



2024-2025 Distinguished State Grange Program Guidelines

The Distinguished State Grange Program honors State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, programming, and service to their communities. The 2024-2025 Distinguished State Granges will be recognized for their work done from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Distinguished State Granges will be recognized each year at the National Grange Convention with a certificate, and a plaque for every five (5) years of achievement as a Distinguished State Grange.

Submitting your Application

The postmark or online submission deadline by which to submit your application and all additional documentation for consideration is **September 1, 2025**. Application packets received after this deadline will not be considered.

You can choose any one of three ways to submit your application packet for Distinguished State Grange:

Option 1 – Online

Please complete the application and attach all supporting documents using the online form, www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished.

Option 2 – Email

Please complete the application and send with all supporting documents via email to distinguishedgrange@grange.org.

Option 3 – Mail

Please complete the application and send with all supporting documents to: Connie Johnston, ATTN: Distinguished Grange, 6241 Grand River Road, Bancroft, MI 48414.

Questions

If you have questions as to whether something your State Grange has completed will qualify or meet a requirement, please contact distinguishedgrange@grange.org prior to the September 1 deadline.



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State Grange: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Current position held in State Grange: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

List all the years your State Grange has been recognized as a Distinguished State Grange:

REQUIRED

_____ File all Quarterly Reports and Dues on time, preferably online through the National Grange Membership Database.

_____ Contribute \$1 per member, based on your 2024 Quarter 2 membership, to the National Convention Assessment Fund.*

Date Paid: _____ *pay by May 31.

Amount Paid \$ _____

_____ Submit 2024 State Journal of Proceedings, up-to-date Roster, and State Grange Bylaws to the National Grange.

_____ Send at least two State Officers or Directors to another National or regional Grange event (*in addition to the National Convention*).

Name _____ Title _____

Event _____

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_____ Submit a Community Service report with at least 25% of your state's Granges (Pomona and Community) reporting.

_____ Send updated contact and membership list for all Granges to the National Grange or update membership in the National Grange Database

ADDITIONAL

In addition to completing all the requirements above, you must also complete some or all of the following, with points adding to 100 or more, to be recognized as a Distinguished State Grange. To receive points, you must include supporting information, photos, or documentation for each item below with this application.

_____ Ensure that every Community Grange in your State is physically visited by at least one State Grange officer, director, or deputy (or other State-authorized representative) OR quarterly contact is made via phone, email, or mail by a State Grange officer, director, or deputy with any Granges not visited in-person. (15 points)

_____ Submit a Community Service report with at least 50% of your state's Granges (Pomona and Community) reporting. (10 points)

_____ Promote at least two (2) National Grange contests and ensure at least one entry or statewide winner for each is submitted from your state. (10 points)

_____ Host a workshop or publish a news article in your State Grange newsletter on mental health. (10 points)

_____ Host a State Legislative Day OR have at least 25% of the Granges in your state hold a public legislative/activism forum, voter drive, or other legislative/citizenship event OR have at least one State Officer or designated member testify on behalf of the State Grange before a statewide legislative or regulatory body. (20 points)

_____ Achieve a net regular membership gain for the State Grange. (20 points)

Members as of 7/1/2024 _____

Members as of 6/30/2025 _____

_____ Organize or reorganize a Grange. (15 points EACH)



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- _____ Organize or reorganize a Junior Grange. (15 points EACH)
- _____ Use the National Grange database to submit quarterly reports. (20 points)
- _____ Preserve historical records, photographs, and artifacts of your State Grange. (10 points)
- _____ Host a Degree Day or ritualism workshop that explains the lessons of each Degree for your members. Take advantage of the Grange Heirloom Program. (10 points)
- _____ Host a State Junior Grange event OR have at least 50% of the Junior Granges or Granges with Junior 1+ members participate in a state or national-sponsored service project/program. (15 points)
- _____ Host a State Youth and/or Young Adult event OR send a Youth Ambassador, John Trimble Legislative Youth, Communication Fellow, or National Youth Officer to National Grange OR establish a partnership with another State Grange and send a Youth on a Grange Interstate Youth Exchange. (15 points)
- _____ Use your State Grange's website or social media, OR publish an op-ed, to promote a Grange issue. (10 points)
- _____ Ensure that every Grange in your State has at least one current subscriber OR that each Grange is subscribed to the National Grange quarterly magazine, *Good Day!* (10 points)
- _____ Produce one State Grange contest, program, or educational activity using the theme "Grange Strong" and distribute information to each of your Community and Pomona Granges. (15 points)
- _____ Take part in the National Grange Community Service project at National Session or projects suggested by the National Community Service Team. (10 points)
- _____ Contribute at least \$250 to any fund in the National Grange Foundation. Donations can be made electronically at <https://grangefoundation.org> or make checks payable to: Grange Foundation. (10 points)



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_____ Provide information to your State Grange membership on planned giving to the Grange Foundation through programming or a workshop at a state or regional event. (10 points)

_____ Submit to the National Grange Communications Director (pvonada@nationalgrange.org) at least two (2) articles OR photos with captions for inclusion in either Good Day! magazine or our biweekly Grange Today! newsletter. (15 points)

_____ Sponsor a state-wide public event or project. (20 points)

_____ Submit the Distinguished State Grange application and all supporting information and documentation using the online form, www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished.n (10 points)

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS _____

Minimum of 100 points required