

# 2018-19



## DISTINGUISHED GRANGE

### Application and Guidelines

The Distinguished Grange program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, fundraising and service to their communities. The 2018-19 Distinguished Granges will be honored for their work done from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The award for being named a Distinguished Grange is presented annually at the National Grange Convention at a special reception and mentioned in the 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.

#### **Submitting your Application**

The postmark or online submission deadline to submit your materials to be considered for Distinguished Grange is August 1, 2019. Applications received after this deadline will not be awarded Distinguished Grange.

Choose the easiest method for you to submit your application:

- Option 1 - Please complete the application attached and send along with any supporting documents by mail to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Distinguished Grange.
- Option 2 - You may choose to submit your application via a single online form, the link to which will be made available at [www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished](http://www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished) starting January 1, 2019.
- Option 3 - You can choose to submit your application and supporting documents via email to [l washington@nationalgrange.org](mailto:l washington@nationalgrange.org). Our servers only accept emails of 5.0 MB or smaller, so you may have to send documents in follow up emails. If so, please indicate DG – Grange Name in each subject line.

#### **Review & Assessment Prior to Deadline**

If you wish to have your application material reviewed as you believe something your Grange has completed may qualify or meet a requirement, please contact Loretta Washington at [l washington@nationalgrange.org](mailto:l washington@nationalgrange.org) prior to the August 1 deadline.

# 2019 DISTINGUISHED SUBORDINATE GRANGE APPLICATION

Grange Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Submitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Current position held in Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED

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

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

Complete a Subordinate Grange Check-In call. Call ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Send at least one Delegate (or member if you are ineligible to send a delegate or delegates) to State Grange Convention.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Send at least two Subordinate Grange members to another National, State or regional event.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Submit a community service report to your state. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Maintain or increase membership. Members as of 7/1/18 \_\_\_\_\_ Members as of 6/30/19 \_\_\_\_\_

Host at least one visit by a State or National Grange representative to your Subordinate Grange and allow them to offer information/a message to your membership. (*Attached Description (including date, etc.)*)

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

- Submit Distinguished Grange application through the online form. (5 pts.)
- Provide at least one press clip showing you are publicizing your Grange, Grange events or have a good relationship with your local press. (5 pts.)
- Present a resolution on a policy\* to your State Grange on something other than Grange Growth or Grange Law. (5 pts.) \*Make sure your State Grange and/or National Grange do not already have the same policy.
- Attend a public meeting as a Grange or host a forum with public officials for your community to attend or hold a legislative event, candidate forum, Grangers Organized to Vote event or make at least one legislative issue contact with a public official on the local, state or national level. (10 pts.)
- Host at least one Youth and/or Young Adult event/community service event. (10 pts.) (*Attach information about the event(s).*)
- Provide information on planned giving through programming, workshop, handout or other method to entire Subordinate Grange membership. (10 pts.)
- Invite a Youth from another Grange, or from FFA or 4-H, to speak at a meeting. (10 pts.)
- Honor veterans with a Patriot's Program or nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor and host the award ceremony. (10 pts.)
- Ensure that at least three members of your Grange have subscriptions to the National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day!™. (10 pts.)
- Update your grange.org website with at least meeting time, day and location and contact information for at least one officer/director OR contact the National Grange to have your grange.org website forward to your present website. Site must also include at least a few paragraphs about your Grange's mission or service to the community/ relevance. You are encouraged to connect it to your social media accounts, pictures of your Grange in action and messages from your Grange officers or committee chairs. (If you have done this in previous years, thanks! You can count it again as long as the information is up-to-date.) (10 pts.)
- 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 programming, etc., to let visitors know what to expect if they were to join your Grange or visit. (10 pts.)
- Provide to membership information on planned giving through programming, workshop/ lecturer's event, guest speaker, etc., or have at least one member of your Grange attend a State Grange planned giving workshop/lecture. (10 pts.)

- Sponsor or host an event that focuses on health, such as a health fair, 5K, blood drive, etc. (10 pts.)
- Include in one of your community service activities the Heroes for our Hometowns 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 event. (10 pts.)
- Contribute at least \$100 to the National Grange Building Fund (make checks payable to National Grange) or to any fund in the National Grange Foundation (make checks payable to Grange Foundation). (10 pts.)
- Host a Junior Event or Junior 1+ event or a Junior community service event. (10 pts.) *(Attach information about the event(s).)*
- Send a contribution for the Kelley Farm in 2019 to GRANGE FOUNDATION (note that the contribution is for Kelley Farm). All donations from Subordinate Granges will be presented to the Kelley Farm during our 153rd Annual National Grange Convention in Minnesota. (10 pts.)
- Invite a National Grange Officer (other than one who is a member of your State Grange) to attend one of your activities or meetings – and have them attend. (10 pts.) *(Provide details along with this application about event, attendance and involvement of the officer.)*
- Sponsor or host at least one contest, program or educational activity on food security or civic engagement/citizenship before July 1, 2019 or participate in at least one State or National program on food security or civic engagement. (15 pts.)
- Net gain in affiliated Junior Grange or Junior 1+ members. (15 pts.)
- Participate in the National Grange membership department contest by creating a display to promote your Grange. Complete and submit the contest form along with all supporting documentation. (15 pts.)
- Provide at least one brief update with a photo to the National Grange Communications Department for possible inclusion in the National Grange social media, newsletter or magazine, Good Day!™ (15 pts.)
- Hold an open house/public Grange event to introduce the organization to your community, engage in conversation about what the loss of organizations like ours or lack of civic engagement means for the community OR in a conversation about what needs are currently unmet in your community that a group like the Grange may be able to assist with. (15 pts.) *(Provide a description about the event and community attendance/reactions.)*
- Host/organize at least three community service or educational events. (20 pts.) Provide information on each event.

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS \_\_\_\_\_  
Minimum of 125 points required