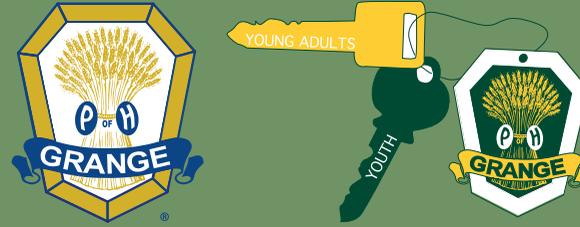


**The 5 Best Reasons to Join the Grange**

1. Friends and friendships abound, and those friendships stretch across time and distance, throughout the United States.
2. Leadership training while working as part of a team.
3. Improving your community through service.
4. Opportunities to enter contests that teach life skills and may provide an opportunity to travel to regional or national competitions or win cash prizes.
5. Enjoying recreational activities with peers.

**How to Join**

Find a Grange in your area on our website or by contacting the Oregon State Grange. Check with your Community Grange to find out the dues and fill out the application in this brochure.



[www.orgrange.org](http://www.orgrange.org)

Contact the State Grange at (503) 316-0106 or email the State Youth Director for more information at [yourdir@orgrange.org](mailto:yourdir@orgrange.org)

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt



**Who We Are**

The Oregon State Grange Youth Program is for teenagers, young adults and adult couples age 14 through 35. The program has two primary directives:

- develop youth leaders
- provide youth opportunities for personal growth

Through participation in the programs developed by the Oregon State Grange and National Grange, you and other youth will develop or enhance these skills:

- Critical thinking
- Meeting facilitation
- Public speaking
- Project management
- Mentoring
- Other life skills

These skills will serve you well as leaders, today and in the future.



*American Values.  
Hometown Roots.*

**Oregon Grange Youth Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

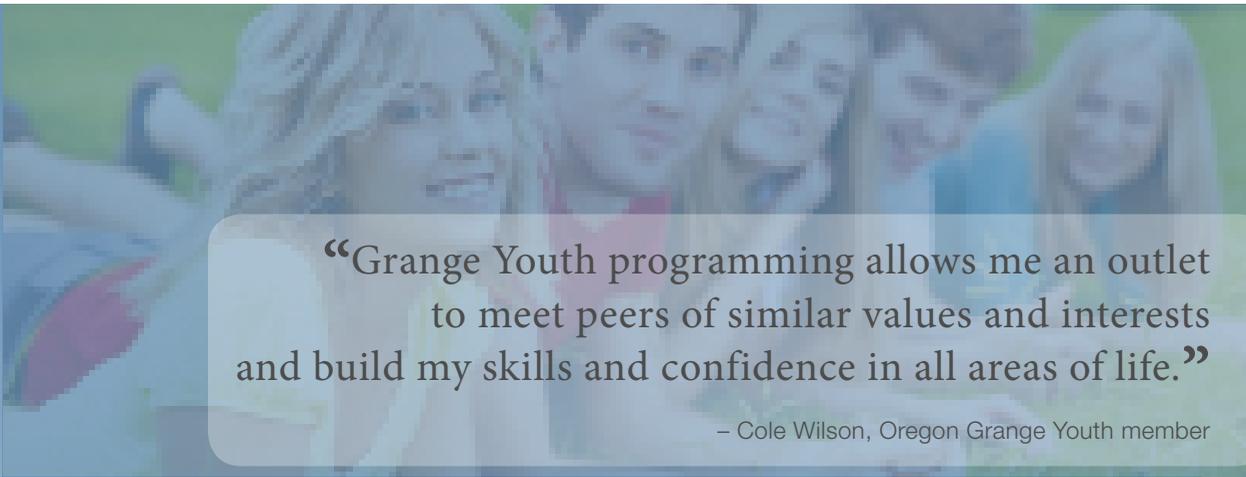
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in \_\_\_\_\_ Grange # \_\_\_\_\_

I desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interest of the American family and community life, receiving in turn the benefits and advantages of those who belong to the Grange. I promise a faithful compliance with the By-laws of this Grange and the Constitution and By-laws of the State and National Granges. I have not previously applied for membership in this or any other Grange during the past six months.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Application Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



“Grange Youth programming allows me an outlet to meet peers of similar values and interests and build my skills and confidence in all areas of life.”

– Cole Wilson, Oregon Grange Youth member

### Oregon State and National Grange Youth-Specific Programming

#### Horizon Leadership Program

Annually, the State Grange selects Youth Ambassadors between the ages of 16 to 21 and Young Couples between the ages of 18 to 35 to represent their Grange Youth Program.

#### State and National Youth Officer Team

The Youth Officer Teams are hallmark groups of Grange Youth selected through a competitive process. Daily practices during the annual conventions prepare the team to perform an impressive drill and open one day of the State and National Sessions.

#### Young Adult and Teenager Recognition

Members receive recognition during the State Grange Convention for their participation in Community Granges and for an essay they submit.

#### Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song Contests

Delivering prepared and impromptu speeches and radio spots develop public speaking skills and build self-confidence. Grange members can learn sign language, develop awareness of the hearing impaired and use sign language to communicate the words of a song. Winners represent Oregon at a regional competition.

#### G.R.O.W. Club

The G.R.O.W. Club continues to “go right on working” for youth programs, as an alumni program for all past Grange Youth representatives. It also sponsors an annual scholarship for Grange representatives to further their education.

#### Achievement Awards

The National Grange Youth Achievement Award program recognizes youth for their service at all levels of the program. Focus areas include public speaking, legislative experiences, deaf education, drill and professional development.

#### Grange Family of the Year Award

We recognize the accomplishments of a Grange family in their local community as an example for members and non-members.

#### National Grange Legislative Experience

Each year, a Grange Youth is given the privilege to take an active role in the legislative policy development of the organization by serving on policy development committees to review proposed resolutions and assist the Legislative Department staff at the National Convention.

**Grange Youth and Young Adults** come from a wide cross section of backgrounds committed to improving their communities. From our rural farms to our towns, Grange Youth and Young Adult programs provide community service and outreach opportunities, scholarships for higher education, leadership training and fellowship.

With the tools provided through Grange youth programming, we build bridges between all generations, and connect families to communities.

#### Grange Youth become leaders.

The National Grange advances youth across the country to become skilled, proficient and compassionate leaders by learning through experience. Grange Youth programs empower members by developing leadership skills such as public speaking and participating in meetings as voting members.

#### Grange Youth serve their communities and cultivate life-long friendships.

The Grange has positively impacted the lives of Americans for generations through its youth programming. Government leaders, leading agriculturalists, businessmen and community leaders have all recognized the Grange as one of their earliest influences that prepared them for their careers and to advocate for rural issues.

“One of the mightiest armies in America today is that of our youth.”

– “The Grange, First Century of Service and Evolution.”

