

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(s):

- One male and one female teenager between the ages of 14 and 15 will be selected to receive this honor.
- The Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges must certify all applicants as eligible. This certification will be evidence by submitting a completed Oregon Teenager Application, which must be signed by the applicant and the Subordinate/Community Grange Master (president) or Secretary.
- Applicants must submit an essay of at least 300 but no more than 500 words on 'How could the grange youth program be more welcoming to 14 and 15 year olds just entering the program?'
- Applicants must complete the requirements of two seals from the National Achievement Program prior to state session.
- Applicant must attend 50% of their Subordinate/Community Grange meetings and one Pomona meeting from June 30 of the previous year to July 1 of the current year.
- Applicants must secure one letter of recommendation from one of the following individuals; Subordinate/Community Grange Master (president) or Secretary and/or Pomona Youth Chairperson.
- A three-person committee appointed by the State Master and/or State Youth Director shall select the state winners.

- The winners will be announced at the youth banquet on Thursday evening of State convention. They will receive a certificate and \$25.
- Previous winners are not eligible to compete again.
- You must be able to complete all aspects of the application and the other requirements to be eligible.

- Judges will score applicants on the following:

Personal Essay	100 points
Application	50 points
Letter of Recommendation	50 points
Total Possible	200 points

- The application package consisting of the Oregon Teenager Application, essay, one letter of recommendation and verification of completion of at least two seals from the National Achievement Program must be submitted to the State Youth Director by **May 15**.