

MEMBERSHIP

State Membership Team

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SUBORDINATE GRANGE MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

This program will begin January 1, 2019 and end on December 31, 2019. Membership will be calculated based upon the Grange Secretary Reports and awards will be presented at the 2020 WA State Grange Convention.

For the first 200 NEW Grange members in the state, each Grange contributing to that number will have their Grange name entered into a drawing for each new member joining the Grange. There will be three drawings for a prize of \$250 if we reach the goal of 200 new members. For each additional 100 members, we will add one more prize of \$250 each.

These must be new members only. Youth members will count. For family memberships, each new family member will count. What will not count? Demits, Reinstatements less than one year, Affiliates, Juniors, and E-Members.

JUNIOR GRANGE MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

This program will begin January 1, 2019 and end on December 31, 2019. Membership will be calculated based upon the Junior Grange Secretary Reports and awards will be presented at the 2020 State Grange Convention in Okanogan.

For the first 50 NEW Junior Grange members in the state, each Junior Grange contributing to that number will have their Junior Grange name entered into a drawing for each new Junior Grange member joining their Jr. Grange. There will be three drawings for a prize of \$50. For each additional 25 members, we will add one more prize of \$50 each. These must be new Junior Grange members only. These awards will be based on the Junior Grange Yearly Secretary Reports submitted to the State Junior Director. Reports are found at www.wa-grange.com / Juniors/Contest Forms & Reports/Secretary's Report. Junior Secretary Reports are due May 1st. **Junior 1+ members will count under the name of the Subordinate Grange.**

GRANGE MONTH DISPLAY CONTEST

"GRANGE SUPER HEROS: DISCOVERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS"

During Grange Month we encourage Granges to highlight their Grange in their communities and state in the form of a Grange Display. As we celebrate Grange month in April Granges are encouraged to showcase their individual Grange and to also support other Granges by attending their activities. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange by portraying the positive influences the Grange has made on communities, state and nation.

For over 150 years, the Grange has worked to make our nation a better place for our citizens. We are active in 244 communities throughout the State of Washington, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display of our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of your community of our programs and achievements.

We ask that each Grange create a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

Contest Information and General Guidelines

- Each Grange will arrange their own display area in a prominent public location in their community.
- Each Grange design a display featuring their projects and activities, with focus on positive impacts achieved in their community and state.
- The display should follow the theme ***“GRANGE SUPER HEROS: DISCOVERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS”***
- Grange programs should be represented (i.e. Lecturer, Family Living, Community Service, Legislative, Youth and Junior activities, etc.
- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during April.
- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.
- Each Grange is encouraged to take 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).
- Place the pictures in a folder, with a 300-word (maximum) essay about the display and what you wanted to convey.
- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.
- Send the folder to the State Grange Office no later than May 1.
- Submit pictures of your display for promotion in The Grange News.
- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three displays: \$100, \$50, \$25.
- All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by May 1 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.
- All entries will be displayed and available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.

GRANGE IN ACTION PROGRAM

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how large or small. Granges (Subordinate, Pomona, and Junior) who wish to be recognized at the 2019 State and National Grange convention as a “Grange In Action” should complete the following requirements:

- Submit a 1-page letter size with pictures and caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Dec 1, 2018 to Sept 1, 2019, Anything over 1 page with be disqualified
- The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- Granges that qualify for the 2019 Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition at the national level.
- Entries should be brought to the State Grange Convention and turned in to the Membership Table prior to the opening of the convention on June 26, 2019. Entries will be made into a display of “Granges in Action” at the state convention. Entries from the State Grange Convention will be forwarded by the State Grange to the National Grange for national recognition. Your entry will not be returned.
- Additional entries may be submitted for National Grange recognition should be submitted no later than September 25, 2019 postmark or electronic by midnight on September 25, 2019
- Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington – 1616H Street, NW Washington, DC 20006
- Email to Loretta Washington @ lwashington@nationalgrange.org please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report.
- To be named a “State Grange in Action”, a State Grange must have at least 6 Granges recognized as “Grange In Action.”
- Some of the entries will be on display at next year’s National Convention.

DISTINGUISHED GRANGE PROGRAM

The Distinguished Grange Program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, fundraising and service to their communities. The 2018-19 Distinguished Granges will be honored for their work done from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The award for being named a Distinguished Grange is presented annually at the National Grange Convention at a special reception and mentioned in the convention program. They will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. Granges that qualify as a Distinguished Grange for five consecutive years will receive a plaque.

Submitting your Application: The postmark or online submission deadline to submit your materials to be considered for Distinguished Grange is August 1, 2019. Applications received after this deadline will not be awarded Distinguished Grange.

Choose the easiest method for you to submit your application:

- Option 1 - Please complete the application attached and send along with any supporting documents by mail to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Distinguished Grange.
- Option 2 - You may choose to submit your application via a single online form, the link to which will be made available at www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished starting January 1, 2019.
- Option 3 - You can choose to submit your application and supporting documents via email to lwashington@nationalgrange.org. Our servers only accept emails of 5.0 MB or smaller, so you may have to send documents in follow up emails. If so, please indicate DG – Grange Name in each subject line.

Review & Assessment Prior to Deadline:

If you wish to have your application material reviewed as you believe something your Grange has completed may qualify or meet a requirement, please contact Loretta Washington at lwashington@nationalgrange.org prior to the August 1 deadline.

Distinguished Subordinate Grange Requirements:

- Submit all quarterly reports on time to your State Grange (State Grange must provide verification email or letter to you; attach to application).
- Remit all dues to your State Grange on time (State Grange must provide verification email or letter to you; attach to application).
- Complete a Subordinate Grange Check-In call.
- Send at least one Delegate (or member if you are ineligible to send a delegate or delegates) to State Grange Convention.
- Send at least two Subordinate Grange members to another National, State or regional event.
- Submit a community service report to your state.
- Maintain or increase membership during the period of 7/1/18 to 6/30/19.
- Host at least one visit by a State or National Grange representative to your Subordinate Grange and allow them to offer information/a message to your membership. (*Attached Description (including date, etc.)*)

- In addition to completing all the requirements above, you must complete some or all of the following, with points adding to 125 or more in order to qualify as a Distinguished Grange.
- Submit Distinguished Grange application through the online form. (5 pts.)
- Provide at least one press clip showing you are publicizing your Grange, Grange events or have a good relationship with your local press. (5 pts.)
- Present a resolution on a policy* to your State Grange on something other than Grange Growth or Grange Law. (5 pts.) *Make sure your State Grange and/or National Grange do not already have the same policy.
- Attend a public meeting as a Grange or host a forum with public officials for your community to attend or hold a legislative event, candidate forum, Grangers Organized to Vote event or make at least one legislative issue contact with a public official on the local, state or national level. (10 pts.)
- Host at least one Youth and/or Young Adult event/community service event. (10 pts.) (*Attach information about the event(s).*)
- Provide information on planned giving through programming, workshop, handout or other method to entire Subordinate Grange membership. (10 pts.)
- Invite a Youth from another Grange, or from FFA or 4-H, to speak at a meeting. (10 pts.)
- Honor veterans with a Patriot's Program or nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor and host the award ceremony. (10 pts.)
- Ensure that at least three members of your Grange have subscriptions to the National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day!™. (10 pts.)
- Update your grange.org website with at least meeting time, day and location and contact information for at least one officer/director OR contact the National Grange to have your grange.org website forward to your present website. Site must also include at least a few paragraphs about your Grange's mission or service to the community/ relevance. You are encouraged to connect it to your social media accounts, pictures of your Grange in action and messages from your Grange officers or committee chairs. (If you have done this in previous years, thanks! You can count it again as long as the information is up-to-date.) (10 pts.)
- Establish or ensure current Grange Facebook PAGE is up to date (under About tab) with at least your Grange's meeting information (dates, times, place), and contact information for someone in your Grange. Make sure your page shows a bit of what your Grange does – community service, events, Lecturer's programming, etc., to let visitors know what to expect if they were to join your Grange or visit. (10 pts.)
- Provide to membership information on planned giving through programming, workshop/lecturer's event, guest speaker, etc., or have at least one member of your Grange attend a State Grange planned giving workshop/lecture. (10 pts.)
- Sponsor or host an event that focuses on health, such as a health fair, 5K, blood drive, etc. (10 pts.)
- Include in one of your community service activities the Heroes for our Hometowns theme. Submit a copy of the event poster, digital ad or other publicity including/playing on the theme and photos of someone in Grange cape as part of event. (10 pts.)
- Contribute at least \$100 to the National Grange Building Fund (make checks payable to National Grange) or to any fund in the National Grange Foundation (make checks payable to Grange Foundation). (10 pts.)
- Host a Junior Event or Junior 1+ event or a Junior community service event. (10 pts.) (*Attach information about the event(s).*)
- Send a contribution for the Kelley Farm in 2019 to GRANGE FOUNDATION (note that the contribution is for Kelley Farm). All donations from Subordinate Granges will be presented to the Kelley Farm during our 153rd Annual National Grange Convention in Minnesota. (10 pts.)
- Invite a National Grange Officer (other than one who is a member of your State Grange) to attend one of your activities or meetings – and have them attend. (10 pts.) (*Provide details along with this application about event, attendance and involvement of the officer.*)

- Sponsor or host at least one contest, program or educational activity on food security or civic engagement/ citizenship before July 1, 2019 or participate in at least one State or National program on food security or civic engagement. (15 pts.)
- Net gain in affiliated Junior Grange or Junior 1+ members. (15 pts.)
- Participate in the National Grange membership department contest by creating a display to promote your Grange. Complete and submit the contest form along with all supporting documentation. (15 pts.)
- Provide at least one brief update with a photo to the National Grange Communications Department for possible inclusion in the National Grange social media, newsletter or magazine, Good Day!™ (15 pts.)
- Hold an open house/public Grange event to introduce the organization to your community, engage in conversation about what the loss of organizations like ours or lack of civic engagement means for the community OR in a conversation about what needs are currently unmet in your community that a group like the Grange may be able to assist with. (15 pts.) *(Provide a description about the event and community attendance/reactions.)*
- Host/organize at least three community service or educational events. (20 pts.) Provide information on each event.