

G.R.A.N.G.E Youth Pillar Project

An individual or a group, up to three youth/young adults, are challenged to put together an event or project within their Subordinate, Pomona, or State Grange that aligns with one of the six pillars of G.R.A.N.G.E Youth and track that project throughout the events time frame. The event or project must take place between July 1 and June 30th. Once the event or project has concluded (and throughout) youth will put together a project portfolio to show their beginning, during, and end progress. Youth will have to complete a planning guide summary to be included in their portfolio.

The Pillar Project is to hone in on the passions, creativity and leadership abilities of Grange Youth and Young Adults. The pillars are meant to be vague because, like many Granges, everything we do is unique and fits for our State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges needs. The pillars serve as the six main things that we should be striving to live by as G.R.A.N.G.E. youth.

A Planning Guide Summary will need to be submitted to the National Youth Director by September 1. Portfolios will need to be brought to National Session by State Presidents or State Youth directors by the opening of session to be put on display in the showcase.

Pillar Project Contest - NEW

(National Contest) Notify by August 15th

Rules: Project must take place between July 1st and June 30th.

- Project may be done individually or with a group of no more than 3.
- Participants will put together a project portfolio and display to be presented in front of a panel of judges at National Convention. Physical displays must be able to stand by itself and no larger than 3' by 4'. Portfolios and Displays will be put in the Grange Showcase after Judging.
- Presentation needs to be at least 5 minutes long, but no longer than 8 minutes. Time will be kept for judging purposes.
- Participants will be asked follow up questions that will last no longer than 5 minutes.
- Judging will take place on Wednesday of National Grange Convention starting at noon. An official sign-up will be sent out after entries are received.
- There will be two age divisions (If in a group, the age of the oldest group member determines the division to enter):
 - Youth - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1;

- Young Adult - Grange members between the ages of 22-35.

The Six Pillars of G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth

Growth

- Growth in the Grange can mean a lot of things. Membership growth, leadership growth, and opportunities, or even professional growth. This pillar is dedicated to all of the hard work that we put in as Grangers.

Ritual

- Grange has a very strong and distinct history. Preserving our history and relating their teaching to the present day can be tough. This pillar is dedicated to our history and finding unique ways to make it relevant to today's world.

Action

- Granges have been long known for doing things in their communities; i.e., dinners, 5K's, food drives, etc. This pillar is dedicated to that action that we do as Grangers.

Networking

- This pillar is dedicated to gaining public speaking skills to help promote the Grange or connecting with other states, people in agriculture, in legislation.

Grassroots Advocacy

- Grange, since its inception, has been working in legislation as an advocate for agriculture and rural America. This pillar is dedicated to that legislative work and advocacy work that we do as Grangers; i.e., hosting town hall meetings, lobbying.

Education

- Education has its own subheading within our Declaration of Purposes. This pillar is dedicated to preparing our youth for leadership positions and giving them the opportunity to be good leaders and empowering their leadership skills.