

## 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](mailto:lwashington@nationalgrange.org) or downloaded, printed and mailed. Deadline for online or emailing is **11:59 p.m. EDT on August 1 2024**. They must be postmarked **August 1, 2024** 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:

- B. 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
- C. The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- D. On a separate page please include the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of whom submitted the Grange in Action
- E. Granges that qualify for the Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition in the same year.
- F. Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is **September 25** postmark or electronic by midnight on **September 25**.
- G. Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington – 1616 H Street, NW, 11<sup>th</sup> Washington, DC 20006
- H. Email to Loretta Washington at: [lwashington@nationalgrange.org](mailto: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/grangepublicity2024> by September 1, 2024.
- 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, 2023).
- 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, 2024 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 2024 National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.

### PRIZES

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

## National Grange TikTok/Reels Challenge

Objective: To encourage members to spread the message of the Grange using 21st-century social media technology

### Rules:

1. Create a 30-60 second video, designed for social media channels
2. The video should serve as a commercial for your Grange or a Grange program at any level (Junior, Youth, Subordinate/Community, County/Pomona, State, or National)
3. Must be filmed vertically / portrait
4. Must be posted to a public profile on TikTok, Facebook, or Instagram
5. Must adhere to National Grange standards as prescribed in the Communications Handbook, as well as the standards and terms of use of the site on which the video is posted. Anything deemed objectionable or profane by the judges will be disqualified.
6. Use of any outdated or unofficial Grange logos/emblems will also result in disqualification. If you have any questions about current logos, please check with Philip Vonada ([pvonada@nationalgrange.org](mailto:pvonada@nationalgrange.org))
7. Must include captions for Deaf/heard-of-hearing audiences
8. Must be posted between January 1, 2024 and August 31, 2024.
9. To enter, fill out the JotForm at this link: [grange.biz/ngtiktok2024](https://grange.biz/ngtiktok2024) and include the link to your video.
10. One person may submit or be a part of no more than a total of two group or individual entries.
11. Use the hashtag #growwithgrange in your posts and tag the National Grange TikTok account @nationalgrange.
12. Any Juniors or Youth may have their TikTok/Reels posted on an adult's profile. Juniors may also have adult help in creating their entry.

Entry Deadline: September 1, 2024

Ideas: Make it short, snappy, and engaging. This is designed to be a public video that will encourage people to get involved in the Grange. Email Philip Vonada ([pvonada@nationalgrange.org](mailto:pvonada@nationalgrange.org)) if you need access to current, correct logos.

This is a great way for younger and older members to work together. Any group will be placed in the age group of the oldest person involved.

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Winners will be announced prior to National Grange Session, so the videos can be collected and shown during the Evening of Honors at the 158th Annual National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, IA.

### Categories:

- Juniors (5-14) (1st-3rd place)
- Youth (15-21) (1st-3rd place)
- Young Adult (22-35) (1st-3rd place)
- Adult (Age 36+) (1st -3rd place)

### Prizes (in all categories):

- 1st - \$100
- 2nd - \$75
- 3rd - \$50

Judges will include (but are not limited to) the National Grange Communications, Membership/Leadership, Junior, and Youth/Young Adult Directors, as well as some former Communication Fellows or Youth/Junior Ambassador Team members who are not from a state that has entered.

## Heirloom Program Contests

**Category 1. Heirloom Program Supplementary Materials.** Any member (of any membership class) may submit an item that uses monthly lessons from the annual period through which the contest runs. The supplementary material can be any item that helps individuals connect to the lesson, such as a poem, a game or activity, a short story, a cryptogram, a cartoon, an adult coloring page, a social media post, a calligraphy page or other material – any supplemental item that may start a discussion or convey the lesson.

You need not compete at the Junior, Subordinate, Pomona or State level in order to enter your submission – send it directly to the National Grange. You are highly encouraged to distribute and use the item submitted at your local Grange; however, it is not required that it was used in order to be entered. Entries considered excellent may be shared with Granges around the nation.

Any member Junior, Subordinate Grange or E-member may enter

### Deadline

Postmark/digital deadline: **September 1, 2024**

Prizes: Each lesson (month) will be judged independently, then first place finishers from each class and month will go on to be judged for Best of Show

- First Place, \$10 per month & ribbon + Additional “Finalist” or place ribbons per monthly category and class may be awarded

- Seasonal Best of Show (from all monthly First Place winners of both classes of the season) - \$25 per season
- Overall Best of Show (from all seasonal Best of Show winners from both classes) - \$100

### Category 2. Heirlooms in Daily Life – Digital Display

This category encourages individuals and families to present a look at how they have incorporated (manifested) at least two of the Grange Heirloom lessons from the previous year in their daily lives.

Submissions can be in the form of video collages (with various moving or still image types, music, narration, effects, etc.) or video scrapbooks (with still images and text/effects). Content of the videos/scrapbooks may include video clips, photos, designs, short letters/reflections, essays, poetry or other material that is original work of the submitter(s). Submitters are highly encouraged to use a platform such as Canva.com to create their submission so they are able to add music, sound, narration, effects and text as they wish to their video/scrapbook.

Special Considerations: • Video/photos may be taken by others (ex. submitter is in video/photo, but video/photo is taken by a friend or neighbor), however submitter must ensure the person who takes the video/photo authorizes submission into the contest.

Junior entries should be primarily designed and constructed by the Junior member with minimal help from Junior Leaders or other youth/adults.

### Contest Details

- Class A. Individual Junior Member
- Class B. Individual Subordinate Fraternal, Associate or E-Member
- Class C. Family Member(s) [defined for this contest as at least two or more individuals representing two or more generations of Grange members

Deadline: September 1, 2024

Prizes: Participant Ribbons for all Entries meeting minimum criteria  
\$150 First Place; \$100 Second Place; \$50 Third Place for each class.

Complete details and submittal information for Heirloom Program Contests available at:

[www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-National-Grange-Contest-Guide.pdf](http://www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-National-Grange-Contest-Guide.pdf)