

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 two 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 orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/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 Polk County Fairgrounds from Saturday June 17 through Wednesday June 21 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:

- Officers will be required to wear appropriate dress clothes, must be able to attach a boutonniere (no jeans)
- Officers will wear dress shoes, no stilettos (mark the floor) and no athletic 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 President and Youth Chair or Secretary. The application can be downloaded from 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 secure one letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/Community Grange President 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 President 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
Personal Essay	100
Application	50
Letter of Recommendation	50
Possible:	200

Youth & Young Adult Contests

The application package consisting of the Oregon Teenager Award Application, essay and one letter of recommendation 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.

Oregon Ambassador, Outstanding Young Adult & Young Couple – National Horizon Ambassador & Young Patron Programs (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 attend a regional youth conference in the year they apply and a State Convention in the past two years. Applicant must also participate in Prepared Speech at regional conference.
- Applicant must submit an example of a social media post used to promote membership and a short essay about why they wish to be considered for National Grange Youth leadership team.

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 President or Secretary
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The application form must be completed and sent with a letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/ Community Grange President or Secretary to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **May 15**. The application form is downloaded from orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/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 President or Secretary, the State President 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

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description and photos may be displayed at various events throughout the Convention.

- Ambassadors and Young Patrons (Oregon Outstanding Young Adults or Young Couple) are required 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.
- NEW Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Couples must present a 30-minute workshop at National Convention
- NEW Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Couples must submit the following along with their application:
 - An example of a social media post that would be used to promote membership
 - A short essay (350- 500 words) about why they want to be considered for the National Grange Youth Leadership Team
- 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.
- Ambassadors are required to attend the Youth Tour and Celebration Banquet.
- The National Grange GROW Club will provide tickets for the GROW 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.

National Grange Youth Officers Team Youth Officer Council (National Program)

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: September 1

Applications must be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director Samantha Wilkins, 21578 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, TX 78264

Purpose: The purpose of the Youth Officer Council is for Grange Youth and Young Adults to provide valuable input on current and future programming, fundraising, youth events at Annual Session, regional conferences, and other youth and young adults-focused events AND to assemble a team of Youth from across the nation to open the National Grange convention on Friday morning at the annual session. This will provide more youth with an opportunity to participate in the National Grange Convention.

Duties include –The Youth Officer Team- Opening Drill and Open the Grange at National Session AND once selected to the Youth Officer Team they will automatically serve for one year on the Youth Officer Council. (October to September)

The Youth Officers Council would be required to meet:

- Pre- Convention Meeting in October (zoom)
- In-Person in November at National Convention
- Post-Convention in December (zoom)
- And attend at least two additional meetings held on the third Sunday of even numbered months (*prior to Youth Yammerings*) on Zoom or another virtual platform
- The Grange Youth Officer Council will march in, open the Grange in the fourth degree and march out during National Grange Convention.
- President, Vice-President, 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.

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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 2020 Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook or can be downloaded from orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/.

- Those applying for a position should be Grange members who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age.
- The National Grange Youth Development Director may 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.
- Applicants must have attended a regional conference the same year they apply and participate in the Impromptu Speech or Grange Commercial contest. If applicant is their state winner for prepared speech or sign a song contest, they will fulfill this requirement.
- Youth may not serve twice in the same office. Pomona and Flora will be considered one office as well as Executive Committee.
- Youth Officers will participate in an Officer Meet and Greet at National Session on Wednesday night. This is a networking and learning opportunity for the Grange Youth.
- **NEW** Youth Officers will be required to attend Thursday morning of session to see the delegate body at work and observe what National Grange officers do.
- Youth Officers, or their individual states, are responsible for their own transportation, hotel costs, Youth Tour, and some meal costs. Youth housing (4 per room) at the National Convention will be available for any who wish to participate.***
- Youth Officers are required to attend the Youth Tour and the Celebration Banquet. Youth Chaplain will be required to attend the GROW Club Banquet to give the blessing.
- Each applicant will be notified of the results no later than September 15th, so that each has adequate time to make travel arrangements
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from a member of their local Grange –preferably President – and state youth director or state President. Letters of recommendation should be from the year of application.
- 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 Youth officers.

- Current Horizon Leadership Ambassadors and John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience delegates are not eligible to apply.

*** 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, a small stipend to provide financial assistance will be given for lodging and meals AFTER National Grange Convention based on participation.

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 *2023 Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook* or can be downloaded from orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/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 President, State Youth Director and your State Grange President.
- Applicants must attend a regional conference the year they apply and participate in either Sign-a-Song or the Prepared Speech contest.
- 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 President in making selection of participants and committee assignment. 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 Baseball (National Contest)

Grange Baseball gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas while enhancing king, problem solving, communications, and listening skills. Questions will be gathered from the National Grange roster, Youth and Junior programs, past trivia challenges, manual, degrees, Grange history books, Digest of Laws, Journal of Proceedings, etc.

Regional contests:

- Regional Participants will be divided into two teams: Blue Agates or Golden Sheaves. State affiliations do not matter.
 - Play will last for five innings or an hour and a half. In the case of a tie-breaker, an extra inning will be played.
 - Each team will get 3 outs per inning. (An out is an incorrect answer.)
 - When a player gets up to bat a question will be randomly chosen for them. The difficulty and type of question are based on the following:
 - Single – True/False
 - Double – Multiple Choice
 - Triple- Fill in the Blank
 - Home run – Short Answer
 - The type of base hit will determine the difficulty of the question.
 - Participants will have 15 seconds to answer a single or double question; 30 seconds to answer a triple or home run question.
- Once the teams have been decided, the teams will choose a line-up. Teams cannot help the batter answer a question.
- Statistics will be kept on each individual player. The three players from each region with the best slugging percentages will represent the region at National. These participants will be referred to as "Silver Sluggers".
- For anyone not participating, team cheering sections are highly encouraged. Cheer gear will be provided by the National Grange Youth Department.
- Anyone may participate at a regional level. Only Juniors/Youth/Young Adults will be able to participate at National session.

The State Grange will pay mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-nights shared lodging, and registration, which includes group meals. The contest at the Western Regional Conference will follow the same format as the national contest.

National winners will receive a ribbon.

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.

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 President, Vice-President, 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. Teams that intend to enter must notify the National Youth Director by September 1.

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

Notification of Entry: September 1

Rules:

- a. Project must take place between July 1st and June 30th.
- b. Project may be done individually or with a group of no more than 3.
- c. Participants will put together a project portfolio and display to be presented in front of a panel of judges at National Convention. Physical display must be able to stand by itself and no larger than 3' by 4'.
- d. Presentation needs to be at least 5 minutes long, but no longer than 8 minutes. Time will be kept for judging purposes.
- e. Participants will be asked follow up questions that will last no longer than 5 minutes.
- f. 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.
- g. Portfolios and Displays will be put in the Grange Showcase after Judging.
- h. There will be two age divisions:
 - Youth - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1;
 - Young Adult - Grange members between the ages of 22-35.

Note: If in a group, the age of the oldest group member determines the division to enter.

Participants will be judged on:

- Non-Verbal Skills: Eye contact, Body Language, Poise
- Verbal Skills: Elocution, Enthusiasm, Delivery
- Content: Subject Knowledge, Organization, Grammar/Mechanics
- Appearance : Appropriateness for their presentation

Displays and Project Portfolios will be judged on:

Appearance: Neatness, appealing, creativity
Content: Divided into 5 sections, includes a complete Project Summary Page Organization of Content
Mechanics: Grammatical Accuracy and Sentence Structure

Grange Inter-State Youth Exchange

(National Program) Due August 1st

The GISYE program provides the opportunity for exchange visits between youth Grange members and families in different states. The exchange, of 7 to 10 days in length, is designed to help the young Grangers to develop a better understanding of the community and Grange life in other areas. By thus building interest, enthusiasm and the increased youth membership should result.

Youth Officer T-Shirt Design Contest

(National Program)

Youth Officers will be provided a shirt to wear at National Convention during the Youth Opening . Any Youth or Young Adult may submit a design to be voted on via social media votes.

- Designs must be no more than two colors and front design only.
- Designs must be submitted in a .PNG or .JPEG image via email to the National Grange Youth Director (youth@nationalgrange.org) no later than September 1.
- Voting will take place from September 5-15th. Winning Designs will be announced after Sept 15th.

All entries must be submitted with a waiver of release found in the National Grange Youth Handbook.

Junior Mentor Award

(National Program) Due August 15th

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.

Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award

(National Program) Due August 15th

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. 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) Due August 15th

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 another 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.

NJHA and Grange Youth Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest - NEW

This year, the National Grange Youth Department and National Junior Horticultural Association have partnered together to encourage horticultural education.

Horticultural education was a passion of Wib Justi, first National Grange Youth Development Director. He was involved with NJHA, fostering a partnership between the two organizations.

Started in 2015, a Grange division has been added to the NJHA Horticultural Identification and Judging Contest. In addition, Grange youth can participate in other NJHA national contests.

To learn more about these contests and for entry deadlines, go to www.njha.org.

Sign-A-Song Contest

(Oregon and National Program) Notify by May 15th
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.

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- Participants must inform the audience and judges what type of sign language they will be using (Pidgen, ASL, ESL, etc.).

Judging guidelines

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/.

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. For Showcase acts a stipend may be awarded to each participant from the National Grange Foundation. (*Provided after the Evening of Excellence at National Convention.*)

State Ritual Contest

(Oregon Contest) Notify by June 18th

Our Grange ritual contains important lessons and advice for members, but many Granges no longer use the Opening and Closing Ceremonies let alone exemplify

the degrees. The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to read the manual, identify a favorite passage, memorize it, and deliver it with expression to communicate its meaning to their fellow members.

Age categories (as of January 1)

- Youth 14-21 years of age
- Young Adult 22-35 years of age

Rules

- Select a favorite passage to memorize and recite from these parts of the Manual:
 - Chaplain's prayer from Opening the Grange.
 - Master's charge from Closing the Grange.
 - An officer's part in the First, Second, Third, or Fourth Degrees. The passage should be 100 words or more in length. However, if your favorite passage is Flora's part in the First Degree, you could add Flora's charge in the Fourth Degree after an appropriate transition.
 - The Installing Officer's part in the Installation of Officers: the opening, obligation, or the charge for any of the officers.
- The contestant should begin by identifying the passage (officer, which degree or opening, closing, or installation), and explain why they selected it. Be sure to include anything listeners should know that happened prior to this passage that could affect their understanding of it. This introduction should be less than two minutes in length.
- The competition will be held during the State Grange Convention. Those planning to enter must notify the State Youth Director by first day of State Session so that judges can be provided with copies of the passage.
- Delivery is to be from memory. The contestant cannot have a copy of the Manual or any papers to aid them but can designate a prompter.

Judging Criteria

Judging Criteria	Points
Introduction: Appropriately set the scene	10
Memorization: Accurately delivered the written words without hesitation or prompting	25
Voice: Spoken clearly, easy to understand	10
Stage Presence: Posture and gestures appropriate, nervousness controlled	20
Expression: Communicated the meaning of the passage to listeners, held their attention by appropriately varying rate or vocal range	25
Difficulty: Met the challenge of difficult wording, pronounced words correctly	10

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

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Public Speaking Contest

(Oregon and National Contest) Notify by May 15th

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/.
- 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. For Showcase acts a stipend may be awarded to each participant from the National Grange Foundation. (*Provided after the Evening of Excellence at National Convention.*)

Judging Criteria	Points
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

Grange Commercial

A Grange commercial is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Prior to regional contest participant(s) must film and edit themselves doing a commercial for the Grange. Can include up to five people in the commercial. Commercial should last between 30-60 seconds. The participants must provide a written script. Commercials must be submitted to the National Grange Youth Director prior to the competition.

Judging Criteria	Points
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.

Youth & Young Adult Contests

Judging Guidelines:	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 Grange Commercial 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 lodging, and registration, which includes group meals.
- National Grange will provide ribbons to the top three entrants in each division and age category
- One overall winner (a Prepared Speech or Grange Commercial) 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. . For Showcase acts a stipend may be awarded to each participant from the National Grange Foundation. (Provided after the Evening of Excellence at National Convention.)

Full descriptions and forms of National contests, scholarships, awards and opportunities including some not listed above are not yet finalized. We anticipate that they will be able to be downloaded from the National Grange Youth web site, under the News and Resources, tab, Youth Downloads, at this URL

nationalgrangeyouth.org/youth-downloads/

Youth Ambassador/Young Patron Contestants Prepared Speech Contest

State Ambassador and Young Patrons are required to give a prepared speech at their regional conference the year they apply for the National Grange Youth Leadership Team. They must present a speech on one of the following topics:

- What does Grange mean to me?
- What is leadership?
- How can you apply the National Grange mission statement to your future endeavors in the Grange

The same guidelines as Prepared Speech should be followed. Speeches in this category WILL NOT be chosen for Best of Show. Ambassadors/Young Patrons wanting to compete for Best of Show shall enter additionally in prepared speech.

Grange Display Contest

(National Program) Due June 18th

The goal of the Grange Display contest is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house or other forum to promote the Grange, Grange program or Grange issue. The theme of the display must be Grange related.

- Displays must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by **noon** on **Sunday** of convention.
- Folding Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself. Digital displays must be on a flash drive and in .MP4, .MPG, WMA format.
- 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

Judging Criteria	Points
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.

Youth Sponsored Awards & Contests for All Ages

Code Reading/Grange Ritual Contest

(National Contest) Notify two weeks prior to regionals

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 President at president@orange.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
- Patron's 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
- Patron's grip
- Patron's 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.orange.org/youth/.
- Each Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange as well as each OSG youth officer may nominate one member each year.



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