

## 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. Thousands of dollars in scholarships awarded annually.

### HOW TO JOIN

Find a Grange in your area on our website or by contacting the Washington State Grange. Fill out the application in this brochure and check with your Community Grange to find out the dues. [www.wa-grange.org](http://www.wa-grange.org)

# BE PROUD

# BE LEADERS

# BE GRANGE YOUTH

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Contact the Washington State Grange at (360)943-9911 or email the State Youth Director for more information at [grange@wa-grange.org](mailto:grange@wa-grange.org)

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future”  
- Franklin D Roosevelt



## Who We Are

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

- develop youth leaders
- provide opportunities for personal growth

Through participation in the programs developed by the Washington 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.



# GRANGE YOUTH

## Washington Grange Youth Membership Application

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

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Application Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in:  Legislative activities  Community service  Agriculture  Travel

(check all that apply)  Public speaking  Leadership Skills  Friendships  Scholarships

**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 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 women and community leaders have all recognized the Grange as one of the 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”**



## Youth-Specific Programming

### Horizon Leadership Program

Annually, the Washington State Grange selects Youth Ambassadors between the ages of 16 to 22 and Young Adults or Couples between the ages of 22 to 36 to represent Washington’s Youth Program at the National Grange Convention and at events throughout the year.

### State and National Youth Officer Teams

The Youth Officer Team is a hallmark group of Grange Youth selected through a competitive process. Daily practices during the annual convention prepare the team to perform an impressive drill and open one day of the State and/or National Sessions.

### Young Adult and Teenager Recognition

Members receive recognition during the Washington 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 develops public speaking skills and builds 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 Washington at a regional competition. Regional winners then advance to the national level.

### 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, mentoring, community service and professional development.

### Youth 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. A second opportunity is available to participate in the National Grange Fly-In to meet legislators and tour legislative buildings in Washington D.C.

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

The G.R.O.W. Club is an alumni program for Grange youth who have represented Washington at National Conventions. Members continue to “go right on working” for the Grange at all levels. The club sponsors an annual scholarship for a Grange member to further his/her education.