

### National Grange Achievement Awards

Achievement Awards may be earned by **any Grange member of any age**. If you feel this is something that you would like to participate in and take the time and effort to meet the requirements and wish to receive a certificate, please complete the tasks for each seal and certificate.

- Seals do not have to be earned in any order.
- A certificate will be issued with the first seal earned for each individual Achievement Award in a given year. Additional seals will be sent separately if applied for at different times.
- Many ideas for programs, projects and workshops can be developed from the guidelines presented in these Achievement Awards. Let your imagination guide you as you develop programs and reach out to people in your community.

#### Drill Achievement Award

Drills are impressive and a method of teaching team work. Learning to work with other people is an important skill in life. The Founders worked as a team to create this wonderful organization and many people over the years have continued to work as a team to keep it going.

Minimum number of people in a drill is three (3). There is no maximum limit.

**Sapphire:** To earn this seal an individual must participate in a drill presentation at your Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange or participate in a school drill or other organization drill. You will need to obtain a letter from the Grange, school or organization official verifying your participation.

**Emerald:** Participate in a drill presentation at your state Grange Youth Camp, convention or drill competition. You will need to obtain a letter

from an official verifying your participation and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Silver:** Participate in a regional drill presentation or competition. Your participation needs to be verified by an official in the region and sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Ruby:** Create an original drill and lead a group in the drill at your Subordinate/Community, Pomona, State Grange, Regional Conference or in a school or other organization setting. Submit a copy of the drill to the National Youth Development Director along with a list of all the participants.

**Gold:** Prepare and present a workshop on drills. Send a copy of your material to the National Youth Development Director with the date the workshop was presented and the number of people who attended along with your evaluation for improving the workshop. (A newspaper article may meet these requirements.)

Any member who completes all five levels in one calendar year will receive a special achievement award lapel pin.

#### Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award

**Sapphire:** Prepare and present a speech to your Grange or another group. Your Subordinate/Community Grange youth chairman or Master may verify your participation by writing a confirmation letter, which is to be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Emerald:** Present your speech at a Pomona Grange activity, meeting or other county activity. Your Pomona Youth chairman or Master may verify your participation by writing a confirmation letter and sending it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Silver:** Participate in your State Grange's public speaking program. State Youth Co-Directors will apply for this achievement award for participants. All state winners will compete at the regional program, which will be held at the regional youth conferences.

**Ruby:** Participate in your regional public speaking program.

**Gold:** Prepare and present a workshop on public speaking for your local Grange or another group. Obtain a letter of confirmation from the Master or person in charge of the group and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

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### **Francis McDowell Grange Trivia Challenge**

**Purpose:** To increase the knowledge of Grange trivia, events and world events.

- The challenge will be in a written format. The questions will include but not be limited to the Grange fourth degree manual, the Digest, Grange history books, the National Grange Officers and Directors, and local news media (national and international stories).
- Awards will be a certificate noting the completion of the challenge for those who score above 75%.
- Challenges may be obtained at any time by contacting the National Youth Development Director or from the National Grange Youth website [www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/](http://www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/).
- When you have completed the challenge return it to the National Youth Development Director.
- Horizon Leadership participants will be expected to complete the Trivia Challenge

prior to attending and participating in the National convention.

### **Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Achievement Award**

To encourage youth to mentor Junior Grange members or younger youth in the community through such programs as foster care, and Big Brothers and Sisters, Imagine the Possibilities.

**Sapphire:** Assist the Junior Grange leader with Junior Grange meetings and activities. Obtain a letter confirming your assistance from the Junior Leader and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. If no Junior Grange exists in your area, look for other clubs to assist, such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts or volunteer to read at story hour at your local library, etc.

**Emerald:** Contact other mentoring programs (4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Big Brothers, Big Sisters) to determine if you can be of assistance in any of their programs or volunteer to read at story hour at your local library once a month for a period of six months. Obtain a letter from those organizations of the work you do participate in and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Silver:** Become a counselor for your State Junior Grange Camp, or counselor at any other camp (4-H, church, etc.). Obtain a letter from the camp director confirming your participation as a counselor, which should be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Ruby:** Be a buddy for any Junior Grange member attending the state convention. Obtain a letter from an official stating your participation as a buddy and give a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Gold:** Mentor a Junior Grange member at the Regional Youth conference.

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### **ITSPY Achievement Award**

Founders Ireland, Trimble, Thompson and Saunders added significantly to the development of the Grange. Their contributions were each unique. Therefore exploring various topics or trying something new and different can develop skills that a person might use the rest of their life. You'll never know if you don't try.

**Sapphire:** Select an **area of interest**, learn as much about your selection as you can, prepare an exhibit and exhibit it at a community/county fair, Grange fair or exhibit day or meeting, trade fair, or in a local business. (Examples include animals, crops, home improvements, home economics skills, science, woodworking, mechanical, computer technology, photography, art, musical talent, theatrical talents, the possibilities are endless...) Take pictures of your project, keep records of the expenses involved in the project, compare the costs involved with the potential profit, evaluate and write a conclusion about your project. Keep all your information in a notebook and present it to your State Youth Director, who will apply for your achievement award.

**Emerald:** Explore a career in any area of interest and write a summary of what you learned and what you decided about that career. Send a copy of the summary to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Ruby:** Develop, print and distribute a brochure, table tent card or display of your Grange. Send a copy of the brochure, table tent card or a picture of the display to the National Grange Youth Development Director. Or publish a newsletter for your Grange or develop and/or design or maintain a webpage or create a video or PowerPoint presentation promoting your Grange or a special activity sponsored by the Grange. Also included a Facebook,

Myspace and U-tube presentations. Send a copy to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Silver:** Research an issue important to your community, state or nation. See if there is an existing Grange policy. Review existing policy and decide if it is still current. If no policy exists or the current Grange policy needs updating, write a resolution for Grange passage. Submit the resolution for consideration at your Subordinate/Community Grange. Write a report on your findings and any actions that were taken. Have your State Youth Co-Directors verify the work and send a copy to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Gold:** Participate in the state Grange legislative experience as a session delegate for your Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange or in a state legislative experience program. Or, participate in a State or National Grange legislative day/trip/fly-in. Or schedule a meeting with an elected official to discuss a Grange issue. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master verify participation.

Any member who completes four levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin.

### **Caroline Hall Achievement Award**

Caroline A. Hall is recognized as the "eighth" founder of the Grange. One of the many gifts she brought to the organization was the gift of music. She was a major force behind the production of the first Grange Song Book. This award will recognize those who are still contributing talent to the Grange and to their community. Another of the things she was noted for was her contribution to her community.

**Sapphire:** Share a specific talent you have in one of your Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange programs. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth

Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance and the number of people in attendance.

**Emerald:** Participate in a community service project. Obtain a letter of verification from the project coordinator and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the dates you helped with the project and as many specifics as possible.

**Silver:** Share a specific talent you have at one of your State Grange activities or enter a talent contest, which doesn't have to be a Grange talent contest. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman or contest coordinator and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance and the number of people in attendance.

**Ruby:** Share a specific talent at a Regional Conference, assist with planning games or workshops. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance and the number of people in attendance.

**Gold:** Assist in organizing or organize a local Grange community talent show or a community service project. Newsletters and other forms of publicity should be utilized. Submit a copy of the program, which includes the name of the program or project, the names of the people participating and the title of their performance with the number in attendance and date to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

**Copper:** Participate in or organize a fundraiser for a charity and complete the report form for the Caroline A. Hall T.L.C. recognition program. For the report, send details on the event/speaker, number in attendance, and preplanning and post-planning checklists/comments.

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### **William Ireland Deaf Awareness Achievement Award**

For many years, the National Grange has recognized the importance of communication skills and community service. One program that has been the hallmark of the organization has been its commitment to deaf awareness. For 2010, the National Grange Youth program recognizes our long-term association with this issue with a unique achievement award.

Offered only for 2010, the featured achievement award will recognize both youth and state youth programs for participating in this achievement award program.

**Sapphire:** Learn the manual alphabet. Demonstrate it to someone proficient in sign language. (It can be done at a sign-a-song contest.) Send verification letter to the National Youth Development Director.

**Emerald:** Develop a deaf awareness display or program. Present/display it at a Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange meeting. Send a copy of the program or photo of this display with verification letter from the local youth director or Master to the National Youth Development Director.

**Silver:** Participate in state sign-a-song contest, enter an educational display at state session, or present a workshop on sign language at state session or youth conference.

**Ruby:** Participate in a regional sign-a-song contest or present a speech on deaf awareness at regional youth conference.

**Gold:** Participate in the Evening of Excellence sign-a-song contest at National Grange or develop an educational publication (such as a

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brochure, website, PowerPoint, or video) to promote deaf awareness and/or sign language.

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