

Oregon Young Adult

The Oregon State Grange Youth Department selects an outstanding young adult. The individuals selected will have to demonstrate that they have leadership abilities, have gained personal achievement by being involved in their communities, and are committed to the Grange.

The following criteria will be used to select the Young Adult of the Year.

- Young adults must be single members who are 22 years old and cannot have reached their 36th birthday by September 30 of the application year.
- The Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges must certify the applicant as eligible. This certification will be evidenced by submitting a completed Oregon Horizon Leadership Ambassador Application, which must be signed by the applicant, Subordinate/Community Master and/or Youth Chairperson or Secretary.
- Applicants must submit an essay of at least 500 words but no more than 750 words on "How would you change the Grange?"
- Each applicant must submit two letters of recommendation from their Subordinate/Community Grange, preferably Master or Secretary. These letters should be no more than a single page in length and should verify the involvement of the applicant in Grange activities.
- Applicants must complete the requirements of two seals from the National Achievement Program prior to state session.
- Applicants 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.

- The application package consisting of the Oregon Horizon Leadership Ambassador Application, essay, letters of recommendation, and verification of completion of at least two seals from the National Achievement Program must be submitted to the State Youth Co-Directors by **May 15**.
- A three-person committee appointed by the State Master and/or State Youth Director shall select the state winners. Judges will score applicants on the following items:

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| Personal essay | 100 pts |
| Application | 50 pts |
| Letters of recommendation (2) | 50 pts |
| Total possible | 200 pts |

- The winner will be announced at the youth banquet on Thursday evening of the state session. They will receive a certificate and a \$50.
- The Young Adult 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 activities.
- Previous winners are not eligible to compete again.