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Grange Youth 2014 Focus Areas: You develop and submit YOUR program!

Submit by Sept. 1, 2014

The best and most viable programs for large-scale use or replication will be included in the 2015 Grange Youth Program Guide!

In 2014, the Grange encourages all Grange Youth to develop programs around the following topics, test them in their Subordinate, Pomona or State Granges, and develop a summary of the project using the following format.

TOPICS:

- a. Anti-Bullying Campaign
- b. Agricultural Safety Program
- c. Modern Living in a Climate of Limited Means

Submit to the National Grange Youth Development Director by Sept. 1, 2014 a summary of the way in which your Grange took on the topic, the program/project developed around the focus area, the roles designated by the group and how the group made decisions, the timeline, project funding/support necessary, and outcome. The summary should include a list of all Grange participants and numbers on those who actively participated and an estimate and description of those who subsequently benefited from the event/program. You should also include a summary of media coverage/media content distribution related to the program or event such as an overview of articles found in your Grange newsletter about the program, copies of advertisements/posts made on social media about the program and/or

NEW for 2014
Grange Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The purpose of this contest is to encourage Grange youth and young adults to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, public speaking, and problem solving skills.

Grange youth and young adult members will use parliamentary procedure to conduct an orderly and efficient meeting, following the meeting format, including the Grange opening and closing as prescribed in the subordinate Grange manual. Teams can follow the opening and closing ceremonies of from the 2012 National Grange Subordinate Manual. The Parliamentary Authority for the contest shall be the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

As part of the contest they will:

Demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary law.

Conduct Grange business effectively.

Present a logical, realistic and convincing debate on motions.

Record complete and accurate minutes.

Presentation of memorized speaking parts during the opening and closing ceremonies.

Team members will be needed to fill the offices of Master, Overseer, Steward, Chaplain, Secretary and Gatekeeper. During the contest, the offices of Lady Assistant Steward, Assistant Steward, Lecturer, Treasurer, Ceres, Flora, Pomona and Executive Committee will be filled by non-competing Grange members.

State Grange Youth Departments will host the state contest and up to two teams to represent their state.

** For more details, please contact the National Grange Youth Director.

Grange Jeopardy

Grange Jeopardy is an exciting event that brings together youth and young adults interested in Grange trivia and history. Individuals have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the Grange, its history and impact on rural America. This fact sheet serves as a guideline to prepare Grangers for a Grange Jeopardy competition.

Background

The Jeopardy program is set up for anyone who has an interest in Grange history, trivia and structure. Grange Jeopardy gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas, while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications and listening skills.

The competition is for individuals between the ages of 14-35, as of January 1 of the year competing.

Preparation

In Jeopardy, individuals compete against each other earning points for correctly answering questions about the Grange and rural issues.

Questions can be obtained by visiting www.nationalgrangeyouth.org to review past national trivia challenges or using Grange resources such as 2013 Grange blue manual, Grange publications, websites, Grange digest, Grange bylaws, and history books.

Selection

A state selection system will be set up to determine who that will compete at the regional level. The winner will be selected by a written Grange knowledge test, developed by the state youth department or a state-level trivia test is available from the National Grange Youth department. The state winner is based on the highest test score. State youth/young adult directors will score the tests. Each state can send up to three contestants to the regional contest.

The regional contest will be conducted at each regional youth and/ or leader's conference. The regional contest will follow the same format as the national contest with several semi-final rounds, based on the number of entrants and one final round.

The top 2 per round advances to the final round. In the case of only one semi-final round, the top four contestants will advance.

National contest description is as follows:

Contest

The national contest accepts a maximum three contestants from each region. The top 2 per round advance to the final round. In the case of only one semi-final round, the top six contestants will advance. There will be up to four per semi-final round and one final round with up to 8 participants.

Each round consists of six categories, each with five questions, with a point value of 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500 points. A maximum of eight players compete at one time.

In round 1 all contestants participate. A random selection of who selects the first question takes place. Contestants wishing to answer a question must activate the signaling device.

Answers can be in the form of a question or statement. Contestants have 15 seconds to signal after the question is completed. Points are awarded for correctly answering questions. There are deductions for wrong answers, answering without signaling, not waiting to be recognized and failing to give an answer. The amount of points deducted is determined by the point value of the question. The player with the last correct answer gets to select the next category and point value.

There are two bonus questions in each round. Contestants don't know prior to the contest which categories and point values contain the bonus questions. Contestants can wager, in 100-point increments, all, part or none of the points they have accumulated for a bonus question.

An individual's score must be greater than zero to advance to any round of play. The top contestants (up to 4 in each heat) from round 1 will advance to play a second round. At the end of round 2, each contestant will have the opportunity to answer a "Final Jeopardy" question, providing they have 100 or more points. The answer will be in written form. Contestants can wager, in 100-point increments, all, part or none of the points they have accumulated. Rankings are based on top scores. The contestant with the most points is declared the champion.

Please note: All trivia questions and answers prepared for the contest are final and can not be challenged at the time of the contest.

Prizes

Regional contest winners will receive:

First Place: \$25

Second Place: \$20

Third Place: \$15

National contest winners will receive:

First Place: A tablet PC donated by AT&T or similar prize or cash equivalent.

Second Place: \$100

Third Place: \$50

APATHY NOT ALLOWED

Apathy Not Allowed is a joint venture between the National Grange's Youth and Legislative Departments that seeks to educate Grange Youth on crucial legislative matters affecting them and their Granges. Subsequently, involved Youth will be educated on the many ways in which Grangers and citizens alike can advocate for the issues they feel important to shaping public policy and the communities in which they live.

Among the world's developed countries, the United States ranks second from the bottom in regards to voter turnout; a position that is entirely unacceptable if we are to grow as a nation and fix the problems we are currently facing. Political apathy is significantly higher among teens and young adults, who see little relation between government action and their daily lives. Thus, Apathy Not Allowed will work to engage our Grange Youth and get them involved as responsible citizens with a firm grasp on their civic duties as members of a free society.

Just as our Grange Declaration of Purposes suggests, we will ensure that our Grange Youth "take a proper interest in the politics of one's country" so they might become the informed and involved citizens our country requires to move America forward and guarantee a better society for future generations.

2014 Grange Grassroots Activism Award

DEADLINE: Dec. 1, 2014

Any member who has completed the Sapphire and Emerald John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award requirements is eligible to enter into the Grange Grassroots Activism Award program. The program requires entrants to submit an application to the National Grange Legislative Director along with supporting documents.

Applicants must submit all of the following:

- (1) the completed application form;
- (2) a copy of a letter/email you have sent to a state or national representative OR a copy of a published letter to the editor you wrote advocating on behalf of the Grange for a specific policy issue OR a copy of a resolution you have written and presented to your local, Pomona or State Grange, including information on date of presentation and outcome;
- (3) a typed analysis paper of 2,500 to 3,000 words, 12 point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced with 1" margins all around, illustrating the merits of a National Grange policy for the Grange as a whole, your community/state and/or rural Americans/farmers and an action plan for Grange members across the country to advocate on behalf of that policy;
- (4) two letters of reference; one letter from your State Grange President OR state Legislative Director AND one letter from a National Grange Officer demonstrating your character, ability for engagement and activism and interest in Grange policy. If you do not have a State Grange, you may submit two letters from National Officers or one letter from a National Officer and one letter from another State Master, a National Grange Staff Director or a professor or teacher who understands your Grange involvement.

Prizes

First place: Winner will be included in the 2015 Legislative Fly-In with all expenses for travel, housing and registration paid by the National Grange Legislative Department.

Second place: Winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and free registration to the 2015 National Grange Convention.

Third place: Winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and free registration to the 2015 National Grange Convention. All other entrants will receive certificates of participation.

**2014 Grange Grassroots Activism Award
APPLICATION FORM**

State _____ Subordinate Grange & No. _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

General Biographical Information (education, years in the Grange, etc.) and other information of relevance:

Have you held any Grange offices or served on any committees, etc. If so, please indicate these below.

Have you worked or volunteered for any local, state or national political campaigns or offices? If so, please indicate these below:

I certify that the above information is correct.

Signature

Date

Please indicate the names of your references whose letters you have attached to this application:

Name

Relationship to you (if applicable)

Name

Relationship to you (if applicable)

2014 National Grange Photo Essay Contest

Deadline for submission: Postmarked by Sept. 1, 2014

Photo essays are used to present an idea or story through photos and few words. Photo essay submissions for this contest should visually capture some element of Grange culture – be it an event; a general Grange activity such as a meeting; a Grange value such as family, community service, activism, etc. – and the attached entry should illustrate how these images are indicative of a larger Grange culture and “norm.”

Selected essays will appear in the planned 150th Anniversary Grange history and culture book that will be published in 2017.

Requirements

Submit, along with completed entry form, 3 to 5 digital, high quality (300 dpi) photos along with full captions (names of any people in photos; place and date it was taken; what was going on in the photo) and a 250-500 word well-written essay that offers insight into the event/activity portrayed in the photos.

The essay must be titled and captions must be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font, with 1” margins all around. Entries should include a single “cover page” with your name, Grange affiliation and the title of your photo essay. **DO NOT ADD HEADERS OR FOOTERS WITH YOUR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO THE REST OF THE DOCUMENT.**

Captions must clearly indicate what photo they are referring to, preferably with the photo’s file name.

All individuals identifiable in the photos must sign a photo release form for your photo essay to be judged.

Judging

Photo essays will be judged by a committee selected by the National Grange Communications Director. The Committee will include at least four Grange members and one non-Grange member.

Prizes

First Place winner will receive a \$100 prize.

Second Place will receive a \$75 prize.

Third Place will receive a \$50 prize.

All other entrants will receive certificates of participation.

**2014 National Grange Photo Essay Contest
APPLICATION FORM**

State _____ Subordinate Grange & No. _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

General Biographical Information (education, years in the Grange, etc.)

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS INCLUDED IN PHOTO ESSAY: _____

I certify that these photos are my original work and have not been taken without the consent of the subjects contained therein.

Signature

Date

I consent to the publication of any or all of these photos and photo essay, in whole or in part, in the 150th Anniversary book to be published by the National Grange or in any other medium by the National Grange.

Signature

Date

Grange Photo Release Form

I hereby grant the National Grange permission use my likeness in a photograph or graphic representation, in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment, or any other consideration.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the National Grange and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the National Grange to edit, alter, copy, display, distribute, or any other uses for the purposes of publicizing the National Grange programs, events, website content, or for any other promotional or marketing purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive the right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.

I hereby release and forever discharge the National Grange from all claims, demands, and causes of action, which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate, have or may have by reason of this authorization.

ADULT RELEASE

I am 18 years of age or older, and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

(Signature) (Date)

(Printed Name) (Contact Info – Phone or E-mail)

OR

PARENTAL RELEASE

I am the parent of the below mentioned minor(s) and expressly grant the release of his/her/their image to the National Grange.

(Signature) (Date)

(Printed Name) (Contact Info – Phone or E-mail)

Name of Minor(s) appearing in photograph

2014 National Grange Writing Contest
DEADLINE: Postmarked by Sept. 1, 2014

Each year from 2014 to 2016 three new topics will be unveiled. Selected essays will appear in the planned 150th Anniversary Grange history and culture book that will be published in 2017.

Requirements

Submit to the National Grange Communications Director, along with an entry form, an electronic copy of a 2,500 to 5,000 word essay or anecdote on one of the follow three topics:

- a. The Grange's impact on a community (specific project or historical view)
- b. If I weren't a Granger...
- c. How Grange membership is relevant then and now

Entries must be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font with 1" margins all around. Entries should include a single "cover page" with your name, Grange affiliation and the title of your essay. **DO NOT ADD HEADERS OR FOOTERS WITH YOUR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO THE REST OF THE DOCUMENT.**

These must be well-written documents that will be meaningful for future generations of Grangers to read and to which they can relate. They should provide a significant sociocultural history of the Grange from a community or personal level and be in good taste.

Up to three high-quality digital photos (or scans of original photos) may be submitted with the essay/anecdote. All photos must include a caption noting the people in the photo and as much other information as possible. All photos must be accompanied by a photo release form if they include human subjects. If subjects are deceased, a family member must complete the release form. Submissions with photos will receive a maximum 5 point bonus in judging.

All winners must be available to answer any questions or provide minor manuscript edits after submission and judging.

Judging

Essays will be judged by a committee selected by the National Grange Communications Director. The committee will include at least four Grange members and one non-Grange member.

Prizes

First place winner in each category will receive \$300 and will see their submission published in the book to be compiled for the 150th Anniversary of the Grange in 2017.

Second place winner in each category will receive \$150.

Third place winner in each category will receive \$100.

A "best of show" winner will be designated and will receive an additional \$100 prize

All other entrants will receive certificates of participation.

**2014 National Grange Writing Contest
APPLICATION FORM**

State _____ Subordinate Grange & No. _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

General Biographical Information (education, years in the Grange, etc.)

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

SUBJECT OF ENTRY (Check One)

Impact on Community If I weren't a Granger... How membership is relevant

I certify that this essay is an original work and I have not plagiarized, falsified or otherwise presented a work that would be damaging if published by the National Grange.

Signature

Date

I consent to the publication of this essay, in whole or in part, in the 150th Anniversary book to be published by the National Grange or in any other medium by the National Grange.

Signature

Date

Grange Photo Release Form

I hereby grant the National Grange permission use my likeness in a photograph or graphic representation, in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment, or any other consideration.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the National Grange and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the National Grange to edit, alter, copy, display, distribute, or any other uses for the purposes of publicizing the National Grange programs, events, website content, or for any other promotional or marketing purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive the right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.

I hereby release and forever discharge the National Grange from all claims, demands, and causes of action, which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate, have or may have by reason of this authorization.

ADULT RELEASE

I am 18 years of age or older, and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

(Signature) (Date)

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(Printed Name) (Contact Info – Phone or E-mail)

Name of Minor(s) appearing in photograph

G.R.O.W. Club
“Go Right On Working”

The G.R.O.W. Club is an elite club that is made up of Grange members who have participated in the National Grange Prince, Princess, Young Couple, Ambassador or Horizon Leadership programs or have served as Youth team members or as a National Grange Youth Director.

- A. All G.R.O.W. Club members uphold the theme of the Club by assisting in developing and promoting local, state and national youth programs.
- B. All G.R.O.W. club members are encouraged to wear their Grow Club Pin.
- C. An Annual reunion/meeting will be held at the National Convention with the possibility of introducing the newest members of the Club.
- D. G.R.O.W. Club members are expected to encourage their local Granges, Grangers, Pomona Granges and State Granges to support the Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund.
- E. An address and e-mail database will be continually updated of current members.
- F. G.R.O.W. Club members have benefited from the Youth Leadership Fund; therefore they realize the value of the Fund. G.R.O.W. Club members will act as a “Booster Club” for the Youth Leadership Fund. G.R.O.W. Club members are encouraged to submit fund raising ideas. G.R.O.W. Club members may be utilized in fund raising efforts.
- G. G.R.O.W. Club members will elect a board, which will consist of five elected members and two ex-officio members. One (1) representative from each of the following regions shall be elected by a vote at the annual meeting by a majority vote: Eastern, Great Plains, Midwest, Northeast & Western. A rotating board, has been established; therefore allowing each member to serve for three years. The board shall select their own officers. The National Grange Master/President and the National Youth Development Director will serve as ex-officio members.
- H. The G.R.O.W. club board will be instrumental in planning the yearly activities for the G.R.O.W. Club.

G.R.O.W. Club Team is as follows:

Christopher Szkutak represents the Northeast area. (term expires 2016)

Justin Schaeffer represents the Midwest area. (term expires 2014)

Jennie Gentry represents the Eastern area. (term expires 2014)

Rick Ferguson represents the Western area. (term expires 2015)

Lois Barber represents the Great Plains area. (term expires 2015)

National GROW Club Scholarship Application

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- 1) Purpose: The purpose of the National Grange Scholarship is to assist in the educational expenses of Grange members from across the United States.
- 2) The GROW Club Board will award at least one scholarship in the amount of \$500. The number of scholarships will be determined by the amount of funds available.
- 3) Selection will be based solely on the application. The selection committee will consist of the members of the National GROW Club Board.
- 4) Chosen recipient will be notified by October 1. Scholarship winner will be announced at the National GROW Club Luncheon.

SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions carefully.

- 1) Please complete application, answering all questions and providing the required attachments. Total application including attachments must not exceed 10 single sided pages.
- 2) Complete applications with attachments must be postmarked on or before September 1. Incomplete or late applications will be rejected, NO EXCEPTIONS. The National GROW Club Board will not inspect applications for completeness prior to the deadline.
- 3) Please submit necessary application signatures.
- 4) Please send completed application to:
Charlene Shupp-Espenshade
National Grange Youth Development Director
213 Black Swamp Road
Bainbridge, PA 17502

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Must be a current Grange member in good standing.
- 2) Must be a full time student enrolled in a college, university, community college, technical institution or trade school.
- 3) Must complete application with all required attachments sent in one package.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- 1] **Official Transcript:** Graduating high school seniors must submit high school transcript. Those who have completed any semesters of college and are currently enrolled in college must submit an official college transcript.
- 2] **ONE** letter of recommendation from a leader in your Subordinate Grange who is not your relative.
- 3] **ONE** Letter of recommendation from your State Master.
- 4] **ONE** Letter of recommendation from a source other than a relative.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT AND GUARDIAN

I certify that all information given on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of the information on this application. I understand that the selection committee may review information on this application and my transcripts. I acknowledge that I disclose my Social Security Numbers as a voluntary but necessary action for the purposes of identification. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

GROW Club Scholarship Application

Full Name _____

SSN# _____ Birth Date _____

Current Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Years of Subordinate Grange membership _____

Grange Name and Number _____

Name of High School _____ City _____

College where you are to be enrolled _____

College City and State _____

Major _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Please answer the following questions. You may use additional paper if necessary.

- 1) List Grange activities you've participated in over the last three years on Local, Pomona, Regional, State and National levels.
- 2) List school and other non-Grange activities in which you are involved. Include extracurricular activities, service projects and office or leadership positions held.
- 3) Please list Awards and Recognitions over the last three years.
- 4) Explain your long-range goals for school, employment.
- 5) Explain how your experiences in the Grange will benefit your future.

2014 National Grange Youth Membership Representative Program

Several youth who have shown outstanding leadership qualities, interest in Grange growth, and served as a Horizon Leadership Ambassador or Young Couple will be selected to assist the National Grange Membership Department at G.O.A.L. Seminars, funding permitting.

A selection committee, appointed by the National Youth Development Director, will select the representatives. The committee, along with the National Grange Membership director, will judge the candidates based on an interview, speaking ability, availability to attend a G.O.A.L. Seminar and a written test of Grange knowledge.

Their duties would include:

- Assisting the National Membership Director at the G.O.A.L. Seminar
- Represent the National Grange Youth Department at these membership development events.
- Participate in follow-up events promoting Grange membership growth.
- Provide valuable input.

The National Grange Membership and Youth Department will pay for transportation costs and G.O.A.L. Seminar fees.

2014 Grange Youth Display Contest

Rules:

- 1) All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a subordinate/community Grange
- 2) There will be two age divisions of the Folding Display Contest:
 - Youth - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1.
 - Young Adult - Grange members between the ages of 22-35
- 3) Each entry must be selected at a state Grange level contest. Each state may send up to one entry per category to national contest. The display theme must be Grange related. State youth directors must notify National Youth Director by Oct. 1 or after state session, of state winners.
- 4) All entries must be exhibited at the National Grange Session; but members need not attend to participate.
- 5) A Grange member may enter as an individual OR as a member of a group. All group entry members must be in the same age division.
- 6) Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself.
- 7) Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality and neatness.
- 8.) Grange member will be responsible for shipping arrangements of display to and from National Grange meeting.

Folding Display Contest Evaluation Sheet

CONTENT

30 Points

Is the theme well defined: _____

Accurate and appropriate information: _____

Use of Materials: _____

ORGANIZATION:

30 Points

Arranged in such a way that theme portrayed can be followed easily and logically:

NEATNESS:

25 Points

Picture and clippings securely fastened: _____

Captions neatly written: _____

Display sturdy, durable, and attractive: _____

ORIGINALITY:

15 Points

Creativity: _____

Total Points _____

National Grange Youth Department

FOLDING DISPLAY CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

Name(s) _____

Address(es) _____

Birth Date(s) _____

Age(s) _____ Division _____

Folding Display Topic _____

Right on Target Youth Committee Award

DEADLINE: Sept. 10, 2014

A Granger or a group of Grangers who work together to reach out to the youth in their community can earn this award by setting a goal and sharing their accomplishment. Subordinate, Pomona Grange and State Youth Programs are eligible for consideration.

The goal of their project, the plan of action and result must be submitted to the National Grange Youth Development Director to be considered for the award. Photos are not required but encouraged.

Each member of the planning and implementation committee will receive a certificate of recognition.

While the deadline for reports is Sept. 10, reports can be sent to the National Youth Director at anytime for display at the National convention. Reports should contain a written summary of what was planned and the results of the project along with pictures that show what happened.

All programs will be shared with State Grange Youth Directors, State Masters on the National Grange Youth Development Department program CD and may be available on the National Grange Youth website.

Entries must contain the names of the Grange members working on the project, along with a main contact name, address, phone number, Grange name and number.

Prizes

First Place: \$45 and a certificate

Second Place: \$30 and a certificate

Third Place: \$15 and a certificate

2014 Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth

DEADLINE: Postmarked by Sept. 10, 2014

This award is designed to recognize outstanding Grange Youth who go above and beyond in leading the Grange through membership development, leadership growth and grassroots efforts.

This award can be designed to meet individual needs, however, they will need to complete the following:

1. Earn a minimum of three different achievement award seals – can be from the same program or a combination of several.
2. Complete the Grange Trivia Challenge, earn a minimum of an 80 percent
3. Complete one of the following ritual elements: demonstrate the salutation, code reading or participate in the presentation of one of the Grange degrees.
4. Participate in a project that promotes the Grange and/or Grange youth department
5. Demonstrate leadership in the Grange.

Some examples of projects that will qualify for parts of this award are as follows:

- Conduct a workshop that you develop and present.
- Write a resolution and present it to your Grange for consideration.
- Participate in a legislative event.
- Organize a letter writing campaign for a worthy cause.
- Participate in any type of leadership program
- Share your Grange Spirit by helping create a display for a local event, a brochure promoting a Grange project, event or your local Grange. Help or create a Grange newsletter, or web site, etc.
- Participate in, promote, spearhead or organize a community service project in your Grange or volunteer at a local charity or charity event.
- Share your heart by serving as a mentor to a Junior Grange as a helper.
Serve as a camp counselor at Junior Grange Camp or some other group.
- Help your Subordinate, Pomona, or State Lecturer with a program.
- Other leadership activities or project not mentioned above.

Proof of your accomplishment must be submitted to the National Grange Youth Development Director postmarked by September 10. A simple report, including picture, name, address, Grange name and number or a letter from those you helped can be used as proof. Entries may also qualify for an achievement award seals. Each youth submitting proof will receive a special certificate and a lapel pin in recognition of their individual efforts.

2014 National Grange Youth Achievement Awards Program

Achievement Awards may be earned by **any Grange member 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.

Guidelines:

- 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.

2014 Achievement Award Programs

- William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award
- John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award
- John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award
- Drill Achievement Award
- Caroline Hall Achievement Award
- Oliver H. Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award
- Frances McDowell Trivia and Current Events Achievement Award
- Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Achievement Award
- William Ireland Deaf Awareness Achievement Award

William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award

Sapphire: Visit a local farm and talk with the farmer about what it is like to run a farm. Write a short essay describing what you learned and send it to the National Youth Director. Or, if you live on a farm, develop a “know your farmer” project that could be shared at a Grange meeting or other outreach program. For example, ag in the classroom, farm-city day, dairy princess promotion or agriculture day on the hill.

Emerald: 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, wood working, mechanical, computer technology, photography, art, musical talent, theatrical talents, etc.) 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.

Silver: Develop, print and distribute a brochure, table tent card or display of your Grange and display at your local or state fair. Send a copy of the brochure, table tent card, or a picture of the display to the National Grange Youth Development Director, as well as photos of you at the fair with your display. 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 that could also be presented at a local or state fair. Also included are Facebook and YouTube presentations. Send a copy to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Ruby: Plant a garden or a plant or develop an agriculture enterprise (livestock, dairy, direct farm sales, etc.) and keep a diary of the progress of your plants through pictures and words. Keep all your information in a notebook or record book and present it to your State Youth Director who will apply for your Achievement Award.

Gold: Organize a mutual event with your local FFA, 4-H, or other agricultural organization and your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange. Let these groups explain what they do and do the same for the Grange. Have some kind of activity for the two groups to do together, such as games, discussions about agriculture, etc. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award (MODIFIED FOR 2014)

Sapphire: Plan a legislative night for your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange. Invite local elected officials to your meeting and have them discuss issues important to your Grange. Or, present a workshop on the legislative process or legislative/policy topic of interest. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Emerald: 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. If contest available, have the report judged at a state Grange session. Have state youth director verify the work and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Silver: Participate in the state Grange legislative experience as a state 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 prepare and deliver a persuasive speech at a Regional Youth Conference in the Prepared Speech Division that focuses on a specific Grange policy and advocacy strategies. Or schedule a meeting with an elected official to discuss a Grange issue. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation.

Ruby: Work with your State Legislative Director or State Master/President to organize or participate in a Legislative Fly-In Day at your State House. Or, participate in the National Grange Legislative Fly-In. Have state youth director verify the work and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Gold: Participate in the John Trimble Legislative Youth Experience at National Session.

John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award

Sapphire: Research one of the seven degrees and think about how you can apply the lessons from this degree to your daily life. Write a short essay about what you have learned and send it to the National Youth Director.

Emerald: Memorize the Master, Overseer, or Chaplain's charges in the opening ceremony of your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange and recite them to the appropriate Master/President. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Silver: Memorize the obligation ceremony or welcoming ceremony; recite it to your subordinate Master, state youth director or state master. Have the qualified individual verify and send verification letter to National Youth Director

Ruby: Organize a ritual workshop for youth and young adults in your state. Include the opening and closing, as well as degree work. Send a copy of the plan for the workshop to the National Youth Director.

Gold: Participate in the National Youth Officer Team or State Youth Officer Team. Or, read the code book of the National Grange to a qualified individual, with five mistakes or less.

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: Three. There is no maximum limit.

Sapphire: To earn this seal an individual must participate in a drill presentation at your subordinate 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/Session 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 local Grange, Pomona Grange, 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. (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 Kelly 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 or 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 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 or contest.

Gold: Prepare and present a workshop on public speaking for your 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. Present a speech at the National Grange Evening of Excellence or serve as presenter for a National Youth Department program.

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

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

The award will be a certificate noting the completion of 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 at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org. When you have completed the challenge return it to the National Youth Development Director.

Horizon Leadership participants and National Youth Officer Team members will be expected to complete the Trivia Challenge prior to attending and participating in the National convention.

Grange Youth achieving a perfect score on the test will be recognized at National Session during the Youth Activity Days.

Arron B. Grosh Mentoring Award

To encourage Youth to mentor to Junior Grange members.

Sapphire - Assist the Junior Grange leader with the 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, work with your local and State Grange leadership on a plan to start a Junior Grange.

Emerald: This level can be earned one of four ways:

1. Assist in the establishment of a Junior Grange Program in your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange.
2. Serve as a Junior Grange leader at the community or Pomona level.
3. Lead a Junior Grange service, community or fun activity

A minimum of six (6) service hours is required. For certification, obtain a letter from adult leader and submit it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Silver: Become a counselor for your State Junior Grange Camp, obtain a letter from the camp director confirming your participation as a counselor which should be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director. You may also plan a large-scale activity for Juniors and Youth to interact if there is no Junior Grange Camp in your State or area.

Ruby: Assist with state session/convention Junior Grange activities, including assist Juniors with the pre-

sentation of the Junior Degree, Junior Grange tour, Junior Grange talent show or other State Junior Department events. If there are no formal Junior Grange activities, be a buddy to a junior member attending the state convention. Obtain a letter from an official stating your participation from your state junior director and give a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Gold: Assist with national session/convention Junior Grange activities, including presentation of the Junior Degree, leading Junior Grange workshops, or Junior Grange event set up. If not attending National Session, the seal can be earned by leading a workshop at a State or National Junior Grange event or by submitting a Junior badge or program idea to both the National Junior director and the National Grange Youth Director.

Any member who completes all five 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 contributions to her community.

Sapphire: Share a specific talent you have in one of your Subordinate/Community Grange or your 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, presentation of the event such as a photo and the number of people in attendance.

Emerald: Participate in a community service project in your Grange or your community. 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 or community talent show or a service project. Newsletters and other forms of publicity should be utilized. Submit a copy of the program, which includes the names of the program or project, which includes 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.

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

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

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. The National Grange Youth program recognizes our long-term association with this issue with a unique achievement award.

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 National Youth Development Director.

Emerald: Develop a deaf awareness display or program. Present/display it at a subordinate/community or Pomona Grange meeting or in some other public venue or school presentation. Send a copy of the program or photo of this display, with verification letter from the local youth director or Master (president) 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 a state session, state youth camp or state youth conference. State Youth Director, Community Service/Deaf Activities Director or State Master will apply for the award.

Ruby: Participate in a regional Sign-a-Song contest or present a speech on deaf awareness at regional youth conference.

Gold: Participate in the National Session Evening of Excellence Sign a Song contest or develop an education publication (such as brochure, Website, PowerPoint, video, etc.) to promote deaf awareness and/or sign language.

Any member who completes five levels in one calendar year will receive a special Achievement Award lapel pin and other appropriate award.

2014 Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program

DEADLINE: Sept. 1, 2014

The purpose of the Horizon Leadership Ambassador program is to provide an opportunity for Youth and Young Couples, selected to represent their state at a National Grange convention, to build their leadership potential; broaden their view of the Grange by experiencing a National Convention; receive educational training to use in their own states; and build relationships with Grangers throughout the nation by having fun.

The National Grange Horizon Leadership Ambassador program is an opportunity for youth selected by their state to participate in activities as guests of The Grange Foundation, Youth Leadership Fund.

The National Grange will provide scholarship assistance toward room and meal costs at the National Grange convention for Horizon Leadership Ambassador program.

Each state may send two youth (one male, one female) and/or one young couple who meet the following criteria:

1. Youth ambassadors must be 16-21 years of age, have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 22nd birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the National session. These individuals must also be single, never been married, have children and must not marry and/or have children during term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.
2. Young Couples must be between the ages of 18-35, have observed their 18th birthday, but not their 36th birthday by December 31 of the year they attend national session.
3. Ambassadors/ Young Couples must have been a Grange member for a minimum of one year.
4. Previous State Ambassadors/ Young Couples who have participated in this program at the National Grange Convention are not eligible. Exception: Young Couples who are former Youth Ambassadors are eligible to participate.
5. Ambassadors/ Young Couples must meet their state's requirements.
6. Ambassadors/ Young Couples must be able to attend the National convention to represent their state during Youth activities days. (Wednesday evening thru Saturday). The Ambassadors/ Young Couple must complete three seals in the Oliver Hudson Kelly Achievement Award. They must also complete one of the John Thompson Ritual Achievement Awards.
7. Ambassadors/ Young Couples must also complete the requirements for a minimum of 2 seals of any of the other achievement awards between September 1 of the previous year and by October 15 of the current year.
8. Ambassadors/ Young Couples must attend a regional youth conference in the past two years before national session.
9. Each Horizon Leadership Ambassador/ Young Couple will be expected to complete a Grange trivia challenge with a score of at least 80% prior to attending the convention. Trivia Challenge must be returned to the National Director by October 15 of the current year. Trivia challenges may be obtained from the National Director or the National Grange Website www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.
10. Official Application form must be completed and postmarked by September 1. Send to the National Grange Youth Development Director. Which includes a summary of your Grange activities in the following areas: Fellowship, Activities, Recognition, Fun, Leadership, Service, and membership.
11. The following letters of recommendation are to be sent with the application:
 - a. Subordinate Grange, preferably Master or Secretary.
 - b. State Master
 - c. State Youth Director (if applicable)
12. Horizon Leadership youth ambassadors will be housed together at the National Grange Convention with up to three other official participants per room.
13. Young Couples will be housed in the same area.
14. Horizon Leadership Ambassadors/ Young Couples will be recognized at the National Convention

during the Evening of Excellence.

15. Ambassadors/ Young Couples or individual states are responsible for their own transportation and convention registration fee.

16. The Grange Foundation Youth Leadership fund will provide each ambassador with the following tickets: A. Tour B. Pizza Party C. Banquet E. Invitation to A.O.L.E./G.R.O.W. Club Dinner

17. Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.

2014 National Grange Horizon Leadership Program Application

DEADLINE: Sept. 1, 2014

State _____ Subordinate Grange & No. _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Facebook ID: _____

Youth Ambassador _____ Male _____ Female _____ Young Couple: _____

Age as of Jan. 1: _____

Parents Names (Youth Ambassadors only) _____

Biographical Information

1. Give 5 to 8 lines description about yourself and/or family to be used for display purposes throughout the National Session. Enclose three 4" x 6" color prints including one picture of the family. The pictures will be mounted on a poster board and displayed along with the bio at various functions throughout the Annual Session.

Date of Joining Grange _____

Highest Degree held _____

Number of members in Subordinate Grange _____ Average number of members at meetings_____

Number of Grange meetings held in the last year_____

Number of Grange meetings you attended this last year_____

Regional Youth Conferences Attended in past two (2) years. _____

What activities and events did your state require you to participate in as an ambassador/ young couple?

List two achievement awards you have earned this year or are currently working on:

1. _____

2. _____

List what levels you have completed in the Oliver Hudson Kelly Achievement Award:

1.

2.

3.

Your Signature(s)_____

Parent's Signature (if under 18) _____

Subordinate Certification:

This will certify that the above named person is an active member in good standing of our Grange, and is eligible to participate in this program, and that the information contained in this report is correct.

Subordinate Youth Chairman or Secretary Signature _____ date _____

Master's Signature _____ date _____

State Certification:

Youth Director's Signature _____ date _____

State Master's Signature _____ date _____

Three letters of recommendation are to be sent in addition to this application:

- a. Subordinate Grange, preferably Master or Secretary
- b. State Master
- c. State Youth Director (if applicable)

Grange Experience

NOTE: If a Young Couple, please indicate "Husband" (H) and "Wife" (W) when applicable.

List leadership roles you have fulfilled in Grange indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.
SUBORDINATE. COMMUNITY GRANGE YEARS

STATE/NATIONAL GRANGE	YEARS
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Leadership Experience

A. Community and Service Programs participated in by you and your spouse and leadership given.
(Civic and service clubs, professional organizations, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.)

ORGANIZATION	LEADERSHIP ROLE
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B. List significant offices held or awards achieved while participating in youth organizations.
ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

C. What additional award(s) and recognition have you received in the past?

D. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?

E. What have you done to promote membership in the Grange? How many people have you encouraged to join Grange, how many actually joined.

***This form is due to the National Grange Youth Development Director postmarked September 1.
Send forms directly to National Grange Youth Development Director.***

2014 John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience

DEADLINE: Sept. 1, 2014

Opportunities for Legislative Experience

National Convention Youth Legislative Experience will provide opportunities for one or two Grange Youth, age 16 – 35, with an interest in the legislative aspect of the National Grange to see the inner workings of committees and the grass roots legislative policy development effort at the National Grange Convention.

- Each youth will serve on one of the legislative committees reviewing resolutions as a voting member of the committee and as a youth staff assistant to the National Grange Legislative Director. Participants will watch the delegate body take action on the resolutions and assist in other ways.
- An individual may participate in the program a maximum of one time.
- As a youth staff assistant they will be assigned some additional logistical duties so that they can see how the back room production process works at the convention. These duties will not conflict with the opportunities of seeing the National Delegates work on the floor.
- As guests of the National Grange their room cost will be paid (which will be shared with other participants) plus meals or tickets to certain meal functions.
- Transportation will be participant’s responsibility.
- Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.
- Applications will be submitted to the National Youth Development Director, who will share applications with National Legislative Director and National Master in making selection of participants and assignment to committee.
- Please include letters of recommendation from your Subordinate (community) Grange Master, state youth director (if applicable) and your State Grange Master.

Applications can be obtained from your State Youth Director, the National Youth Development Director, State Masters or the National Grange Website at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org. Applications must be postmarked by September 1 to the National Youth Development Director.

**2014 National Grange John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience
APPLICATION FORM**

_____ Grange No. _____ County _____

State _____ Region _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ E-Mail address _____

Age as of Jan. 1, 2010 _____ Facebook ID: _____

Are you a Male _____ or a female _____ (Please check one)

Biographical Information

1. Give 5 to 8 lines description about yourself and/or family to be used for display purposes throughout the National Session. Enclose three 4" x 6" color prints including one picture of the family. The pictures will be mounted on a poster board and displayed along with the bio at various functions throughout the Annual Session.

Date of joining Grange _____ Total average meeting attendance _____

Number of regular Subordinate Grange meeting held in the last year _____

Number of regular Subordinate Grange meetings you attended this last year _____

Highest Degree held in the Grange? _____

Current Office or Committees serving on? _____

Grange Experience

List leadership roles you have fulfilled in Grange indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.
SUBORDINATE. COMMUNITY GRANGE YEARS

STATE/NATIONAL GRANGE YEARS

Leadership Experience

A. Community and Service Programs participated in by you and your spouse and leadership given. (Civic and service clubs, professional organizations, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.)

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

B. List significant offices held or awards achieved while participating in youth organizations.

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

C. What additional award(s) and recognition have you received in the past?

D. Legislative Experience you have participated in to date: (For Example, resolutions written, state convention delegate or attendance at business sessions, local government experience, etc....)

E. How do you plan to use this experience in your own Grange, Pomona or State?

F. What is your legislative area of interest? Please prioritize 1,2,3,etc...

_____ Citizenship & Public Affairs

_____ Agriculture

_____ Conservation & Natural Resources

_____ Education & Health

_____ Labor & Judiciary

_____ Transportation & Taxation

Your Signature_____

Your Parent's Signature (if under 18) _____

Subordinate Grange Certification

This will certify that the above named person is an active member in good standing of our Grange and is eligible to participate in this program, and that the information contained in this report is correct to my knowledge.

Youth Chairman (Signature)_____ Date_____

Subordinate Master (Signature)_____ Date_____

State Certification

State Youth Director (Signature)_____ Date_____

State Master (Signature)_____ Date_____

Return this form to the National Grange Youth Development Director postmarked by September 1. Please include the letters of recommendation from your Subordinate Master and your State Grange Master.

2014 National Grange Mentoring Program

Two youth, preferably one male and one female, who have shown outstanding mentoring abilities as a Horizon Leadership Ambassador will be selected to serve as Ambassadors to youth attending the National Grange Convention.

Dependent on Youth department funding, the National Ambassadors will also be receive membership development training and assist with National Grange-sponsored activities.

A selection committee, appointed National Youth Development Director, will select the ambassadors. The committee will judge the candidates based on ambassadorship an interview, speaking ability, and a written test of Grange knowledge.

The first alternates, must be willing to step in should the Ambassadors are not be able to finish his/her term.

Their duties would include:

- Helping the Horizon Leadership participants know where things are at the hotel.
- Greeting upon check - in and helping them find their rooms.
- Involving those who are reluctant to become involved.
- Assisting the Director with details of convention. For example in contacting participants when last minute changes are made or instructions are needed, or being at a workshop when Director needs to be somewhere else.
- Act as a facilitator for workshops when needed.
- Provide valuable input as to age appropriate workshops.
- Arrive at convention Tuesday evening or early on Wednesday to allow time to meet with Director before participants arrive.
- Plan get-acquainted activities for Wednesday evening.
- Assist and/or lead other Youth events during National Session

Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund will pay transportation costs to the convention, plus motel costs at the convention and the meal functions required to attend (Get acquainted dinner, tour, Horizon Leadership dinner, and celebration banquet, etc.). All other meals would be at their own expense.

National Grange Youth Officers Team

DEADLINE: Sept. 1

Purpose

To assemble a team of Youth from across the nation to open the National Grange convention on Friday morning at the annual session. This will provide more youth with an opportunity to participate in the National Grange convention.

- The Grange Youth Officers Team will march in and open the Grange in the fourth degree and march out.
- Master, Overseer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., G.K., and Chaplain have speaking parts.
- Lecturer will need to select an opening song.
- Secretary will need to be prepared to call the roll of Youth officers – which will be established following the application process. Secretary is responsible for learning how to pronounce the names of the officer correctly.
- Ceres, A.S., and L.A.S. will need to know how to present the flag properly according to the Official Flag presentation ceremony offered by the National Grange.
- A.S. and L.A.S. may submit suggestions for the seating & retiring drill. Also please limit the time of the opening drill to 6 minutes and the retiring drill to 3 minutes.
- Musician applicants must submit a musical demonstration tape or CD. Musical piece should be no more than 3 minutes. Musician may make suggestions for March Music. The National Youth Development Director will screen any music suggestions for appropriateness.
- There are 18 offices to be filled: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, G.K., Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and four executive committee positions and Musician.
- Those applying for a position should be Grange members who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age.
- The National Grange Youth Development Director will contact each applicant with additional questions during the selection process.
- The selection process will be based off letters of recommendation as well as the application. Preference will be given to qualifying youth that have not served on the N.G.Y.O.T. Youth previously serving as Master are ineligible for re-application.
- Each applicant will be notified of the results no later than October 1, so that each has adequate time to make travel arrangements. Each member of the N.G.Y.O.T. will receive a special certificate.
- Applicants are required to prove that they have earned a minimum of three achievement awards, which have been earned between August 31 of the previous year and September 1 this year. One award seal must be completed in the John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award. They will also need to complete the Grange Trivia Test.
- Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a member of their local Grange - preferably master - state youth director, and state Master.
- Applicants must be committed to memorizing their speaking part if the office they are applying to fill has a speaking part. Each Applicant must be willing to comply with the dress guidelines that will be established for Youth officers.
- Single youth applicants must not have become pregnant or have children during term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.
- Current Horizon Leadership Ambassadors and John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience delegates are not eligible to apply.
- Youth housing at the National convention will be available for any who wish to participate. If funds are available in the Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund financial assistance will be given for lodging and meals. If funds are not available all expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the youth participating.

Applications must be postmarked by September 1 to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

2014 National Grange Youth Officers Team Application

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Telephone# _____

Age as of Jan. 1 _____ Male _____ Female _____

Subordinate Grange name and Number _____

State _____

Please list the offices you are interested in filling in order of preference:

1st choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

Which Achievement awards have you earned?

What facts would prevent you from coming to the National convention other than illness or death? _____

If a student, have you obtained permission from teachers/professors? _____

How are you going to pay for the trip? _____

Biographical Information

1. Give 5 to 8 lines description about yourself and/or family to be used for display purposes throughout the National Session. Enclose three 4" x 6" color prints including one picture of the family. The pictures will be mounted on a poster board and displayed along with the bio at various functions throughout the Annual Session.

Grange Experience

List leadership roles you have fulfilled in Grange indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.
SUBORDINATE. COMMUNITY GRANGE YEARS

STATE/NATIONAL GRANGE YEARS

Leadership Experience

A. Community and Service Programs participated in by you and your spouse and leadership given.
(Civic and service clubs, professional organizations, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.)

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

B. List significant offices held or awards achieved while participating in youth organizations.

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP ROLE

C. What additional award(s) and recognition have you received in the past?

D. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?

E. What have you done to promote membership in the Grange? How many people have you encouraged to join Grange, how many actually joined.

Your Signature _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18) _____

Subordinate Certification

This will certify that the above named person is an active member in good standing of our Grange, and is eligible to participate in this program, and that the information contained in this report is correct.

Master's Signature: _____ Date: _____

State Certification

Youth Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

State Master's Signature _____ date _____

Three letters of recommendation are to be sent in addition to this application:

- a. Subordinate Grange, preferably Master or Secretary
- b. State Master
- c. State Youth Director

This application must be postmarked on or before September 1. Send this application along with your letter of recommendation to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

2014 Regional Public Speaking Competition

There will be Three categories this year along with three age divisions are as follows:

1. 14-21 years of age
2. 22-35 years of age
3. 36+ years of age.

The age of the contestant on the date of the contest will determine the age group.

For state, regional and national public speaking contests, props will be allowed, but must be appropriately sized for the room. Points can be deducted for props.

Category A: Prepared speech

Contestant's choice of topic – Contestants in Category A will be required to answer an impromptu question at the end of their speech. The questions will be related to the contestant's chosen speech topic. This will include William Ireland Communication Achievement Award speeches. Speeches must be a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes. At National, regional winners' speeches will be judged and the best two will present at the Evening of Excellence.

Category B: Radio Spot Contest

A radio spot is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Pretend you're a "DJ" and you're doing a commercial for the Grange.

Radio spots should be exactly 60 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but may not include a spoken introduction or "tag" by another other than the contestant. If music or sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device. The contestant will provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 60 second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to the Grange, be original and created by the contestant.

Category C: Impromptu Speeches

An impromptu speech is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. No note cards are used, and topics are generally drawn.

- We hope that by establishing an impromptu speech category that members will build confidence and in the future participate in the prepared speeches or the elevator speech category.
- Impromptu speeches should be at least one minute in length and not longer than 7 minutes.
- Time keeper will hold up hand when the 1 minute mark has been reached and then 6.30 minute mark has been reached so speaker knows when he/she can stop.
- Participants will draw two topics, select their choice of the two and return the other one.
- Competition will be held at the Regional Conferences – You need not have participated in a state competition in order to participate.
- Participants must notify National Director of intent to enter prior to the beginning of the contest.
- Impromptu speaking will be judged on the following criteria:
 - o Voice - Spoke clearly, easy to understand;
 - o Stage Presence - dressed Neatly and appropriately, posture, nervousness, etc.;
 - o Expression - Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion;
 - o Confidence in speaking, Content of speech;
 - o Clarity of thoughts and ideas on topic.
- One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established.

Score sheet will be returned to entrants.

Prizes

National Grange will provide ribbons to the top three entrants in each division and age category along with cash prizes. Prepared Speeches will receive \$20 for 1st, \$15 for 2nd and \$10 for 3rd. Impromptu and Elevator Speeches will receive \$15 for 1st place, \$10 for 2nd and \$5 for 3rd. There will be a special award presented to the Best of Show at the regional contest, plus a cash award of \$25.

One Overall Winner from each region will be selected to showcase at the National Grange Convention. To advance to the National Convention, Grangers must compete in their local region. Impromptu Public speaking category entries are not eligible for Best of Show. Each Best of Show that show cases at the National Grange convention will receive \$100.

2014 Sign-A-Song Regional Contest

Novice – one who is beginning to learn sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the sign a song contest no more than two years.

Hobbyist – one who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun. One who has entered the sign a song contest more than two years.

Group – two or more people signing.

Expert – one who signs professionally. Ineligible for Best of Show, but looking for opportunity to encourage others to participate.

Rules

1. Each state may send one entry in each category to the regional competition. Selection of the state winners is under the jurisdiction of the State Grange
2. Participants are to supply the National Youth Development Director with three copies of the words to the song they are signing.
3. Participants must provide their own music. A CD player and speakers will be available.
4. Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing may only enter in the expert category. Expert category entries are ineligible for the Best of Show. If there is a professional signer in a group entry, it is only eligible in the Expert category.
5. Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign Language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
6. Participants must be Grange members.
7. Props and costumes are not allowed, rhythm is optional.
8. Only one song may be signed during the competition performance.
9. Participants must sign their own name and song title.
10. Participants must inform the audience and judges what type of sign language they will be using. (Pidgen, ASL, ESL, etc.)

Judging guidelines for a total of 100 points

Utilization of Total communication skills

Sign language ability, signs clearly with correct interpretation32 points

Body expression, displays emotion, expresses key thoughts

with body movement, mouth words for lip reading.....30 points

Presentation, interpret with confidence, uniformity (group).....25 points

Song selection is appropriate, with a clear meaning and is

suitable for the participants signing ability.....10 points

Signed their own name.....1 point

Signed title of Song.....1 point

Informed judges and Audience of type of sign language being used.....1 point

Prizes

National Grange will provide ribbons for each regional contest for first, second and third.

First place will receive \$20, 2nd place \$15 and 3rd place \$10.

The Best of Show will receive a special award and an additional cash award of \$25 and be eligible to showcase at the National Grange Convention in November. To be eligible to participate in National Showcase, you must advance from your local region. Showcase acts will receive \$100 for participating.

2014 Distinguished Youth Program

DEADLINE: Postmarked by August 17, 2014 to National Youth Director

The Distinguished Youth Program, similar to the National Grange Distinguished Grange Awards Program, was established to encourage our state youth directors to get their youth/young adults to participate in all the programs available to our members as appear in this guide. By being named a 2014 Distinguished Youth Program shows your commitment to the youth of our Order, their leadership training, skill enhancement, participation in Grange activities and much more. Only through a strong Grange Youth program can we ensure the vibrant future of our organization.

The Distinguished Youth Program Awards will be presented annually at National Grange Convention and will seek to honor Youth Programs for their work from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. All Distinguished Youth Granges will receive a certificate and be recognized in the annual honors list.

**STATE GRANGE DISTINGUISHED YOUTH PROGRAM
2014 APPLICATION FORM**

State Granges may qualify for the award by completing enough of the following requirements to earn 100 points.

State Grange Name: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Current Grange Position Held: _____

Address: _____

City/County: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Organize a state youth committee/youth team *(if your Grange had a youth committee organized prior to July 1, 2012, please indicate when it was organized)*. (5 pts)

Committee Chair Date Organized

E-mail Phone

Host a state committee organizational meeting or at least 2 committee meetings if your committee was previously organized. (5 pts.)

Date Date

Have a state youth event, such as camp, lock-in, retreat. (10 pts.)

Event Type Date

Organize a youth activity at State Session. (5 pts.)

Event Type	# of Participants
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Host state youth speech, Sign-A-Song contest and Grange Jeopardy contests. (20 pts.)

# of Speech Participants	# of Sign-A-Song Participants	# of Jeopardy Participants
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Participate in Apathy Not Allowed program as a State Grange (ex. of programming options: host a youth-oriented Capitol Day, sponsor a youth to attend the National Grange Fly-In, work with youth to present a legislative program at the State level; or some equivalent legislative-oriented youth activity or program). DESCRIBE. (20 pts.)

Host a State Youth Ambassador contest or Young Couple contest. (10 pts.)

Youth Ambassador(s)

Young Couple

Allow Youth Officer Team to open or close State Session. (5 pts.) *State Master's Initials:* _____

Submit an article or column to your State Grange newsletter. (5 pts.)

Title and Date Published

Submit article to National Grange Communications Department for consideration in New Grange printed or weekly e-newsletter about your youth program or an event. (5 pts.)

Title and Date Submitted

Submit a Right on Target Youth Award report. (10 pts.)

_____ Date

Organize a youth community service project. DESCRIBE. (15 pts.)

Organize a youth-oriented membership drive or recruitment activity/program or have at least five youth from your state participate in a G.O.A.L. seminar. DETAILS. (20 pts.)

Work with your Lecturer or other state committee to have a new youth-oriented program or competition in 2014 or 2015 (have committee chair or Lecturer certify with signature). DETAILS. (20 pts.)

Lecturer or OTHER Committee Chair's Signature

Donate at least \$200 from your State Grange to the National Grange Foundation Youth Fund. (This donation will also count for your State's National Grange Distinguished Grange application.) (15 pts.)

Date

\$ _____
Amount

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is correct. **Total Points:** _____

Printed Name

Date

Signature of Submitter

Signature of State Master

**SUBORDINATE/POMONA GRANGE DISTINGUISHED YOUTH PROGRAM
2014 APPLICATION FORM**

Subordinate and Pomona Granges may qualify for the award by completing enough of the following requirements to earn 100 points. YOUR GRANGE MUST HOLD A MINIMUM OF EIGHT (8) LEGAL MEETINGS IN FULL FORM OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM SUBMITTING FOR THE AWARD.

Grange Name: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Current Grange Position Held: _____

Address: _____

City/County: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Organize a Subordinate or Pomona Grange Youth Committee (*if your Grange had a youth committee organized prior to July 1, 2012, please indicate when it was organized*). (5 pts.)

_____ *Committee Chair* _____ *Date Organized*

_____ *E-mail* _____ *Phone*

Hold at least two Youth Committee meetings. (5 pts.)

_____ *Date* _____ *Date*

Host a Youth Lecturer's Program, Youth Service Event; Youth Competition or other Youth-oriented program to entice young members to further their Grange experience. DETAILS. (10 pts.)

Have at least one youth member of your Grange submit application for a youth opportunity at the State or National Grange level. (10 pts.)

_____ *Name* _____ *Applied for*

Request at least one copy of the Apathy Not Allowed book and complete one "Apathy Not Allowed" event of your choice OTHER than the previously indicated program, service, competition or event. DETAILS. (15 pts.)

Take in at least one new member between the ages of 14 and 35 by the end of the second quarter, June 30. (To submit additional names, attach separate sheet of paper to application.) (5 pts.)

Name	Age	Date Obligated
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Have at least one youth column or blog post appear on your Grange website (see *National Grange* for details about your FREE website through grange.org). (5 pts.)

Website Address	Date
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Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in a State, Regional or National Sign-A-Song competition or host a youth-oriented sign language and deaf awareness event at your Grange. (10 pts.)

Name OR EVENT	Completed In OR DATE
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Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in a State, Regional or National Public Speaking competition or host a youth-oriented public speaking competition (open to Grange and non-Grange youth) at your Grange. (10 pts.)

Name OR EVENT	Completed In OR DATE
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Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in a State, Regional or National Jeopardy Contest or host a youth-oriented Grange Trivia contest in your Grange (*written form is OK*). (10 pts.)

Name OR EVENT	Completed In OR DATE
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Organize a Youth Drill Team at your Grange (if previously organized, indicate date). (20 pts.)

Date	Captain's Name
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2014 Regional Conferences

Regional conferences will be held in five regions of the nation. The regional conferences will include workshops which youth and young adults and older Junior Grangers will be able to utilize in their own states and communities.

Public speaking and sign song competitions will be held at the regional conference. Regional conferences will help Youth and Young Adults develop needed life skills. Non-Grange youth are invited to participate in the regional conferences. These conferences are for everyone - age is unimportant, but your enthusiasm and love for the Grange is needed.

The six regions for 2014 are as follows: (Host states are in bold)

Eastern: Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and **Washington, D.C.**

Southeastern: Florida, South Carolina, **North Carolina**, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Midwest: Illinois, **Indiana**, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Northeastern: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, **New Hampshire**, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Great Plains: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and **Texas**.

Western: California, Idaho, **Montana**, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Nevada and Wyoming.

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