

Distinguished Grange Award

The National Grange honors Subordinate/Community and State Granges for work done from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. To be considered, Granges must:

- Submit quarterly reports and remit dues to State Grange on time.
- Submit an annual Community Service Report.
- Maintain or increase membership.
- 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, you must accumulate 125 or more points by completing these tasks or holding these events:

These earn 20 points each:

- Maintain or increase membership.
- Host/organize at least three community service or educational events.

These earn 15 points each:

- Achieve a net gain in your Junior Grange or Junior 1+ members.
- Hold an open house/public event to introduce the Grange to your community, engage in conversation about what the needs are currently unmet in your community that a group like the Grange may be able to assist with.
- Sponsor or host at least one contest, program or educational activity on food security or a health-related topic (i.e. opioid crisis).

These earn 10 points each:

- 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.
- 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 local, state, or national public official.
- Host at least one Junior or Junior+1 event or Junior community service event.
- Host at least one Youth and/or Young Adult event/community service event.
- Update your grange.org website OR contact the National Grange to have your grange.org website forward to your present website. Include your meeting time, date, location, a contact and a few paragraphs about your Grange's mission or service

to the community/relevance. (if you have done this in previous years, thanks! You can count it again IF the information is up to date.)

- 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 programs, etc. to let visitors know what to expect if they were to join your Grange or visit.
- Invite a youth from another Grange or an FFA or 4-H member to speak at a meeting.
- Contribute at least \$100 to the National Grange Building Fund (make checks payable to National Grange) or to any National Grange Foundation fund (make checks payable to Grange Foundation).
- Honor veterans with a Patriot's Program or nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor and host the award ceremony.
- Ensure that at least three members subscribe to Good Day! magazine.
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These earn 5 points each:

- Provide at least one press clip showing you are publicizing your Grange, Grange events or have a good relationship with your local press.
- Present a resolution to your State Grange on something other than Grange Growth or Grange Law. *Make sure your State Grange and/or National Grange do not already have the same policy.

Distinguished Granges will be honored at a special reception 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.

Paper applications will be mailed to Subordinate/Community Grange Secretaries and can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/subordinatecommunity-grange-information/. They must be postmarked **August 1, 2020** and sent to:

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

Electronic submissions can be completed via www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished no later than **August 6, 2020 11:59 pm EDT**.