



2024-2025 Distinguished Junior Grange Program Guidelines

The Distinguished Junior Grange Program honors Junior 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 Junior Granges will be recognized for their work done from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. *This program is open to any charter or 1+ Junior Grange program.*

Distinguished Junior 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 Community 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 Junior 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 Junior Grange has completed will qualify or meet a requirement, please contact distinguishedgrange@grange.org prior to the September 1 deadline.



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Junior Grange Name and #: _____ State: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Current position held in Junior Grange: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Junior Granges must document their activities and provide evidence (such as photos, meeting minutes, or brief descriptions) to support their point claims.

REQUIRED

_____ Have a least 7 members between the ages of 5 and 14.

_____ Hold regular meetings (at least once a month) throughout the year.

_____ Have a designated Junior Grange Leader who has completed a background check through Safe Gatherings (www.safegatherings.com).

_____ Be in good standing with your State and National Grange.

_____ Submit all required reports to your State Grange on time.

_____ Participate in at least one State Junior Grange event or activity.

_____ Complete at least one community service project.

_____ Participate in at least two activities from the four quarterly focus areas:

- Q1: Legislative Experience
- Q2: Ag Awareness
- Q3: Deaf Awareness
- Q4: Community



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ADDITIONAL

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

Membership and Participation (35 points maximum)

- _____ Gain 2 or more new members (10 points)
Members as of 7/1/2024 _____
Members as of 6/30/2025 _____
- _____ Have 80% or more of members participate in at least half of all meetings (10 points)
- _____ Net gain in membership during the program year (10 points)
- _____ If you are an active Chartered Grange (5 points)

Grange Knowledge & Traditions (25 points maximum)

- _____ Open at least half of your meetings using full Junior Grange ritual (5 points)
- _____ Have 50% or more participate in the Sign-A-Song contest (10 points)
- _____ Have members complete at least 5 stamps in the Passport Program (10 points)

Community Involvement (25 points maximum)

- _____ Complete an additional community service project (5 points each, up to 15 points)
- _____ Participate in the National Junior Grange Community Service Project (10 points)

Personal Growth and Education (25 points maximum)

- _____ Have 50% or more members participate in the Public Speaking contest (10 points)
- _____ Have 50% or more members participate in the Creative Writing contest (10 points)
- _____ Have 50% or more members participate in the Creative Art contest (5 points)



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Grange Connections

_____ Collaborate with another Junior Grange on an activity. (10 points)

_____ Participate in a Subordinate/Community Grange event. (5 points)

_____ Have a member apply for the Cape of Honor Award. (10 points)

_____ Enter or display an exhibit promoting your Junior Grange at a local fair, festival, or community event. (5 points)

Leadership Development

_____ Have a youth member recognized with the Junior Mentor Award. (5 points)

_____ Have Junior members shadow their corresponding Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange officer for a meeting. (10 points)

_____ Have at least 2 Junior members attend a regional or National Grange event (can be separate events). (10 points)

Junior 1: _____ Event: _____

Junior 2: _____ Event: _____

Additional points available:

_____ Complete all four quarterly focus areas. (15 points)

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS _____
Minimum of 100 points required