

Distinguished Youth Program & Application

DEADLINE: Postmarked by September 1 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. Being named a 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 through June 30 of the program year. All Distinguished Youth Granges will receive a certificate and be recognized in the annual honors list.

Please mail the applications to National Grange Youth Development Director:
Samantha Wilkins
21578 Pleasanton Road
San Antonio, TX 78264

Application available at www.nationalgrange.org

STATE GRANGE DISTINGUISHED YOUTH PROGRAM

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: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

G Organize a state youth committee/youth team (if your Grange had a youth committee organized prior to July 1 of the previous year please indicate when it was organized). (5 pts.)

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Committee Chair _____

Date Organized _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

_____ Date

_____ Date

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

_____ Event Type _____

_____ Date

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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 Trivia contests. (20 pts.)

_____ # of Speech Participants

_____ # of Sign-A-Song Participants

_____ # of Trivia Participants

G Participate in an Advocacy/Legislative based program as a State Grange (ex. of programming options: host a youth oriented Capitol Day, sponsor a youth to attend the Washington DC Experience, work with youth to present a legislative program at the State level; or some equivalent legislative-oriented youth activity or program). DESCRIBE. (20 pts.)

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

_____ Youth Ambassador(s)

_____ Young Couple/ Young Adult

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

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

_____ Title and Date Published

G Submit article to National Grange Youth Director for consideration in youth department blog about your youth program or an event. (5 pts.)

_____ Title and Date Submitted

G Have two Pillar Projects submitted to National Session (10 pts)

_____ Group/Individuals names

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

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

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

Lecturer or OTHER Committee Chair's Signature

G 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.)

Total Points:

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is correct.

Printed Name

Date

Signature of Submitter

Signature of State President

SUBORDINATE/POMONA GRANGE DISTINGUISHED YOUTH PROGRAM

Find the Application online at: www.naitonalgrange.org

Subordinate and Pomona Granges may qualify for the award by completing enough of the following requirements to earn 100 points. YOUR GRANGE MUST HOLD AT LEAST TWELVE (Subordinate) OR FOUR (Pomona) LEGAL MEETINGS OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM SUBMITTING FOR THE AWARD.

Grange Name: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Current Grange Position Held: _____

Address: _____

City/County: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Organize a Subordinate or Pomona Grange Youth Committee (if your Grange had a youth committee organized prior to July 1 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 _____ Opportunity _____

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 _____

Have at least one youth column or blog post appear on your Grange website (contact National Grange for details about your FREE website through grange.org). (5 pts.)

Website Address _____ Date _____

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 _____ Event Competed In _____ Date _____

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 _____ Event Competed In _____ Date _____

Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in a State, Regional or National Baseball Contest or host a youth-oriented Grange Trivia contest in your Grange (written form is OK). (10 pts.)

Name _____ Event Competed In _____ Date _____

Organize a Youth Drill Team at your Grange (if previously organized, indicate date). (20 pts.) Date _____

Invite your State's Young Couple, Youth Ambassador(s), or State Officer who is a Youth to speak at your Grange. (10 pts.)

Date _____ Name(s) of Ambassador(s)/Couple/Officer _____

Submit article for consideration about an ongoing youth program or project in your Grange to the National Grange for appearance in the National Grange Youth Blog. (5 pts.)

Title _____ Date Submitted _____

Submit a list, including names, date of birth, office presently held if applicable and e-mail, of all Youth Members in your Grange to the National Grange Youth Department (ATTACH TO APPLICATION). (15 pts.)

Have at least one of your Grange's youth members compete in any one of the following National Programs/Events: John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience; National Youth Officer Team; Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program; or Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth. (10 pts.)

Name	Applied For/Participated In
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Have at least one of your youth members submit an entry to the National Grange Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest (or State Version) or National Grange Lecturer's Photo Contest (or State Version). (10 pts.)

Name	Contest Object was Submitted To
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Have at least one of your Youth attend a State or National Legislative Event, such as a Capitol Day, Washington DC Experience, or Fly-In. (15 pts.)

Name	Event
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Donate at least \$1 per member of your Grange (as of August 15th) to the National Grange Foundation Youth Fund. (20 pts.)

Date	\$ _____ Amount
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Total Points: _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is correct.

Printed Name	Date
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Signature of Submitter

Signature of State President
