary and Robert Parrott
* Any kind of gluten-free baked item such as cookies, bread (yeast or not), muffins, hand pies or sweet rolls.
* Recipe must accompany the entry. Please use a typed or printed copy that can be copied easily. These recipes will be shared with others around the state.
* A contestant can enter 2 separate entries in this contest. Example: an entry of cookies and an entry of muffins. Entries cannot be of the same type. Example: two kinds of cookies.
* 1st place: $10, 2nd place: $7, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Sugar-Free Baked Item**

* Sponsored by the Parker family
* Cookies or cake (unfrosted) for a diabetic person; must not contain refined sugar, molasses, honey or corn syrup.
* Recipe must accompany the entry. Please use a typed or printed copy that can be copied easily. These recipes may be shared with others around the state.
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Fruit or Vegetable Bread (No yeast breads)**

* Sponsored by Margaret Clute
* Rules: Place one loaf of bread on a sturdy paper plate. Place in a Ziploc bag. Place label securely on top of package.
* 1st place: $10, 2nd place: $7, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Cupcake Challenge**

* Sponsored by Susan Noah
* Rules: Cupcakes are to be decorated for a special occasion; for example, birthday, holiday, wedding, etc.
* All decorations must be made by the decorator.
* The entry must consist of 6 cupcakes. Two must be individually wrapped or boxed in individual bakery or plastic containers and labels with entry information. The remaining 4 cupcakes can be plated and put in a re-sealable bag and labeled.
* Judged on taste of cake and frosting as well as appearance and creativity of special theme.
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Decorated Cake**

* Sponsored by Linda Helm
* Rules: You cannot be a cake decorator by trade (primary income) now or in the past.
* No larger than ½ sheet (12” x 18”) real cake or use a dummy cake.
* Use appropriate frosting that will withstand 1 week on display. (Real cake with real edible frosting will not be sold or donated.)
* Judged on merits of design, originality and craftsmanship.
* Have fun with this!
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

## Preserved Foods

Use a brand name jar; no mayonnaise jars. Jars must be sealed with a new ring and lid. Put label on top of the lid.

Canned foods will not be opened for judging.

**Jam**

* Sponsored by Phoenix Grange #779

Categories 1: Any fruit other than berry

 2: Berry only

Sponsored by Parker family

Category 3: Sugar free

* Judged on appearance, color, & quality.
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Jelly**

* Sponsored by Marilyn Reiher

Categories 1: Any fruit other than berry

 2: Berry only

Sponsored by Parker family

Category 3: Sugar free

* Judged on appearance, color, & quality.
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Fruit Butter**

* Sponsored by Goshen Grange #561
* Rules: Any kind of fruit or vegetable butter (such as apple or pear.
* Judged on appearance, color, & quality.
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Pickles**

* Sponsored by Springwater Grange #263
* Categories 1: Dill (cucumber only)

 2: Sweet (cucumber only)

3: Bread and butter (cucumber only)

4: Relishes (any mixture of vegetables)

5: Miscellaneous (Any pickle other than cucumber)

* Judged on appearance, color, & quality.
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons) for each category

**Canned Meats or Fish**

* Sponsored by Goshen Grange #561
* Judged on appearance, color and quality
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons)

**Canned Vegetables**

* Sponsored by Margaret Clute
* Categories 1: Beets

 2: Carrots

 3: Tomatoes

 4. Other than listed

* Judged on appearance and quality
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons) for each category

**Canned Fruit**

* Sponsored by Marilyn Reiher

Categories 1: Peaches

 2: Pears

 3: Applesauce

* Sponsored by Parker family

Category 4: Sugar free; any fruit

* Judged on appearance and quality of fruit.
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons) for each category

**Dried Foods**

* Sponsored by the Parker family
* Categories: 1: Fruit

 2: Vegetables

 3: Jerky

 4: Fruit leather

 5: Herbs

* ½ cup, except ¼ cup for herbs.
* Herb jar lid may be used.
* Judged on appearance, color & quality.
* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3 (plus ribbons) for each category

## Crafts

**“What To Do With Worn Out Jeans”**

* Sponsored by Sunnyside #842
* Rules: Use your imagination and make any kind of item from old worn out jeans.
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place:$10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Jewelry**

* Sponsored by Irving Grange #377
* Rules: Must be made by contestant within the past year.
* Judged on appearance and ability to be worn
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

**NEW Food Gift in a Jar (Cookies)**

* Sponsored by Linda Pugh
* Rules: Layer dry ingredients in a quart jar.
* Attach recipe
* Decorated Jar lid
* Judged on neatness, appearance
* 1st place $10, 2nd place $8, 3rd place $5 (plus ribbons)

**Paper Craftsmanship: Cards**

* Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261

One regular size card with envelope that must fit U.S. postal regulations for mailing

Use paper products primarily: pens, inks, and paints can be used to highlight the design

Cards may be for any occasion, however "Thinking of you," "Sympathy," and "Get Well" are preferred, as cards entered in this contest will be given to the State Chaplain to send to Grangers throughout the year.

Judged on creativity, use of color, durable construction, and expression of the overall message

1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Paper Craftsmanship: Quilling**

Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261

Maximum size is 16 inches x 20 inches

Use paper products primarily: pens, inks, and paints can be used to highlight the design

Must be made by contestant within the past year.

Judged on creativity, use of color, durable construction, and expression of the overall message

1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Other Paper Crafts**

*Note: Scrapbooking does not fit in this category.  See Community Service contests for opportunities to display scrapbooking skills.*

Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261

Maximum size is 16 inches x 20 inches

Use paper products primarily: pens, inks, and paints can be used to highlight the design

Must be made by contestant within the past year.

Judged on creativity, use of color, durable construction, and expression of the overall message

1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Small Wooden Articles**

* Sponsored by Phyllis Wilson
* Rules: Items no larger than 12 inches made of any kind of wood.
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

**Woodcraft**

* Sponsored by John and Peggy Fine
* Larger than 12 inches; any kind of wood
* Judged on workmanship and design
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

**Metal Art**

* Sponsored by Phil Van Buren
* Rules: Any kind of metal; minimum size 5 x 5 inches and maximum 16 x 15 inches.
* Judged on workmanship and original design.
* 1st place: $50, 2nd place: $30, 3rd place: $20 (plus ribbons)

**Recycle**

* Sponsored by Hurricane Creek Grange #608
* Rules: Take something you would normally discard and use your imagination. Construct something useful and decorative. May use wood, plastic or metal. It may hang, stand, sit or lean.
* Judged on originality
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

 **“Potluck”**

* Sponsored by Joanne McBride
* Non-food items that don’t fit into any other contest.
* Rules: Must be made by contestant within the past year.
* Judged on workmanship, overall appearance and neatness
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Bailey’s Good Dog Gift Package**

* Sponsored by Bailey and her people (Susan and Mark Noah)
* Rules: Gift packages must contain at least 4 items that will please a good dog. For example: canned food, snacks and toys. They may be purchased and/or homemade items.
* Judged on the appropriateness of the items included and the creativity in packaging.
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)
* Bailey and Susan desire the gift packages be taken to a local humane society to be donated to dogs waiting to find a furrever home.

**Here Kitty Gift Bag**

* Sponsored by Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn and their family (the Parrotts).
* Rules: Gift packages must contain at least 4 items that will please a purr-fect kitty. For example: canned food, snacks toys and something with catnip. They may be purchased and/or homemade items.
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)
* Tom and Huck wish the packages be taken to the local humane society to be donated to those felines who are waiting to be adopted.

## Textiles (Crocheted, Knitted, Sewed, Needlework)

**Pillowcases for our Troops**

* Sponsored by Gail Wilson
* Rules: Case must be for a standard-sized pillow.
* Fabric print can be appropriate for a man or woman.
* All pillowcases will be donated to our armed forces stationed abroad. Purchased pillowcases may be donated but not judged. A “Thank You for Serving our Country” card signed for the members of the Oregon State Grange will accompany the pillowcase.
* Judged on workmanship, comfort and appearance.
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

**Crocheted Doilies**

* Sponsored by Spencer Creek Grange #855
* Rules: Crochet thread **only**
* Judged on workmanship and design
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

**Preemie Afghan & Hat**

* Sponsored by Jan Oleson
* Categories: 1: Knitted
 2: Crocheted
* Rules: Block maximum size 12 inches square, Hat circumference: 10 inches.
* Judged on workmanship, neatness and skill
* Sponsor wishes item to be donated to a local hospital in the host district, unless requested to be returned
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

**Crocheted or Knitted Afghan**

* Sponsored by the Parrott family in memory of Grandma Irene Godfrey
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

**Miscellaneous Crocheted or Knitted Items**

* Sponsored by Malcolm & Cookie Trupp
* Any crocheted or knitted item that does not fit into another contest
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

**Table Runner**

* Sponsored by Ada #570
* Rules: Made from any type of fabric; crocheted or knitted. Can be any size or shape.
* Judged on neatness, design and workmanship
* 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place $10 (plus ribbons)

**Embroidery**

* Sponsor Julie Schnetzky
* Rules: May use any kind of thread
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Counted Cross Stitch**

* Sponsored by Parkdale Grange #500
* Rules: Stitched area no smaller than 3 x 3 inches or larger than 11 x 17 inches. Any canvas count and type. Back of work does not have to be visible for judging.
* Judged on merits of design, use of color, and craftsmanship
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Plastic Canvas**

* Sponsored by Beavercreek Grange #276
* Must be made within the past year.
* Judged on workmanship, creativity, neatness and skill
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**NEW Small Basketry**

* Sponsored by Eagle Creek Grange #297
* Rules: Any natural material
* Maximum size 10 inches in diameter
* Judged on workmanship, use of natural fibers, neatness and originality
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Apron**

* Groups:
1. Junior member between ages of 5 and 14 years; sponsored by Marilyn Reiher
2. Member or non-member 14 years or older; sponsored by Beavercreek Grange #276
* 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

**Hot Pad or Mitt**

* Sponsored by Bailey Noah
* Categories 1: Crocheted or knitted
 2: Any kind of fabric
* Rules: Any shape or size, using any brand of yarn or thread. May be a mitt or a handle holder, and be backed with fire resistant material. Must be made by contestant within the past year.
* Judged on usefulness, color combinations and neatness
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons) for each category

 **Purses and Totes**

* Sponsored by Malcolm and Cookie Trupp
* Fabric (any kind); judged together
* Rules: Must be made by contestant within the past year.
* Judged on workmanship, neatness, originality and skill
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Baby Quilt**

* Sponsored by Sauvies Island Grange #840
* Categories 1: Machine quilted by one

 2: Tied by one

* Must be made by contestant within the past year.
* Judged on workmanship, neatness, and skill.
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Embroidered Baby Quilt**

* Sponsored by Walterville Grange #416
* Rules: Must be made by contestant in the past year
* Judged on craftsmanship, design and neatness
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

**Quilts**

* Sponsored by Siletz Valley Grange #558
* Categories 1: Hand quilted by one

 2: Machine quilted by one

 3: Tied by one or group

* Rules: Minimum size 72 x 90 inches and maximum 120 x 120 inches. Must be made by contestant(s) within the past year.
* Judged on workmanship, neatness, and skill
* For hand quilted: 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10 (plus ribbons)

For machine quilted and tied by one or group: 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5 (plus ribbons)

## National Grange Quilt Block Contest

The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members. Only one quilt block per person will be judged. A 2019 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for each block. Download the form from [www.orgrange.org/grange-workers-activities](http://www.orgrange.org/grange-workers-activities)

Adult—(Age 14+)

Junior---(Age 13 and under)

**2019 pattern “Pride of Quillisascut” (Based on the Disappearing Nine Patch, also called Split Nine Patch)**

*Fabric*:

Three fabrics. The key to this block is that there is good contrast between all three fabrics.

Fabric A should be a medium to dark print.

Fabric B should be significantly lighter than fabric A.

Fabric C should be BRIGHT! Not a pastel bright, but a strong BRIGHT!

All fabric used should be cotton.

*Constructing the Quilt Block:*

Cut all pieces to 4-½ inch x 4-½ inch square.

Fabric A: Cut four.

Fabric B: Cut four.

Fabric C: Cut one.

Use a ¼ inch seam allowance. Sew into three rows: ABA, BCB, ABA. Sew the rows together into a single block.

Cut the block into four equal pieces through the middle.

Rotate two blocks.

Sew the block back together using a ¼ inch seam allowance.
Now the block should measure 12 inches x 12 inches.

Press all seams.

Clip and remove all threads.



 

**State Judging:** Entries received in the GWA exhibit area at the **Molalla High School** no later than **noon** **Sunday June 23** will be judged to determine Oregon’s winners. The 1st place winner in each group will be sent to National Grange for judging. Second and third place winners will receive ribbons.

All quilt blocks not sent to National will be retained and used to make an item for the oral auction to benefit the GWA Committee.

 **National Judging**

Anyone may send entries directly to the National Grange Contest. All contest submissions must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2019. Send your blocks with submission forms to:

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# Junior Contests and Awards

## 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 June 25.

Children ages of 5 and 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 JRdir@orgrange.org ***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 22 through Thursday June 27. 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 25, officers will be required to wear a white shirt and black pants or skirt. Dress shoes are preferred.

Oregon/National Contests

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 Master 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.

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.

Participants in the Talent, Public Speaking, and Signing contests must sign up in the Junior Room at the Molalla High School by **noon** on **Saturday June 22**.

If no one from your Grange is attending the convention, you can mail entries to the State Grange office (643 Union St. NE, Salem 97301) postmarked no later than **June 1**. Photography or creative writing entries may be sent by email to the Junior Director no later than **June 1**.

* Include with each entry the contestant’s name, birth date, Grange name and number.
* If your Junior requires special exceptions from the standard rules, include a letter explaining the situation.
* Age groups (Age as of January 1)
* 5 to 7 years
* 8 to 10 years
* 11 to 14 years
* Awards in each age group (except as otherwise noted): 1st place: $10, 2nd place: $5, 3rd place: $2. Awards will be divided among participants in group entries.
* All participants will receive certificates.

## National Grange 2019 Award:Dairy Awareness

Awareness awards will be presented during the Junior Grange Breakfast at the National Grange Convention in November. Juniors may apply individually or together as a Junior Grange. Complete the following tasks to receive your 2019 Awareness Award:

1. Research the importance of milk production and how milk gets from the farm to your table. Speak to a dairy farmer or someone who works in the dairy industry about the importance of dairies and local production of products.
2. Create a collage from recycled resources (newspapers, grocery ads, etc.) of items that can be made from dairy products.
3. Create a flier to be distributed or hung up at your Grange Hall or local establishments to support local dairy farms.
4. Make something edible from dairy products (Be creative. How about Ice-cream in a bag or butter in a jar.)
5. Participate in the National Junior Grange Program “Kelly Farm- Adopt a Farm Animal” found on page 11 of the Junior Program Book
6. Speak at your Junior Grange and/or Subordinate Grange about the importance of supporting local farmers and dairies.

**Submit the following information:**

* Copy of your flyer and collage
* Pictures of edible dairy project and meeting with a dairy worker.
* Pictures of your efforts to bring awareness.
* Junior Leader letter describing your efforts.
* Individual contestants must provide name, age and birth date, state, Grange name and number, and mailing address.

**SUBMISSIONS FOR AWARD MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 1.**

## **Junior Talent**(Oregon Contest)

Junior Grange Talent 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 in the evening.

Age groups in each category:

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

**Judging Criteria**:

**Musical Acts Points**

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| 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**  |

## **NEW: Digital Junior Contests**(National/Oregon Contest)

National Grange has introduced a video talent contest for Juniors. Details are on page 22 of the 2019 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, “Heroes in Training,” or a topic of your choice. Minimum time is 3 minutes; maximum is 7.
* **Impromptu**: \*\*\*

**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 Minneapolis, Minnesota, 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 *(Sign language ability, signs clearly with creative interpretation)* | **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 Minneapolis, Minnesota, in November. Contact the State Junior Director to

coordinate travel with others attending. The contestant’s family is responsible for all costs.

## **Baking**

(Oregon Contests)

All entries must be received in the GWA exhibit area at the Molalla High School no later than **noon** on **Sunday June 23**.

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 Molalla High School no later than **noon** on **Sunday June 24**.

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 37 of the National Junior Grange 2019 Program Guide for the pattern, instructions, and rules.

**Recycle Craft**

(Oregon Contest)

Empty milk jugs can become bird feeders, masks, skeletons, garden lights, sandwich containers and more. The possibilities of recycling your empty milk jugs into something new and usable are endless. What will you create?

Rules:

* Using plastic milk jugs (any size) or pieces of jugs, create something new.
* Adult participation should be limited to supervising and minimal assistance on any cutting and/or assembly.
* If larger than a shoe box or you will not be able to transport this craft, please take and send a photo to JRdir@orgrange.org.
* Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of material.

## **Photography**

(Oregon/ National Contest)

Theme: Grange Heroes in our Hometowns.

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 JRdir@orgrange.org 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.

**Minecraft Architects**

(Oregon Contest)

The ability to plan and create is a pivotal skill in Minecraft. Lots of work goes into this fun game. We’d like to see your greatest creations in either Creative or Survival categories.

Rules:

* Must be created solely by the Junior after January 2018.
* Include a description of materials used, how you planned it and how long it took.
* Digital entries will only be accepted via email to JRdir@orgrange.org until **June 1** and must be in PDF format.

Judging will be based on creativity and originality.

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 **October 1**. Entries are not guaranteed to be returned to the contestant.

National Grange contest age groups:

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

## **Creative Art**

(National Contest)

Draw or paint a picture showing what this year’s theme, “Grange Heroes in our Hometowns,” means to you. Or create an art piece that relates to the Junior Grange.

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**

(National Contest)

Write a story about this year’s Junior Grange theme,

“Heroes in Training,” or be as creative as you can by telling your own story.

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.

**Mini-Scrapbook**

(National Contest)

Capture your activities as a Junior Grange member throughout the year. What did you do? Where did you go? What did you participate in? Use this year’s theme, “Grange Heroes in our Hometowns,” to design your pages and be as creative as possible.

Rules:

* Scrapbook pages must be 8.5 x 11 inches.
* Maximum of fifteen pages, excluding the cover.
* Judging will be based on creativity, originality and use of theme.
* The cover page must include the contestant’s name, age and birth date, state, Grange name and number, and mailing address.

**Junior Grange Jeopardy**

(National Contest)

Junior Grange Jeopardy brings together Junior Grangers who are interested in Grange history and trivia. Participants have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the history of the Grange and Junior Grange and their impact on rural America while enhancing their critical thinking, problem solving, communications and listening skills. During the State Convention, up to three contestants may be selected to compete as an individual at the National Grange Convention.

If an Oregon contestant is selected to participate at the National Grange Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in November, contact the State Junior Directors to coordinate travel with others attending; the contestant’s family is responsible for all costs.

## Merit Badges

Merit Achievement Badges reward Juniors for learning and sharing what they have learned. In the process they develop essential critical thinking and presentation skills. The National Grange is phasing out badges, but the badge program remains. Juniors who complete badge requirements will receive a certificate. However, the Oregon State Grange has a stock of discontinued

badges on hand. Contact the Junior Director for availability of specific badges.

* The Grange Adventure has 20 badges ranging from attending meetings to creating a Lecturer’s program.
* Team Up America has 20 badges ranging from the Bill of Rights to developing a family disaster plan.
* Discovery Network has 18 badges ranging from reading ten books to designing your own badge.

## NEW: Junior Historian Award

The new Junior Historian Award will be taking the place of the Super JG Award as 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/](http://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.

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# Lecturer’s Contests

All contests, except Talent, are open to members and non-members. The Best of Show winner in photography must be a Grange member.

Those entering the Talent Contest must sign up with the State Lecturer no later than noon on **Saturday June 22** and participate in a sound check at least two hours before the contest.

Entries for all other contests must be received in the Lecturer’s exhibit area at the Oregon State Grange Convention by **noon** on **Sunday June 23**. If no one from your Grange is attending the convention, you can mail your entries to the State Grange office (643 Union St. NE, Salem 97301) postmarked no later than **June 1**.

All entries must be labeled with the contest, category, entrant’s name, complete address, email, phone, Grange name and number, and county. For non-members, please supply your sponsoring member’s name and Grange. Contest entry labels can be downloaded them from [www.orgrange.org/lecturer/](http://www.orgrange.org/lecturer/). You can also make your own following this template.

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If non-member, name of sponsor

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## Art

Rules:

-- Open to members and non-members
-- All entries must be original work.

* Entries must be framed or have a firm backing so they can be displayed properly.
* Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year.
* Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year.
* Computer enhancement of art work and nude entries will not be accepted.
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place $10, 3rd place $7

 (plus ribbons)

Categories:

1. Oils
* **Sponsored by Spencer Creek Grange**
1. Acrylics
* **Sponsored by Irving Grange**
1. Water Colors
* **Sponsored by Irving Grange**
1. Pen and Ink
* **Sponsored by Alice Nowicki and Ken Schwieger**
1. **NEW** Diamond Painting
* **Sponsored by Jasper Grange**

## Flyer

Rules:

* Entrant must be a Grange member.
* **NEW** Size must be 8½ x 14 inches or smaller.
* Material must be suitable for posting on billboards or windows.
* Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year.
* Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year.
* 1st place $5, 2nd place $4, 3rd place $3 (plus ribbons)

Categories:

1. Handmade, promoting Grange activities
* **Sponsored by Springwater Grange**
1. Computer generated, promoting Grange activities
* **Sponsored by Springwater Grange**

## Pamphlet

Rules:

-- Entrant must be a Grange member.
-- Materials can be of any type or color suitable.
-- Tri-folded size 3 3/4 x 8 ½ inches.
-- Entries must have been completed after June of the
 previous year.
-- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year

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* 1st place $5, 2nd place $4, 3rd place $3. (plus ribbons)

Category: Computer generated, promoting the Grange

* **Sponsored by Debi deBoer**

## Poster

Rules:

-- Open to members and non-members
-- Materials can be of any type or color suitable.
-- **NEW** Size must be 11x17 up to 24 x 36 inches.
-- Entries must have been completed after June of the
 previous year.
-- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year

* 1st place: $5, 2nd place: $4, 3rd place: $3

(plus ribbons)

Categories:

1. Handmade, promoting Grange activities
* **Sponsored by Springwater Grange**
1. Computer generated, promoting Grange activities
* **Sponsored by Springwater Grange**

## Program

Rules:

-- Entrant must be a Grange member.
-- Entries must have been completed after June of the
 previous year.
-- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year

Category: Computer generated

* **Sponsored by Sunnyside Grange**

## Photography

Rules: Open to all members and non-members.

* Only prints are accepted; no slides.
* Frame or backing is required.
* Minimum size 5 x 7 inches; maximum 11 x 14 inches (including mat, if used). ***Only 8 x 10 photos qualify for Best of Show.***
* NOTE: Only a Grange member entry will be considered for ***Best of Show***.
* Entries must have been taken after June 1, 2018; cannot have been entered prior to this year.
* Participants may enter all categories with different photos.
* Category entries are decided by participant.
* No more than two entries per participant will be allowed in each category.
* Print may be made by commercial process; but photo must have been taken by entrant.
* **NEW---**Categories **A – J are color only.**
* No professional photographers (earns 100% of his/her income from photography) may enter.
* 1st place: $10, 2nd place: $8, 3rd place: $6 in each category (plus ribbons)

Categories:

1. Scenic
* **Sponsored by Dean and Vickie High**
1. Close-ups
* **Sponsored by Lynn and Harold Johnson**
1. Family
* **Sponsored by Cookie and Malcolm Trupp**
1. Pets and/or farm animals
* **Sponsored by Louise Holst and**

**Phil Van Buren**

1. Wild animals
* **Sponsored by** **Debi deBoer**
1. Oldies/Goodies
* **Sponsored by Walterville Grange**
1. Grange Activities
* **Sponsored by Ada Grange**
1. **NEW** Grange Hall Buildings
* **Sponsored by Mark Noah**
1. Sports
* **Sponsored by Lorane Grange**

J. Potpourri (Anything else!)

* **Sponsored by Joanne and David McBride**

K. Black & White

* **Sponsored by Sam Keator**

The ***Best of Show*** photograph will be selected from the above categories and will be sent on to the National Grange Convention. There, photos will be judged and cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and ribbons will be given to each entrant.

## Creative Writing

Rules:

- Entrant must be Grange members.

- Entry must be typed on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper.

* 500 words maximum.
* Must be original work.
* Contestant may enter both categories.
* Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year
* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $7 in each category (plus ribbons)

Categories:

1. Poetry - any subject
* **Sponsored by Linda Helm and**

**Wayne Cabler**

1. Tell the Story – Open to any story
* **Sponsored by Linda Helm and**

**Wayne Cabler**

Judging: By selected committee

## Skit Writing

Rules:

-- Entrants must be Grange members.
-- No more than five minutes long.
-- Entry must be typed on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper *with the
 line spacing of 1.5 or greater*.
-- May be written for any number of characters.
-- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year

* 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $7 in each category (plus ribbon)

Category

1. Any topic
* **Sponsored by Linda Helm and Wayne Cabler**

Judging: By selected committee

## Talent Contest

Rules:

* Each contestant must be a Grange member, but the accompanist for a vocal entry does not have to be a member.
* Groups need not be members of the same Grange.
* Groups can include Junior Grangers or 1+ Junior members; however, at least half must be Subordinate/ Community Grange members.
* Subordinate/Community Granges are **not** limited to one entry per category.
* Taped accompaniment for vocal entries must be instrumental only.
* Taped accompaniment is not allowed for instrumental acts.
* *Sign A Song* is permitted in the variety act category. However, *two weeks notification* must be givenprior to the competition, so that a sign language judge can be at the performance.
* Judging will be held at the State Grange Convention in June. Contestants must make their own arrangements for attending the State Grange Convention.
* **NOTE:**  Contestants must sign in with State Lecturer no later than noon on **Saturday June 22** and participate in a sound check at least two hours before the contest.
* Those who represent Oregon at the National Grange are not allowed to compete in the following year.

**Judging Criteria: Points**

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| Overall Performance | **30** |
| Audience Response/Appeal | **20** |
| Stage Presence/Appearance | **10** |
| Originality | **20** |
| Personality | **10** |
| Time Deduction  | **10**  |
| Total Points Possible: | **100** |

The maximum time is **5:00** minutes, which includes any time required to set up and take down props used in the act. The minimum time limit is **3** minutes. Two points per minute or portion thereof will be deducted from total points for going over or under the time limit. (10 points maximum deduction).

* 1st place: $30, 2nd place: $20, 3rd place: $10 in each category (plus ribbons)

Categories:

1. Vocal B. Instrumental C. Variety Acts
* **Above Categories are Sponsored by**

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The ***Best of Show winner*** will be provided with three nights’ lodging and travel fare to the National Grange Convention in November, where they will represent Oregon and perform in the National Grange “Evening of Excellence.” National Grange will award each participant $100.

## Talent Contestant Entry Form

## OSGTalent Contest Entry Form

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# Membership

## Awards for Gain in 2018

The Membership Committee will present prizes to the Granges that had the highest membership gains in the previous calendar year (2018). There is no form to fill out or deadline to meet. The Membership Committee determines the winners based on your quarterly reports. The prizes will be presented at the Membership Luncheon during the State Grange Convention at the Molalla High School.

Highest % gain $100
Second highest % gain $75
Third highest % gain $50
Fourth highest % gain $25

Reorganized, consolidated, or newly chartered Granges are ineligible for consideration the year that event occurs. However, reorganized and consolidated Granges will receive $100 and a newly chartered Grange will receive $150.

All Granges with a 15% gain or more qualify for a drawing for an indoor/outdoor flag.

## Awards for Gain in 2018(State Award)

The Oregon State Grange will award all Granges who complete the 2018 year with a net membership gain with a $5 credit for each new member. A Grange ending the year with ten new members and nine lost members would receive a $50 credit, while a Grange losing ten members and gaining nine would not be eligible, as the net gain for the year would be negative.

## Masters Award(State Award)

The Oregon State Grange will award the Grange with the largest net membership gain for the year with a plaque and $200.

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# Youth and Young Adults Ages 14-35

## Oregon State Grange Youth Officers

(Oregon Program)

State Youth Officers open the Oregon State Grange Convention on Wednesday morning. In addition each youth officer will be assigned duties during the week to assist their counterpart State Grange officer.

State Youth Officers

* Youth officers will serve a one-year term
* All Youth officers will need to attend the State Grange Convention from Saturday through Wednesday and participate in every Youth Officer practice as requested.
* Youth officers will make an effort to volunteer at least 2 State Grange events, i.e.: FFA convention, Ag Fest, Log Cabin at State Fair and Veteran Day Parade
* Youth officers will be provided with and expected to sell 20 raffle tickets previous to arriving for state convention. Tickets will be mailed no later than May 1
* Youth officers will be available as a state resource to help plan, promote, and conduct Grange Youth activities.

Applicants for State Youth Officers must be youth age, 14 to 35 years as of January 1. The application will be published in the February issue of the OSG Bulletin, on Facebook and can be downloaded from www.orgrange. org/youth/. Applications must be sent to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **March 31**. The State Youth Team will select State Youth Officers and the State Youth Director is responsible for informing the applicants of their office no later than May 1.

All officers will need to attend the State Grange Convention at the Molalla High School from Saturday June 22 through Wednesday June 26 and participate in every Youth Officer practice.

Youth Officers cannot hold the same office for two consecutive years.

Officers with speaking parts will have their parts thoroughly memorized upon arrival at the State Grange Convention

The AS is responsible for having an entrance drill prepared. The LAS is responsible for having an exit drill prepared. Please limit the opening drill to six minutes and the retiring drill to three minutes.

Dress requirements for Youth Officers on Wednesday morning when opening the State Grange Convention:

* Male officers will be required to wear a button-up shirt, slacks, tie, jacket and dress shoes (no athletic shoes).
* Female officers will be required to wear a floor length dress with straps or sleeves and dress shoes.

## Oregon Teenager Award

(Oregon Program)

This program is for young Grange members 14-15 years old, who are making the transition from the Junior Grange program to the youth program of the Subordinate/Community Grange. Applicants do not have to have been a Junior Grange member to enter.

The following process will be used to select the winner:

* One teenager between the ages of 14 and 15 will be selected to receive this honor.
* The Subordinate/Community Grange must certify that the applicant is eligible. This includes submitting a completed Oregon Teenager Award Application, which must be signed by the Subordinate/ Community Grange Master and Youth Chair or Secretary. The application can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).
* Applicants must submit an essay of at least 300 but not more than 500 words on one of three topics
	+ “How I plan to bring more young people into the Grange and help keep them active?”
	+ What is the role of a teenager in the Grange?
	+ What have I learned from Grange?
* Applicants must complete the requirements of two seals from the National Achievement Program prior to the State Grange Convention.
* Applicants must secure one letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/Community Grange Master or Secretary or Pomona Youth Chairperson.
* Judges will take into consideration the number of Subordinate/ Community and Pomona Grange meetings the applicant has attended in the previous year.

A three-person committee appointed by the State Master and/or State Youth Director shall select the state winner.

The winner will be announced at the Youth Luncheon during the State Grange Convention. The winner will receive a certificate and $25.

Previous winners are not eligible to compete again.

**Judging Criteria: Points**

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| Personal Essay | **100**  |
| Application | **50** |
| Letter of Recommendation | **50** |
| Possible: | **200**  |

The application package consisting of the Oregon Teenager Award Application, essay, one letter of recommendation and verification of completion of at least two seals from the National Achievement Program prior to the state convention must be sent to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **May 15**.

The Oregon Teenager will serve a one-year term on the State Youth Committee and be available as a state resource to help plan, promote, and conduct Grange Youth activities.

## Junior Mentor Award

(National Program)

This award is designed to recognize Grange youth and young adults who go above and beyond to guide and mentor Junior Grangers.

* Mentors must be between the ages of 14 and 35.
* National Nominations will be by the State Youth Committee with advisement of the State Junior Committee. Any Oregon Grange or state Committee may make nominations to the state Youth Director. The OSG application deadline is **August 15.**
* State winners will receive a certificate and may be recognized during Youth Activities Days at the National Grange Convention.
* The National Junior and Youth Departments will name a committee to select one winner, who will receive a plaque.

## **Oregon Ambassador, Outstanding Young Adult & Young Couple – National Horizon Ambassador & Young PatronProgram**

(State & National Program)

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for selected youth, young adults, and young couples to build their leadership potential, broaden their view of the Grange by experiencing a National Convention, receive educational training to use in their state, and build relationships with Grangers throughout the nation by having fun.

Each state may send two youth (one male and one female), and two young adults or one young couple who meet the following criteria:

* Youth ambassadors must have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 23rd birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the National Convention. The individuals must also be single, never been married, have no children and must not marry and/or have children during their term of service. If under 18, they must have their parents’ consent.
* Young adults and young couples must have observed their 22nd birthday, but not their 37th birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the National Convention.
* All applicants must have been a Grange member for a minimum of one year at the time they attend the National Convention.
* Previous ambassadors, young adults and young couples cannot repeat the experience, but former ambassadors can become young patrons.
* All must be able to attend the National Convention to represent their state during Youth Activities Days (Wednesday evening through Saturday).
* All must have attended a regional youth conference in the past five years and a State Convention in the past two years.
* All must complete three of the Oliver Hudson Kelly Achievement Awards and one of the John Thompson Ritual Achievement Awards. They must also complete the requirements for a minimum of two seals of any of the other achievement awards between September 1 of the previous year and by October 15 of the current year.

Oregon Requirements

* Must meet the above requirements or show progress towards
* Must complete and submit the Oregon Application
* Must submit a letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/ Community Grange Master or Secretary

The application form must be completed and sent with a letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/ Community Grange Master or Secretary to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **May 15**. The application form is downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).

State winners will be announced during the Youth Luncheon at the annual State Grange Convention. Each will receive a certificate and will represent Oregon at the Western Regional Conference and the National Convention the year of their reign.

For the Western Regional Conference, the State Grange will pay mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-night shared logging, and registration, which includes group meals.

Oregon Ambassadors, Outstanding Young Adults and Young Couple will serve a one-year term on the State Youth Committee and will be available as a state resource to help plan, promote, and conduct Grange Youth activities.

Oregon Ambassadors, Outstanding Young Adults and Young Couple will serve as Grange Ambassadors and make an effort to represent the Grange at State Fair in the Log Cabin, Albany Veterans Day Parade, Oregon FFA Convention and Ag Fest as well as travel to Granges as requested.

State Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Adults or Outstanding Young Couple with complete requirements for the National Grange Horizon Leadership Program and will be responsible for sending the National application package including letters of recommendation from your Subordinate/ Community Grange Master or Secretary, the State Master and the State Youth Director to the National Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **September 1**.

* Include a summary of your Grange activities in the following areas: Fellowship, Activities, Recognition, Fun, Leadership, Service, and Membership.
* Write a five to eight line description of yourself and/or your family and submit three 4” x 6” color photo prints, one which is of your family. The description and photos may be displayed at various events throughout the Convention.
* Applicants must complete the Grange Trivia Challenge with a score of at least 80 percent prior to attending the convention. The Trivia Challenge may be downloaded from [www.nationalgrangeyouth.org](http://www.nationalgrangeyouth.org) or obtained from the National Director and returned to her no later than **October 15**.
* Ambassadors and Young Patrons (Oregon Outstanding Young Adults or Young Couple) are asked to bring a ½ inch binder with photos and highlights from their year to the National Convention. The binders will be placed on display in the Idea Fair and reviewed by the judges.

The National Grange will provide scholarship assistance toward room and meal costs at the National Grange Convention for Ambassador and Young Patrons.

* At the National Convention ambassadors and young adults will be housed together with up to three other participants per room. Young couples will be housed in one room.
* Ambassadors and Young Patrons are responsible for their own convention registration fee. The State Grange will pay round-trip mileage or airfare and up to $30 per day reimbursement for meals (Wednesday – Sunday) upon presentation of receipts.
* The Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund will provide each ambassador with the following tickets: Tour, Pizza Party, Celebration Banquet and Invitation to A.O.L.E./G.R.O.W. Club Dinner.
* Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.

In Oregon Ambassadors will serve a one-year term on the State Youth Committee and will be available as a state resource to help plan, promote, and conduct Grange Youth activities.

## Folding Display Contest

(National Program)

The theme of the display must be Grange related. The display should be no larger than 3 x 4 feet and should be able to stand by itself.

* Displays must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by **noon** on **Sunday** of convention..
* Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality and neatness.
* All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a Subordinate/Community Grange.
* Age categories:

Youth 14-21 as of January 1

Young adult 22-35

* Entrants can be either an individual or a group. However, all group members must be in the same age division.

**Judging Criteria Points**

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| Content | 30  |
| Organization | 30 |
| Neatness | 25 |
| Originality | 15 |
| Possible: | **100**  |

The first place winner in each age category will receive $50; their entry will be sent to the National Grange Convention and may be exhibited in the Grange booth at the FFA Convention, the Log Cabin, or other venues determined by the State Grange office.

The State Youth Director will make arrangements for shipping the display to and from the National Grange convention. The contestant does not need to attend.

## Grange Jeopardy

(National Program)

Grange Jeopardy brings together youth and young adults who are interested in Grange history and rural issues for friendly competition. Participants have the opportunity to gain knowledge while simultaneously enhancing life skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication and listening.

* Participants must be youth age, 14 to 35 years, as of January 1 of the competition year.
* During the State Convention, up to three contestants will selected to compete at the regional based on one round of Jeopardy. All contestants who have a positive score after one round will compete in Final Jeopardy. Those that have positive scores after Final Jeopardy will be eligible to move on to regionals. The top 3 will be Oregon’s team for regionals. Additional competitors will be alternates in order of final scores.
* The State Grange will pay mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-nights shared logging, and registration, which includes group meals. The contest at the Western Regional Conference will follow the same format as the national contest.
* Each round consists of six categories of five questions, with a point value of 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500. A maximum of eight players compete at one time. The top two per round advance to the final. If only one semi-final round, the top six contestants advance.
* The person who selects the first question is randomly selected. Contestants must activate a signaling device to answer a question. Answers are in the form of a question. Contestants have 15 seconds to signal after the question is completed.
* Points are awarded for correctly answering questions. Points can be deducted for wrong answers, answering without signaling, not waiting to be recognized or failing to give an answer. The number of points deducted is determined by the point value of the question. The person with the last correct answer gets to select the next category and point value. All questions and answers prepared for the contest are final and cannot be challenged at the time of the contest.
* An individual’s score must be greater than zero to advance to the next round of play. The top contestants from round one will advance to the second round. At the end of round two, each contestant will have the opportunity to answer a “Final Jeopardy” question, providing they have positive points. Contestants can wager all, part or none of the points they have accumulated. The answer will be in written form. The contestant with the most points is declared the champion.

Regional winners will receive: 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $20, 3rd place: $15. National winners will receive: 1st place: a tablet PC or similar prize or cash equivalent, 2nd place: $100, 3rd place: $50.

If an Oregon contestant is selected to participate at the National Grange Convention, the State Grange will pay round-trip mileage or airfare and up to $30 per day (Friday – Sunday) reimbursement for meals upon presentation of receipts.

## National Grange Youth Officers Team

(National Program)

Purpose: To assemble a team of youth from across the nation to open the National Grange Convention on Friday morning. This provides more youth with an opportunity to participate in the National Grange Convention.

The Grange Youth Officers Team will march in and open the Grange in the Fourth Degree and march out.

There are 18 offices to be filled: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, four Executive Committee positions and Musician. Youth who previous served as Master are ineligible to re-apply.

* Master, Overseer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Gatekeeper, and Chaplain have speaking parts.
* Lecturer will need to select an opening song.
* Secretary will need to call the roll of Youth Officers and pronounce their names correctly.
* Ceres, A.S., and L.A.S. will need to know how to present the flag properly according to the Official Flag Presentation Ceremony of the National Grange.
* A.S. and L.A.S. may submit suggestions for the seating and retiring drill. Please limit the opening drill to six minutes and the retiring drill to three minutes.
* Musician applicants must submit a musical demonstration tape or CD. The musical piece should be no more than three minutes. The Musician may make suggestions for march music. The National Youth Director will screen any music suggestions for appropriateness.

Those applying for a position must be Grange members, who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age. The application form is available in the *2018 Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook* or can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).

* Applicants are required to prove that they have earned a minimum of three achievement awards between August 31 of the previous year and September 1of this year. One award seal must be completed in the John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award. They will also need to complete the Grange Trivia Challenge.
* Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a member of their local Grange (preferably Master), State Youth Director, and State Master.
* Applicants must write a five to eight line description about themselves and/or their family and submit three 4” x 6” color photo prints, one which is of their family. The description and photos will be displayed at various events throughout the National Grange Convention.
* Applicants must be committed to memorizing their speaking part if the office they are applying to fill has a speaking part. Each applicant must be willing to comply with the dress guidelines that will be established for officers.
* Current Ambassadors and John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience delegates are not eligible to apply.

The National Youth Director will contact each applicant with additional questions during the selection process.

The selection process will be based on letters of recommendation as well as the application.

Each applicant will be notified of the results no later than October 1, so that each has adequate time to make travel arrangements. Each member of the N.G.Y.O.T. will receive a special certificate.

Youth housing at the National Convention will be available for any who wish to participate. If funds are available in the Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund, financial assistance will be given for lodging and meals. If funds are not available, all expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the youth participating.

The State Grange will pay round-trip mileage or airfare and up to $30 per day reimbursement (Wednesday – Sunday) for meals upon presentation of receipts.

Applicants are responsible for sending applications with letters of recommendation and photos must be sent to the National Grange Youth Director no later than **September 1**.

## John Trimble National Youth Legislative Experience

(National Program)

The Trimble Legislative Experience will provide opportunities for one or two Grange youth, age 16-35, with an interest in the legislative aspect of the National Grange to see the inner workings of committees and grassroots legislative policy development at the National Grange Convention.

* Each youth will serve as a voting member of a committee reviewing resolutions and as a youth staff assistant to the National Grange Legislative Director. Participants will watch the delegate body take action on the resolutions and assist in other ways.
* An individual may participate in the program only one time.
* As a youth staff assistant participants will be assigned additional logistical duties so that they can see how the production process works at the convention. These duties will not conflict with opportunities to see National Delegates work on the floor.

The application form is available in the *2018 Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook* or can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).

* Applicants must write a five to eight line description about themselves and/or their family and submit three 4” x 6” color photo prints, one which is of their family. The description and photos will be displayed at various events throughout the National Grange Convention.
* Please include letters of recommendation from your Subordinate/Community Grange Master, State Youth Director and your State Grange Master.
* Applications must be postmarked no later than **September 1** to the National Youth Director, who will share them with the National Legislative Director and National Master in making selection of participants and assignment to committee.Applicants are responsible for mailing their application.

As guests of the National Grange the participant’s room (which will be shared with other participants) cost will be paid plus meals or tickets to certain meal functions. The State Grange will pay round-trip mileage or airfare.

Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.

## Grange Youth Focus Areas Contest

(National Program)

Purpose: For youth to develop a program around a specific topic, test it in their Subordinate/Community, Pomona or State Grange, and summit a summary to the National Grange Youth Development Director no later than **September 1**.

Possible focus areas

* Making a Difference in Your Community
* Grange History/150 Years of Grange
* Agriculture Advocacy/Education
* Citizenship/Grassroots Advocacy

The summary should describe the way your Grange took on the topic, the program or project developed around the focus area, the roles designated by the group, how the group made decisions, the timeline, project funding or support necessary, and the outcome. The summary should include a list of all Grange participants that identifies those who were most active, and an estimate and description of those who subsequently benefited from the event or program. Also include a summary of media coverage and content distribution related to the program or event, such as an overview of articles found in your Grange newsletter, copies of advertisements or posts on social media and/or news stories.

Submissions will be judged based on creativity, repeatability at other Grange events, and advancement and education of the focus area.

First place for each category will receive $50. All submissions will receive a certificate and will be included in a youth idea book.

## Parliamentary Procedure Contest

(National Program)

Purpose: To encourage Grange youth and young adults to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, public speaking, and problem solving skills.

As part of the contest, the team will:

* Demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary law.
* Conduct Grange business effectively.
* Present a logical, realistic and convincing debate on motions.
* Record complete and accurate minutes.
* Present memorized speaking parts during the opening and closing ceremonies.

Team members will fill the offices of Master, Overseer, Steward, Chaplain, Secretary and Gatekeeper. All must be between the ages of 14-35 as of January 1.

The event will consist of the following activities:

* Written Examination
* Opening Ceremonies
* Team Demonstration
* Closing Ceremonies
* Oral Questions

Awards will be presented to the 1st place team, high scoring individual, and high scoring chair.

You can download the contest rules, event procedures, and judges’ scorecard and sample questions from [www.orgrange.org/youth](http://www.orgrange.org/youth). Teams that intend to enter must notify the National Youth Director by September 1.

## Youth Community Service Award

(National Program)

Purpose: To recognize a Grange youth or young adult between the ages of 14 and 35, who has performed outstanding service in their community. A group of Grange youth may also receive this award.

The Grange or committee nominating the youth needs to describe the community service activity that was conducted and who benefited from it. Was this a new or old activity? What was the impact or result of the activity? Who else was involved and what was their contribution? The entry form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth](http://www.orgrange.org/youth). It must be sent to the State Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **August 15**. State winner’s application must be postmarked by **September 1** to the National Youth Director.

The State Grange winner(s) will receive a certificate and be recognized at the National Grange Convention during Youth Leadership Days. The National Grange Community Service and Youth Departments will organize a committee to select one overall winner, who will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

## Youth Member Recruitment Award

(National Program)

Purpose: To encourage youth and young adults to grow the Grange. The program will run from September 1 to August 31. Members recruited can be of any age, but must never have joined the Grange before.

Oregon can select one Grange youth to be recognized by the National Grange as its State Youth Recruiter of the Year. Considerations for selection should include, but not exclusively:

* Number of members recruited in the year.
* Assistance with Subordinate/Community Grange membership growth activities and/or events.
* Present the four steps of membership recruitment at Subordinate/Community Grange meeting or other event.

Nominations must be sent to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **August 15**. The State Grange winner(s) will receive a certificate and be recognized at the National Grange Convention during Youth Leadership Days. State winner’s application must be postmarked by **September 1** to the National Youth Director.

Leadership Award

(National Program)

Purpose: This award is designed to recognize outstanding Grange Youth who go above and beyond in leading the Grange through membership development, leadership growth and grassroots efforts.

This award can be designed to meet individual needs; however, they will need to complete the following:

* Earn a minimum of three different achievement award seals; they can be from the same program or a combination of several.
* Earn a minimum of 80% on the Grange Trivia Challenge.
* Complete one of the following ritual elements: demonstrate the salutation, participate in code reading or be on a degree team.
* Participate in a project that promotes the Grange.
* Demonstrate leadership in the Grange.

See the website [www.orgrange.org/youth](http://www.orgrange.org/youth) for examples.

Proof of your accomplishment must be submitted to the National Grange Youth Development Director postmarked no later than **September 1**. A simple report, including your picture, name, address, Grange name and number or a letter from those you helped can be used a proof. Entries may also qualify for an achievement award seals. Each youth submitting proof will receive a special certificate and a lapel pin in recognition of their individual efforts.

# Youth Sponsored Awards & Contests for All Ages

## Code Reading

Can you crack the Grange code? If so, you can present your skills at the National Grange Convention and test your skills against other Grangers from across the country. Contact the State Master at master@orgrange.org to obtain a copy of the code book and the cipher.

There are two levels:

* Novice: those learning the code; you can compete as a novice for up to two years.
* Patron: members with two or more years of experience.

Novice contestants will read these sections:

* Use of the gavel
* Degree words: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th degrees
* Annual password
* Voting sign
* Sign: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th degrees
* Patrons grip

Patron contestants will read these:

Section I

* Opening
* Use of the gavel
* Salutations for all degrees
* Degree words: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
* Annual word
* Voting sign

Section II

* Passing to different degrees
* 1st Degree
Signal at the inner gate

Signal at the outer gate

Sign

Salutation

* 2nd Degree

Signal at the inner gate

Sign

Salutation

* 3rd Degree

Signal at the inner gate

Sign

Salutation

* 4th Degree

Signal at the inner gate

Sign

Salutation

Section III

* Sign of caution
* Sign of distress
* Patrons general sign
* Sign of recognition
* Patrons grip
* Patrons test

**Code Book Reading Award of Merit**

Participants may elect to read the entire code book. The participant will be allowed five mistakes, none of which can be in Section I and only two in Section II. For Section III, the participant will select two of the six options and be allowed three mistakes.

## Youth Booster Award

(Oregon Program)

Purpose: To recognize and honor individuals over the age of 36 who have given a boost to your Grange youth in the past year.

* The program will run from May 1 of the previous year to April 30 of the current year. All nominees will be recognized at the Youth Luncheon at the State Grange Convention and will be given a certificate.
* Nominations to be sent to State Grange Youth Directors postmarked no later than **May 15**. A form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).
* Each Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange as well as each OSG youth officer may nominate one member each year.

## Sign-A-Song Contest

(Oregon and National Program)

The National Grange and Oregon State Grange are extremely proud to sponsor this deaf awareness program. The Grange encourages communication among all individuals, groups and communities. Through communication, we learn to know each other better. Communication is essential to practicing the inclusion of all individuals and solving problems. The world in which we live is full of opportunities for improvement. However, without communication, these improvements would be few and far between.

The Sign-A-Song contest promotes the use of non-verbal skills of communication. We encourage Grange members to learn sign language and use it to sign-a-song. It is a beautiful form of communication for many individuals.

State and regional categories

* Novice: One who is beginning to learn to sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the sign-a-song contest no more than two years.
* Hobbyist: One who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun and has entered the sign-a-song contest no more than two years.
* Group: Two or more people signing. (*Note: If there is a professional signer in a group entry, they are eligible only in the Expert category.)*
* Expert: One who signs professionally or is an instructor (*paid for signing in any capacity.*). They may participate at state as a demonstration in the effort to encourage others to learn sign language. Experts are ineligible for Best of Show and regional competition.

Rules:

* Participants must be Grange members.
* Participants must supply their own music. A CD player and speakers will be available.
* Three copies of the words that are being signed must be supplied for the judges and turned in to the State Youth Directors prior to the competition.
* Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
* Props and costumes are not allowed; rhythm is optional.
* Only one song may be signed during the competition.
* Participants must sign their own name and song title.
* Participants must inform the audience and judges what type of sign language they will be using (Pidgen, ASL, ESL, etc.).

Judging guidelines

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| **Utilization of total communication skills:**  | **Max pts** |
| Sign language ability, signs clearly with correct interpretation | 32  |
| Body expression, displays emotion, expresses key thoughts with body movement, mouths words for lip reading | 30  |
| Presentation, interprets with confidence, uniformity (group) | 25  |
| Appropriate song selection, with a clear meaning and suitable for the contestant’s signing ability | 10  |
| Signed their own name | 1  |
| Signed title of song | 1  |
| Informed judges and audience of type of sign language being used | 1  |

Those planning to enter must notify the State Youth Directors by **May 15** so that qualified judges can be identified. An entry form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).

State prize: 1st place: $25; certificates for all participants.

Regional competition: Oregon may send one entry in each category to the regional competition. The State Grange will pay mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-nights shared logging, and registration, which includes group meals.

National Grange will provide ribbons for each regional contest for first, second and third. 1st place: $20, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10.

The Best of Show at the Western Regional Conference will receive a special award plus $25 and be eligible to participate in the showcase at the National Grange Convention in November. If the Best of Show is from Oregon, the State Grange will pay round-trip airfare and up to $30 per day (Thursday – Sunday) reimbursement for meals upon presentation of receipts. Showcase acts will receive $100 from National Grange for participating (*provided after the Evening of Excellence at National Convention*.)

## Public Speaking Contest

(Oregon and National Contest)

The purpose of this contest is to aid in the development of public speaking abilities and to build self-confidence in the participating Grange members.

Age categories (as of January 1):

* Youth: 14-21 years of age
* Young Adult: 22-35 years of age
* Adult: 36+ years of age

Rules

* This competition is open only to Grange members.
* Those planning to enter must notify the State Youth Director by **May 15** so qualified judges can be identified. An entry form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).
* The state competition will be held during the State Grange Convention.
* State contestants in the prepared speech are required to submit three copies of an outline of the speech to the State Youth Director prior to the competition.
* A panel of three judges with public speaking abilities will judge. The judges will score each contestant on an individual basis and then collectively determine the rankings of the contestants. Score sheets will be returned to entrants. After the state contest a time for private evaluation with the judges will also be offered to each contestant.
* The state winner in each category will receive a certificate. Each participant will receive a National Achievement Award.
* One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds, or fraction thereof, a participant goes under or over the time limit.

Prepared Speech

Contestants will choose a topic and speak on it for a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. A timekeeper will keep the time but provide no time prompts.

The contestant will be required to answer one question related to their speech topic at the end of their speech.

Props will be allowed, but must be appropriately sized for the room. Points can be deducted for props.

At the National Grange Convention, regional winners’ speeches will be judged and the best two will present at the Evening of Excellence. Showcase speakers will receive $100 from National Grange for participating *(provided after the Evening of Excellence at National Convention*).

**Judging Criteria** **Points**

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| **Text** |  |
| Content: Information gathered and included in speech | 15  |
| Composition: The speech was compiled in a manner that was easy to understand | 15  |
| **Delivery** |  |
| Voice: Spoke clearly, easy to understand | 10 |
| Stage Presence: Dressed neatly and appropriately, posture and nervousness | 20 |
| Expression: Delivered speech with enthusiasm | 20 |
| **Impromptu Answer** |  |
| Response was thought out and delivered without much hesitation | 20 |

Radio Spot

A radio spot is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Pretend that you are a “DJ” and you are reading a commercial for the Grange.

Radio spots should exactly 60 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but may not include a spoken introduction or “tag” by anyone other than the contestant. If music or a sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device.

The contestant will provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 60 second time to be exceeded.

The spot should relate to the Grange, be original and created by the contestant.

**Judging Criteria Points**

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| **Text** |  |
| Content: Related to the Grange | 15  |
| Composition: The spot was compiled in a manner that was easy to understand | 15  |
| Creativity: Original matter than captured attention of audience | 15 |
| **Delivery** |  |
| Voice: Spoke clearly, easy to understand | 20 |
| Expression: Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion | 20 |

Impromptu Speech

An impromptu speech is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. Participants will draw two topics, select their choice and return the other one. Topics will be provided by the State Youth Director.

The minimum time is one minute and maximum is five minutes. The timekeeper will hold up a hand at one minute to signal the minimum and again when the four minute 30 seconds mark has been reached. One point will be deducted every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established.

For the Western Regional participants need not participate at state, but must notify the National Director of intent to enter. Contestants will speak immediately with no note cards.

**Judging Guidelines**:

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| **Criteria** | **Points**  |
| Voice: Spoke clearly, easy to understand | 10  |
| Stage Presence: Dressed neatly and appropriately, postures appropriate, nervousness controlled | 20  |
| Expression: Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion | 20 |
| Confidence in speaking, Content of speech | 15 |
| Clarity of thoughts and ideas on topic | 15 |

Regional Competition

* The first place winner of each age category in the Prepared Speech category will be eligible to travel to the regional competition.
* The best Radio Spot speakers in each age category will be given the opportunity to travel and compete at the Regional competition.
* Oregon’s representatives will receive mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-nights shared logging, and registration, which includes group meals.
* National Grange will provide prizes and ribbons to the top three entrants in each division and age category. Prizes for Prepared Speeches: 1st place: $20, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10. Radio Spot and Impromptu: 1st place: $15, 2nd place: $10, 3rd place: $5.
* One overall winner (aPrepared Speech or Radio Spot)from each region will be selected to compete at the National Grange Convention. If the Best of Show is from Oregon, the State Grange will pay round-trip airfare or mileage and up to $30 per day (Thursday – Sunday) reimbursement for meals upon presentation of receipts.

## Grange Grassroots Activism Award

(National Program)

Any member who has completed the Sapphire and Emerald John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award requirements is eligible for the Grange Grassroots Activism Award program. The deadline for submitting all documents is **March 1**.

Applicants must submit all of the following to the National Grange Legislative Director:

* The completed application form, which is in the *2019 Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook* or can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/youth.
* A copy of a letter or email you have sent to a state or national representative OR a copy of a published letter to the editor you wrote advocating on behalf of the Grange for a specific policy issue OR a copy of a resolution you have written and presented to your Subordinate/Community Grange with date of presentation and outcome.
* A typed analysis paper of 2,500 to 3,000 words (12 point Times New Roman font, double-spaced with one inch margins all around) illustrating the merits of a National Grange policy for the Grange as a whole, your community or state and/or rural Americans or farmers and an action plan for Grange members across the country to advocate on behalf of that policy.
* Two letters of reference: one from your State Master, and one from your State Legislative Director, State Youth Director, or a National Grange officer. The letter should address your character, ability for engagement and activism and interest in Grange policy.

Prizes: Two $800 travel scholarships to the National Grange Legislative Fly-In. All other entrants will receive certificates of participation.

## National Grange Achievement Awards

(National Program)

Achievement Awards may be earned by any Grange member of any age. If you feel this is something that you would like to participate in, 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 in in these achievement awards. Let your imagination guide you as you develop programs and reach out to people in your community.

National Achievement Awards:

* William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award
* John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award
* John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award
* Drill Achievement Award
* Caroline Hall Achievement Award
* Oliver H Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award
* Frances McDowell Trivia and Current Events Achievement Award
* Aaron B Grosh Mentoring Achievement Award
* William Ireland Deaf Awareness Achievement Award

Details of the Achievement Awards Program and the requirements for each colored seal can be found in the *2018 Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook* or at [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).

Complete the Youth Achievement Awards form and send it to the Oregon State Grange office postmarked no later than **August 15**. The Youth Director will be responsible for forwarding materials to the National Youth Director.

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# **Awards for Granges**

## Honor Grange Awards

The Honor Grange Program recognizes Subordinate/ Community Granges that have active members and are making an impact on the community.

The Honor Grange Program has three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each Oregon Grange will win a plaque when it first achieves one of these levels. Each year thereafter, if the Grange qualifies, it will receive a bronze, silver, or gold bar with the year of the award engraved to attach to the plaque.

To receive an award, each Grange must keep track of its progress for one year from January to December. The Grange should designate one member as the Tracker. At the end of the year, the Tracker will send the tracking form to the Oregon State Grange office by **5 pm, March 31, 2019** with a brief summary of what level the Grange has achieved. A plaque or bar will be awarded at the State Grange Convention in June.

To receive a **Bronze**, a Grange must achieve the following:

1. A minimum of one (1) new Subordinate or Junior member (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least ten (10) months of the year.
3. Representation of the Grange another Grange meeting or event (Pomona, or Subordinate other than your own) during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service project or activity.
5. All Quarterly Reports submitted to State Grange office on time.
6. Two (2) standing committees appointed to report at the majority of the meetings. (see Gold #6)

To receive a **Silver**, a Grange must achieve the following:

1. A minimum of three (3) new Subordinate or Junior members (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least 11 months of the year.
3. Representation of the Grange at two (2) Grange meetings or events (Pomona, or Subordinate other than your own) during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service project or activity.
5. Four (4) standing committees appointed to report at the majority of the meetings. (see Gold #6)
6. Have a delegate present at State Grange Session.
7. **Must complete at least ten (10) of the requirements (11-31) of the Gold level**.

To receive a **Gold**, a must Grange achieve the following:

1. A minimum of five (5) new Subordinate or Junior members (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least 12 months of the year.
3. Representation of the Grange at four (4) Grange meetings or events (Pomona, or Subordinate other than your own) during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service project or activity.
5. All Quarterly Reports submitted to State Grange office on time.
6. Standing Committee chairs appointed by the Master and reporting at the majority of meetings. Standing Committees are Finance, Agriculture, Legislative, Community Service, Membership and Youth.
7. Have a delegate present at State Grange Session.
8. Have one or more members present at State Grange Session, in addition to the primary delegate.
9. Conduct an annual audit.
10. **Must complete at least fifteen (15) of the following items.**
11. Hold an officers’ planning meeting and set goals for year.
12. Lecturer has a program or report at each meeting.
13. One (1) resolution on a community or legislative issue adopted by the Grange.
14. At least three (3) members, as a group, visit another Subordinate/Community Grange at least once during the year.
15. Master must attend at least two (2) Pomona meetings.
16. Hold at least one (1) activity to support the Junior Grange or Youth Program. (Example – assist at a meeting or fundraiser, help leader with activities, provide camp scholarship, etc.).
17. At least one (1) member must participate in one (1) State Grange contest or program.
18. At least one (1) member must attend and participate in one (1) yearly Grange conference (State, Western, Regional, etc).
19. Submit Community Service Annual Report bhy the due date
20. Hold at least one (1) Open House or other community activity in the hall with public invited.
21. Volunteer for a State Grange event. (examples - Ag Fest, State Fair Log Cabin, Ag Luncheon at the Legislature)
22. Participate in a parade.
23. Participate in a county/community fair.
24. Donate to the Oregon State Grange Foundation.
25. Contact a public official, county commissioner or state legislator about an issue.
26. Submit an article to the Grange Bulletin.
27. Submit an article to local/regional newspaper.
28. Grange promotion at local event. (examples – Booth at Farmers Mkt; Info table at car show; Grange month display at local library).
29. Maintain a Grange Website or social media account.
30. Host, or participate in, a community event for or in cooperation with another group or community organization. If at your hall, rent is not charged. Examples: 4-H, FFA, Ag in the Classroom, Neighborhood.
31. A member of your Grange submits an application for Agriculturalist, Volunteer of the Year, or other State or National recognition program.

## **Distinguished Grange Award**

The National Grange honors Subordinate/Community and State Granges for work done from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. To be considered, Granges must:

* Submit quarterly reports and remit dues to State Grange on time.
* Submit an annual Community Service Report.
* Maintain or increase membership.
* Host at least one visit by a State or National Grange representative who will deliver information or a message to members.
* Send a delegate(s) to State Grange Convention.
* Send at least two officers or members to the National Grange Convention, another State Grange Convention, or regional event.

In addition you must accumulate 125 or more points by completing these tasks or holding these events:

These earn 20 points each:

* Host/organize at least three community service or educational events.

These earn 15 points each:

* Participate in the National Grange membership contest by creating a display to promote your Grange. Complete and submit the contest form with all supporting documentation.
* Provide at least one brief update with photo to the National Grange Communications Department for possible inclusion in social media, newsletter, or Good Day! magazine.
* Have a net gain in Junior 1+ members.
* Hold an open house/public event to introduce the Grange to your community, engage in conversation about what the loss of organizations like ours or lack of civic engagement means for the community OR what unmet needs the Grange may be able to assist with.
* Participate in at least one State or National Grange contest, program or educational activity on food security or civic engagement/citizenship before July. 1, 2019.

These earn 10 points each:

* Attend a public meeting as a Grange, host a forum with public officials, hold a legislative event, candidate forum, Grangers Organized to Vote event or make at least one legislative issue contact with a local, state, or national public official.
* Host at least one Junior or Junior+1 event or Junior community service event.
* Host at least one Youth and/or Young Adult event/community service event.
* Provide information on planned giving through programming, workshop, handout or other method to entire Subordinate Grange membership.
* Update your grange.org website OR contact the National Grange to have your grange.org website forward to your present website. Include your meeting time, date, location, a contact and a few paragraphs about your Grange’s mission or service to the community.
* Establish or ensure current Grange Facebook PAGE is up to date (under About tab) with at least your grange’s meeting information (dates, times, place) and contact information for someone in your grange. Make sure your page shows a bit of what your grange does - community service, events, Lecturer’s programs,etc.to let visitors know what to expect if they were to join your Grange or visit.
* Invite a youth from another Grange or an FFA or 4‑H member to speak at a meeting.
* Contribute at least $100 to the National Grange Building Fund (make checks payable to National Grange) or to any National Grange Foundation fund (make checks payable to Grange Foundation).
* Honor veterans with a Patriot’s Program or nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor and host the award ceremony.
* Send a contribution to the Kelley Farm in 2019 to GRANGE FOUNDATION (note the donation to Kelley Farm). All donations from Subordinate granges will be presented to the Kelley Farm during the 153rd Annual national Grange Convention.
* Ensure that at least three members subscribe to Good Day! magazine.
* Sponsor/host an event that focuses on health, such as a health fair, 5K, blood drive, etc.
* Provide information on planned giving through a workshop, Lecturer’s event, guest speaker, or have at least one member attend a State Grange planned-giving workshop/lecture.
* Invite a State or National Grange officer (other than one who is a member of your Grange) to attend an activity or meeting and have them attend.
* Include in one of your community service activities the Heroes for your Hometown theme. Submit a copy of the event poster, digital ad or other publicity including/playing on the theme and photos of someone in Grange cape as part of the event.

These earn 5 points each:

* Submit your application online.
* Provide at least one press clip showing you are publicizing your Grange, Grange events or have a good relationship with your local press.
* Present a resolution to your State Grange to set or change Grange public policy.

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.

Paper applications will be mailed to Subordinate/ Community Grange Secretaries and can be downloaded

from [www.orgrange.org/subordinatecommunity-grange-information/](http://www.orgrange.org/subordinatecommunity-grange-information/). They must be postmarked **August 1, 2019** and sent to:

National Grange

1616 H Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20006

ATTN: Distinguished Grange

Electronic submissions can be completed via www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished no later than

**August 6, 2019 11:59 pm EDT**.

## **Distinguished Youth Program Award**

The Distinguished Youth Program Awards for Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges honor work from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

To qualify your Grange must hold a minimum of eight legal meetings in full form and earn 100 points:

* Hold at least two youth committee meetings (5 pts)
* Host a youth Lecturer’s program, service event, competition, or other youth-oriented program to entice young members to further their Grange experience (10 pts)
* Have one youth member submit an application for a state or national youth opportunity (10 pts)
* Request a copy of “Apathy Not Allowed” and complete one event (15 pts)
* Take in at least one new member between the ages of 14-35 by June 30 (5 pts)
* Have one youth column or blog post on your Grange website (5 pts)
* Have one youth compete in a Sign-A-Song competition or host a youth-oriented sign language and deaf awareness event (10 pts)
* Have one youth compete in the public speaking contest or host a youth-oriented public speaking competition (10 pts)
* Have one youth compete in a Jeopardy contest or host a youth-oriented Grange Trivia contest (10 pts)
* Organize a youth drill team (20 pts)
* Invite your State’s Young Couple, Ambassador or a State Officer who is a Youth to speak at your Grange (10 pts)
* Submit an article about a youth program or project to the National Grange Youth blog (5 pts)
* Submit a list of all youth members to the National Grange Youth Department (15 pts)
* Have one youth compete in any of the National Grange youth programs (10 pts)
* Have one youth submit an entry to the National Grange Lecturer’s Quilt Block Contest or Photo Contest (10 pts)
* Have one youth attend a state or national legislative event (15 pts)
* Submit a Right on Target Youth Award report (10 pts)
* Donate $1 per Grange member to the National Grange Foundation Youth Fund (20 pts)

The application can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth](http://www.orgrange.org/youth). Send it to the National Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **September 1, 2019**. The application must be signed by the State Master.

All Distinguished Youth Programs will be presented a certificate at the National Grange Convention and be recognized in the annual honors list.

## Grange Legacy Family Award

The National Grange recognizes families with five or more generations of members, including current Juniors. The application can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/subordinatecommunity-grange-information/](http://www.orgrange.org/subordinatecommunity-grange-information/). To be recognized at this year’s National Grange Convention, the application must be received by the National Grange no later than **August 5, 2019**

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# Scholarships

## Grange Insurance Association

Born in 1965, the [Grange Insurance Association](https://www.grange.com/about-us/history) scholarship fund began with just a few hundred dollars in rewards. The fund grows every year, with grants exceeding $30,000 today. This kind 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/](http://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?**

Two $400 scholarships 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/](http://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.).
1. Copies of previous college transcripts (does not need to be certified) and letter of acceptance if you are not currently in school.
2. 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 Luncheon 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/](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships/). Send the completed application, plus one additional page if necessary, along with a letter of recommendation from the Master 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 Master’s reference
* Financial need

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

**How much is the scholarship?**

$500

## 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/](http://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 Master.
* 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 Luncheon during the National Grange Convention.

**How much is the scholarship?**At least one $500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded if funds are available.

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These State Grange Standing Committees do not sponsor Awards, Contests or Scholarships:

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