

Awards for Granges

Honor Grange Awards

(Oregon Program)

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. "Tracking Form" <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/awards-and-recognition/>

At the end of the year, the Tracker will send the tracking form to the Oregon State Grange office by **March 31**, 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 President 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. President 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 by 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.

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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 through June 30. To be considered, Granges must:

- Submit quarterly reports and remit dues to State Grange on time.
- Submit an annual Community Service Report.
- 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, a Grange must accumulate 100 or more points by completing several tasks and/or holding events worth 5 – 20 points each. For application forms and a list of items qualifying for points, find the link to the National Grange website at <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/awards-and-recognition/>

Distinguished Granges will be honored at the National Grange Convention 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.

The application form maybe filled out online, via email to lwashington@nationalgrange.org or downloaded, printed and mailed. Deadline for online or emailing is **11:59 p.m. EDT on August 1 2023**. They must be postmarked **August 1, 2023** and sent to:

National Grange
1616 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006
ATTN: Distinguished Grange

Grange In Action Program

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this

program. Granges who wish to be recognized at the National Convention as a “Grange In Action” should complete the following requirements:

- A. Submit a 1-page letter size with pictures and caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Sept 1 of the previous year to Sept 1 of the present year – anything over 1 page will be disqualified
- B. The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- C. On a separate page please include the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of whom submitted the Grange in Action
- D. Granges that qualify for the Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition in the same year.
- E. Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is **September 25** postmark or electronic by midnight on **September 25**.
- F. Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington – 1616H Street, NW, 11th Washington, DC 20006
- G. Email to Loretta Washington at: lwashington@nationalgrange.org please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report

Distinguished Youth Program Award

The Distinguished Youth Program Awards for Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges honor work from July 1 through June 30. To qualify your Grange must hold a minimum of 12 legal meetings in full form (four for Pomonas) and earn 100 points:

The application can be downloaded from <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/awards-and-recognition> Send it to the National Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **September 1**. 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 <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/awards-and-recognition/>. To be recognized at this year’s National Grange Convention, the application must be received by the National Grange no later than the **first Monday in August**.

National Grange Publicity Item Contest

RULES

- The National Grange Publicity Item Contest is open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community, Junior), Grange committees, or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+).
- A Publicity Item may be a flyer, poster or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button, or another wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange. “Out of the box” ideas are welcomed!
- All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://bit.ly/grangepublicity2023> by **September 1, 2023**.
- There are two (2) divisions:

Created by a professional (paid or in-kind).

Created in-house (without professional assistance).
- There is no limit on the number of publicity items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee, or Grange group.
- Entries should be created since the previous deadline (July 1, 2022).
- If your publicity item is wearable or otherwise 3-dimensional, please take a photo of the item and submit the photo.
- Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.
- Any entry submitted may be shared by the National Grange via social media, email, website, or other means.
- Winners will be announced at the 2023 National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st – \$200, 2nd – \$100, 3rd – \$50 and 4th – \$25 in each division.

National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

Changing climate and the challenge it presents to farmers and gardeners alike is a concern for all of us. This challenge is to help educate and inform us as we closely follow the day-to-day changes in weather and phenology in our local areas. Use of the various Weather Watcher Partnership sites will be of help to complete this challenge.

GUIDELINES

- A. The National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge is open to everyone.
- B. All entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**.
- C. Entries may be submitted electronically as a single file at <https://bit.ly/grangeweather2023> or mailed as a packet to:

Ann Bercher, National Lecturer
777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310
Excelsior, MN 55331
- D. Groups and Divisions:
 - a. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)
 - b. Individual Adult (age 14 +)
 - c. Group (all ages such as members at a Grange hall)
- E. Entries must include:
 - a. Entry information
 - b. Completed Weather Watcher Form from September 1, 2022 – August 15, 2023
(or whenever you start this first year)
- F. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.
- G. Winners will be announced at the National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.

Data Collection Sheets and Entry Forms may be download from the National Grange website

www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-National-Grange-Guide-to-Contests.pdf