

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 Master 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 complete the requirements of two seals from the National Achievement Program prior to the State Grange Convention.
- Applicants must secure one letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/Community Grange Master 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 Master 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

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.