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**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
YOUTH ACTIVITIES
PROGRAM HANDBOOK
2017**

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The following applications may be found on the National Grange Youth website:
Horizon Youth Leadership Program, John Trimble Legislative Experience, National Grange Youth Officer Team, GROW Club Scholarship, Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge

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**APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE WA STATE GRANGE WEBSITE AND ON THE NATIONAL
GRANGE YOUTH DEPARTMENT WEBSITE. PLEASE DOWNLOAD
WHAT YOU NEED.**

YOUTH DEPARTMENT CALENDAR FOR 2017

March 15: Registrations Due to Youth Weekend

March 31-April 2: Youth Weekend @ Lewis & Clark State Park ELC, near Toledo

May 15: Applications due to State Youth Director for the following:

- Horizon Youth Ambassador Program
- Outstanding Young Adult
- 4-H/FFA Member Award
- Spirit of Youth Award

June 1: Notify State Youth Director of intent to enter the following:

- Grange Jeopardy
- Public Speaking Prepared Speech Contest
- Sign-a-Song Contest

June 28-July 1: State Grange Convention @ Ocean Shores Convention Center. Bring items for the Keep Washington Warm Service Project and Youth Folding Display Contest Entries

August 4-6: Western Regional Grange Leadership/Youth Conference @ Anaheim, California

August 15: All Youth Achievement Award Applications due to State Youth Director

August 15: All applications for the following due to the State Youth Director:

- John Trimble Legislative Experience
- National Grange Youth Officer Team

August 15: All Distinguished Grange Youth Program Applications due to National Youth Director

September 1: Applications due to National Youth Director for the following:

- John Trimble Legislative Experience
- Horizon Youth Leadership Ambassador Program
- National Grange Youth Officer Team
- National Grange GROW Club Scholarship
- Summary Reports for the Grange Youth 2017 Focus Area Projects

September 10: Applications due to the National Grange Youth Director for the following:

- Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth
- Right on Target Youth Committee Award

September 15: Entry deadline for the NJHA Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest

October 1: Applications due to State Youth Director for "Apathy Not Allowed" Contest

November 7-11: National Grange Convention @ Spokane, Washington

MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Youth Department exists to serve the interests of young Grange members and foster their role in the future of the Grange.

STATE GRANGE YOUTH OFFICERS

The Washington State Grange Youth Officers are elected at State Convention with installation to follow. To be eligible to be a State Youth Officer, you must be a fourth degree member in good standing, and no more than 20 years of age at the time of election. Each person can hold any given office for only one year. There is a limit of three officers per county, if possible, to give everyone a chance to become an officer. State Youth Officers' duties consist of opening, conducting business, and closing Youth meetings at convention; helping with the planning and running of Youth Weekend; and attending their own Subordinate and Pomona meetings as well as others in their area. They will be called on to speak to other groups about the Grange and represent the Grange at other functions and meetings. You are representatives of the Grange and the Youth Department.

STATE GRANGE CONVENTION

The youth activities during convention are open to all fourth degree members in good standing.

The Youth Department of the Washington State Grange will not be responsible for youth not in attendance of youth functions, or in the evenings after all youth activities are over for the day. Each youth under the age of 18 must have a responsibility form on file with the Washington State Grange. The person signing the responsibility form must be over the age of 21 and staying for the entire convention.

The responsibility form requires the name and convention address of the person responsible for the youth attending the convention. Any youth attending convention and participating in youth activities must be registered and wear the registration badge to all functions. Each youth will need a completed medical release form to register. The youth badge is required to attend all youth activities.

DRESS GUIDELINES: Everyone will be dressed neatly at all times (clean, no holes, tears or unsightly patches). We suggest at least one dress shirt (tie recommended) and slacks for men and at least one dress outfit for women. Appropriate casual dress will be fine most of the time.

YOUTH WEEKEND

Youth weekend is open to all teens and state youth officers. The date and location will be announced. All participants will pay a registration fee (amount to be determined). Everyone must have a registration and medical release form. Forms are available from the Youth Director and online on the Washington State Grange website. Please send all completed forms to the State Youth Director. This event will be held in the spring; specific date and location will be announced in the Grange News. We maintain a zero-tolerance policy on alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and weapons. Once a teen arrives, they will stay with the group until they leave to go home, unless the absence has been pre-approved by both the directors and a parent. This includes the use of cars. Violators will be sent home.

2017 REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCES

Regional conferences will be held in six regions of the nation. The regional conferences will include workshops which youth and young adults and older Junior Grangers will be able to utilize in their own states and communities. Public speaking and sign song competitions will be held at the regional conference. Regional conferences will help Youth and Young Adults develop needed life skills. Non-Grange youth are invited to participate in the regional conferences. These conferences are for everyone - age is unimportant, but your enthusiasm and love for the Grange is needed. ***The Western Regional Conference is scheduled for August 4-6 and will be held in the Anaheim area in California.***

KEEP WASHINGTON WARM YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

In cooperation with the State Grange Community Service Department, our Grange youth members will be collecting stocking caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc. for distribution to the less fortunate in our state. Items may be purchased or hand made. Donations should be delivered to the State Grange Convention. Grange youth will display the items and then distribute the items in the host convention area following the convention.

HORIZON LEADERSHIP AMBASSADOR/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Adult program is to provide an opportunity for Youth, Young Adults, and Young Couples, selected to represent their state at a National Grange convention, to build their leadership potential; broaden their view of the Grange by experiencing a National Convention; receive educational training to use in their own states; and build relationships with Grangers throughout the nation by having fun.

The program is an opportunity for youth and young adults selected by their state to participate in activities as guests of The National Grange Foundation, Youth Leadership Fund. The National Grange will provide scholarship assistance toward room and meal costs at the National Grange convention. The Washington State Grange Youth Department will reimburse for the cost of airfare to the national convention site.

Each state may send two youth (one male, one female) and two young adults or a young couple who meet the following criteria:

1. Youth ambassadors must be 16-21 years of age, have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 22nd birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the national session. These individuals must also be single, never been married, may not have children and must not marry and/or have children during their term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.
2. Young Adults/Young Couples must be between the ages of 22-35, have observed their 22nd birthday, but not their 36th birthday by December 31 of the year they attend national session.
3. Ambassadors/Young Adults/Young Couples must have been a Grange member for a minimum of one year at the time they attend National Session.
4. Previous State Ambassadors/Young Couples/Young Adults who have participated in this program at the National Grange Convention are not eligible. Exception: Young Adults who are former Youth Ambassadors are eligible to participate.
5. Ambassadors/Young Adults/Young Couples must meet their state's requirements.
6. Ambassadors/Young Adults/Young Couples must be able to attend the National convention to represent their state during Youth Activities Days (Wednesday evening through Saturday). The Ambassadors/Outstanding Young Adults must complete three seals in the Oliver Hudson Kelley Achievement Award. They must also complete one of the John Thompson Ritual Achievement Awards.
7. Ambassadors/Young Adults/Young Couples must also complete the requirements for a minimum of two seals of any of the other achievement awards between September 1 of the previous year and October 15 of the current year.
8. Ambassadors/Young Adults/Young Couples must attend a regional youth conference in the past five years before national session. And attend a state session in the past two years.
9. Each Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Adult/Young Couple will be expected to complete a Grange trivia challenge with a score of at least 80% prior to attending the convention. Trivia Challenge must be returned to the National Director by October 15 of the current year. Trivia challenges may be obtained from the national director or the National Grange website www.nationalgrangeyouth.org
10. Office application form must be completed and postmarked by September 1. Send to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The applications must include a summary of your Grange activities in the following areas: Fellowship, Activities, Recognition, Fun, Leadership, Service, and Membership.

11. The following letters of recommendation are to be sent with the application: Subordinate Grange, preferable Master or Secretary; State Master; and State Youth Director.
12. Horizon Leadership youth ambassadors will be housed together at the National Grange Convention with up to three other official participants per room.
13. Young Adults will be housed in the same are with up to three other official participants per room. Young couples will be housed one per room.
14. Horizon Leadership Ambassadors/Outstanding Young Adults will be recognized at the National Convention.
15. Ambassadors/Young Adults or their individual states are responsible for their own transportation and registration fee.
16. The Grange Foundation Youth Leadership fund will provide each ambassador with the following tickets: Youth Tour, Pizza Party, Banquet, AOLE/GROW Club Dinner.
17. Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.

WA STATE GRANGE SELECTION PROCESS: All applications are due to the State Youth Director by May 15. The application must be accompanied by the required attachments and letter of recommendation from the subordinate Grange. All applicants will go through an interview selection process at the State Grange Convention. The application and all supporting documents will be forwarded to the National Grange Youth Director by the September 1 deadline.

CODE READING - AWARD OF MERIT

(Open to all Grange members)

An award of merit card, designed by the National Grange, will be given to any member (no age limits) who illustrates proficiency in reading the fourth degree codebook and in demonstrating the secret work of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. This project is conducted under the direction of the State Master, who will be responsible for testing and issuing of the Award of Merit cards. The card bears the signature of the National Master and the issuing State Master. Grangers wishing to study the codebook should contact their County Deputy.

FFA OR 4-H MEMBER AWARDS

An award is presented to a 4-H or FFA member who is a fourth degree Grange member who meets these requirements:

FFA:

1. Hold at least chapter degree of achievement in FFA.
2. Has an outstanding record of planned farm experience.
3. Is a leader and is involved in both Grange and non-Grange activities.

4-H:

1. Has been a 4-H member for at least one year.
2. Has an outstanding record of participation in 4-H activities.
3. Is a leader and is involved in both Grange and non-Grange activities.

The recipient of this award is entitled to \$50 travel expenses for attending the State Grange Convention, Complimentary initiation in the Fifth and Sixth degrees and certificate. The State Grange Youth Team makes the selection of the final winner. Applications will be available at the back of this handbook. All applications must be postmarked by May 15 of the current year to the State Youth Director.

WASHINGTON STATE SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARD

This award is designed to honor those who have given unselfishly of themselves to Youth Programs. Often these people are behind the scenes, never receiving recognition, but always have the needs of Youth in their plans. The Spirit of Youth Award is an award of distinction, an honor of prestige.

Rules: Nominees can be single or married. Nominees can be of any age. Nominations should take the form of a letter to the Youth Director explaining why this person/couple should be recognized for this award. Nominations are due to the State Youth Directors postmarked by May 15th. The award will be given during State Convention.

JOHN TRIMBLE YOUTH LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

National Convention Youth Legislative Experience will provide opportunities for one or two Grange Youth, age 16-35, with an interest in the legislative aspect of the National Grange to see the inner workings of committees and the grass roots legislative policy development effort at the National Grange Convention.

1. Each youth will serve on one of the legislative committees reviewing resolutions as a voting member of the committee and as a youth staff assistant to the National Grange Legislative Director. Participants will watch the delegate body take action on the resolutions and assist in other ways.
2. An individual may participate in the program a maximum of one time.
3. As a youth staff assistant, they will be assigned some additional logistical duties so that they can see how the back room production proves works at the convention. These duties will not conflict with the opportunities of seeing the national delegates work on the floor.
4. As guests of the National Grange, their room cost will be paid (which will be shared with other participants) plus meals or tickets to certain meal functions.
5. Transportation will be the participant's responsibility.
6. Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.
7. Applications will be submitted to the National Youth Development Director, who will share applications with the National Legislative Director and National Master in making selection of participants and assignment to committee.
8. Please include letters of recommendation from your Subordinate Grange Master, State Youth Director, and your State Grange Master.
9. Applications are available on the WA State Grange website.

WA STATE GRANGE SELECTION PROCESS: All applications are due to the State Youth Director by August 15. The application must be accompanied by the required attachments and letter of recommendation from the subordinate Grange. The application and all supporting documents will be forwarded to the National Grange Youth Director by the September 1 deadline.

NATIONAL GRANGE YOUTH OFFICER TEAM

Purpose: To assemble a team of Youth from across the nation to open the National Grange convention on Friday morning at the annual session. This will provide more youth with an opportunity to participate in the National Grange convention.

1. The Grange Youth Officer's Team will march in and open the Grange in the fourth degree and march out.
2. Master, Overseer, Steward, AS, LAS, Gatekeeper, and Chaplain have speaking parts.
3. Lecturer will need to select an opening song.
4. Secretary will need to be prepared to call the roll of Youth officers, which will be established following the application process. Secretary is responsible for learning how to pronounce the names correctly.
5. Ceres, AS, and LAS will need to know how to present the flag properly according to the Office Flag presentation ceremony offered by the National Grange.

6. AS and LAS may submit suggestions for the seating and retiring drill. Also please limit the time of the opening drill to six minutes and the retiring drill to three minutes.
7. Musician applicants must submit a musical demonstration tape or CD. Musical piece should no more than three minutes. Musician may make suggestions for March Music. The National Youth Development Director will screen any music suggestions for appropriateness.
8. There are 18 offices to be filled: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, AS, LAS, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, four Executive Committee positions and Musician.
9. Youth officer applicants shall be Grange members who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age.
10. The National Grange Youth Development Director will contact each applicant with additional questions during the selection process.
11. The selection process will be based off letters of recommendation as well as the application. Youth previously serving as Master are ineligible for reapplication.
12. Each applicant will be notified of the results no later than October 1, so that each has adequate time to make travel arrangements. Each member of the NGYOT will receive a special certificate.
13. Applicants are required to prove that they have earned a minimum of three achievement awards, which have been earned between August 31 of the previous year and September 1 of the current year. One award seal must be completed in the John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award. They will also need to complete the Grange Trivia Challenge.
14. Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a member of their local Grange – preferably Master, the State Youth Director, and the State Master.
15. Applicants must be committed to memorizing their speaking part if the office they are applying to fill has a speaking part. Each applicant must be willing to comply with the dress guidelines that will be established for the youth officers.
16. Single youth (14-21) applicants must have not become pregnant or have children during their term of service. If under 18, applicant must have parent's consent.
17. Current Horizon Leadership Ambassadors and John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience delegates are not eligible to apply.
18. Youth housing at the National convention will be available for any who wish to participate. If funds are available in the Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fun, financial assistance will be given for lodging and meals. If funds are not available, all expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the participating youth.

WA STATE GRANGE CONTEST INFORMATION: All applications are due to the State Youth Director by August 15. The application must be accompanied by the required attachments, the completed Trivia Challenge, and letters of recommendation from the subordinate Grange and the State Grange Master. The State Youth Director will attach a letter of recommendation and forward the applications to the National Director by September 1.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

There will be three categories this year along with three age divisions are as follows:

- 14-21 years of age
- 22-35 years of age
- 36+ years of age.

The age of the contestant as of January 1 will determine the age group. For state, regional and national public speaking contests, props will be allowed, but must be appropriately sized for the room. Points can be deducted for props.

Category A: Prepared speech

Contestant's choice of topic. Contestants in Category A will be required to answer an impromptu question at the end of their speech. The questions will be related to the contestant's chosen speech topic. This will include William Ireland Communication Achievement Award speeches. Speeches must be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.

Category B: Radio Spot Contest

A radio spot is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Pretend you're a "DJ" and you're doing a commercial for the Grange.

Radio spots should be exactly 60 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but may not include a spoken introduction or "tag" by another other than the contestant. If music or sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device. The contestant will provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 60 second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to the Grange, be original and created by the contestant.

Category C: Impromptu Speeches

An impromptu speech is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. No note cards are used, and topics are generally drawn. We hope that by establishing an impromptu speech category that members will build confidence and in the future participate in the prepared speeches or the elevator speech category.

Impromptu speeches should be at least one minute in length and not longer than 5 minutes. Time keeper will hold up hand when the 1 minute mark has been reached and then 4 ½ minute mark has been reached so speaker knows when he/she can stop.

Participants will draw two topics, select their choice of the two and return the other one. Competition will be held at the Regional Conferences – You need not have participated in a state competition in order to participate. Participants must notify National Director of intent to enter prior to the beginning of the contest.

Impromptu speaking will be judged on the following criteria:

- Voice: Spoke clearly, easy to understand;
- Stage Presence: dressed Neatly and appropriately, posture, nervousness, etc.;
- Expression: Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion;
- Confidence in speaking, content of speech;
- Clarity of thoughts and ideas on topic.

One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established. Score sheet will be returned to entrants.

Prizes: National Grange will provide ribbons to the top three entrants in each division and age category along with cash prizes. Prepared Speeches will receive \$20 for 1st, \$15 for 2nd and \$10 for 3rd. Impromptu and Radio Spots will receive \$15 for 1st place, \$10 for 2nd and \$5 for 3rd. There will be a special award presented to the Best of Show at the regional contest, plus a cash award of \$25.

One overall winner from each region will be selected to showcase at the National Grange Convention. To advance to the National Convention, Grangers must compete in their local region. Impromptu Public speaking category entries are not eligible for Best of Show. Each Best of Show that showcases at the National Grange convention will receive \$100.

WA STATE GRANGE CONTEST INFORMATION: Participants in Category A (Prepared Speeches) should notify the State Youth Director by June 1 of their intent to enter the contest. Participants in

Category B and C should notify the State Youth Director prior to the contest at the State Convention. The state contests will be held during the State Grange Convention in June of each year. First place winners in each age group of Category A and B will be eligible to enter the Regional Public Speaking Contest in August. The cost of attending the regional conference (registration fee, hotel, transportation, etc.) is the responsibility of the contestant.

Prizes: State prizes in each age group of Category A (Prepared Speech) are: First Place, \$100; Second Place, \$75; and Third Place, \$50. State prizes in each age group of Category B (Radio Spot) and C (Impromptu) are: First Place, \$15; Second Place, \$10; and Third Place, \$5.

SIGN-A-SONG CONTEST

Categories:

A – Novice Individual – one who is beginning to learn to sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the sign a song contest no more than two years

B – Hobbyist Individual – one who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun. One who has entered the sign a song contest more than two years.

C - Group – two or more people signing.

D - Expert – one who signs professionally. Ineligible for Best of Show, but looking for opportunity to encourage others to participate.

Rules

1. Each state may send one entry in each category to the regional competition. Selection of the state winners is under the jurisdiction of the State Grange
2. Participants are to supply the National Youth Development Director with three copies of the words to the song they are signing.
3. Participants must provide their own music. A CD player and speakers will be available.
4. Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing may only enter in the expert category. Expert category entries are ineligible for the Best of Show. If there is a professional signer in a group entry, it is only eligible in the Expert category.
5. Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign Language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
6. Participants must be Grange members.
7. Props and costumes are not allowed, rhythm is optional.
8. Only one song may be signed during the competition performance.
9. Participants must sign their own name and song title.
10. Participants must inform the audience and judges what type of sign language they will be using. (Pidgeon, ASL, ESL, etc.)

Judging guidelines for a total of 100 points:

- Utilization of Total communication skills (Sign language ability, signs clearly with correct interpretation) - 32 points
- Body expression, displays emotion, expresses key thoughts with body movement, mouth words for lip reading -30 points
- Presentation, interpret with confidence, uniformity (group) - 25 points
- Song selection is appropriate, with a clear meaning and is suitable for the participants signing ability - 10 points
- Signed their own name - 1 point
- Signed title of Song - 1 point
- Informed judges and Audience of type of sign language being used - 1 point

Prizes: National Grange will provide ribbons for each regional contest for first, second and third. First place will receive \$20, 2nd place \$15 and 3rd place \$10. The Best of Show will receive a special award and an additional cash award of \$25 and be eligible to showcase at the National Grange Convention in November. To be eligible to participate in National Showcase, you must advance from your local region. Showcase acts will receive \$100 for participating.

WA STATE GRANGE CONTEST INFORMATION: Participants should notify the State Youth Director by June 1 of their intent to enter the contest. The state contests will be held during the State Grange Convention in June of each year. First place winners in each age group of Category A, B, and C will be eligible to enter the Regional Public Speaking Contest in August. State prizes in each Category A, B, and D are: First Place, \$50; Second Place, \$30; and Third Place, \$20. State prizes in Category C are: First Place, \$100; Second Place, \$75; and Third Place, \$50. The cost of attending the regional conference (registration fee, hotel, transportation, etc.) is the responsibility of the contestant.

GRANGE JEOPARDY

Grange Jeopardy is an exciting event that brings together youth and young adults interested in Grange trivia and history. Individuals have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the Grange, its history and impact on rural America. This fact sheet serves as a guideline to prepare Grangers for a Grange Jeopardy competition.

Background: The Jeopardy program is set up for anyone who has an interest in Grange history, trivia, and structure. Grange Jeopardy gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas, while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications, and listening skills. The competition is for individuals between the ages of 14-35, as of January 1 of the year competing.

Preparation: In Jeopardy, individuals compete against each other earning points for correctly answering questions about the Grange and rural issues. Questions can be obtained by visiting the National Grange Youth website to review past national trivia challenges or using Grange resources such as the current edition of the Grange blue manual, Grange publications, websites, Grange digest, Grange bylaws, and history books.

WA STATE GRANGE CONTEST INFORMATION: A written test will be given to all interested youth 14-35 years of age at the State Grange Convention in June. The test will be scored and the order of contestants eligible for the Western Regional Contest will be determined. WA State may have three contestants at the regional contest. The regional contest will determine national contestants.

GRANGE YOUTH PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to encourage Grange youth and young adults to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, public speaking, and problem solving skills.

Details for the contest can be found in the National Grange Youth Program Guide. Interested persons should notify the State Youth Director by June 1 of their interest in participating in this contest.

YOUTH GRANGE MEMBER RECRUITMENT AWARD

To encourage youth and young adults to grow the Grange, the youth department will be recognizing youth and young adults for their recruitment efforts. The program will run from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Full details can be found on the National Grange Youth website.

GRANGE YOUTH FOLDING DISPLAY CONTEST

All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a subordinate/community Grange. There will be two age division: Youth – Grange members 14-21 years of age as of January 1; Young Adults – Grange members 22-35 years of age.

Each state may send one entry in each division to the National Grange Convention. The display theme must be Grange related. Entries will be displayed at the National Grange Session, but members need not attend to participate.

A Grange member may enter as an individual or as a member of a group. All group entry members must be in the same age division.

Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself. Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality, and neatness.

WA STATE GRANGE CONTEST INFO: All entries are due to the youth meeting room at the State Grange Convention before the opening of the convention in the sixth degree. If no entries are received at the convention, the State Youth Committee reserves the right to select state representative entries following the state convention.

NJHA HORTICULTURE IDENTIFICATION AND JUDGING CONTEST

The National Grange Youth Department and the National Junior Horticulture Association have partnered together to encourage horticultural education. A Grange division has been added to the NJHA Horticultural Identification and Judging Contest. In addition, Grange youth can participate in other NJHA contests. Detail on this project can be found in the National Grange Youth Program Guide.

NATIONAL GRANGE YOUTH - 2016 FOCUS AREAS

The Grange encourages all Grange youth to develop programs around the following topics, test them in their Subordinate, Pomona, or State Granges, and develop a summary of the project.

Focus topics are:

Grange History/150 Years of Grange

Agriculture Advocacy/Education

Citizenship/Grassroots Advocacy

Submit to the National Grange Youth Director by September 1 a summary of the way in which your Grange took on the topic, the program/project developed around the focus area, the roles designated by the group and how the group made decision, the timeline, project funding/support necessary, and outcome. The summary should include a list of all Grange participants and numbers on those who actively participated and an estimate and description of those who subsequently benefitted from the program. Youth should also include a summary of all media coverage/content related to the program, and copies of advertisements/posts made on social media about the program and/or news stories.

APATHY NOT ALLOWED PROGRAM

Making its debut at the 2013 National Grange Session is the new National Grange Youth Legislative Program, entitled Apathy Not Allowed.

The program is a joint venture between the National Grange's Youth and Legislative Departments that seeks to educate Grange Youth on crucial legislative matters affecting them and their Granges. Subsequently, involved Youth will be educated on the many ways in which Grangers and citizens alike can advocate for the issues they feel important to shaping public policy and the communities in which they live.

Among the world's developed countries, the United States ranks second from the bottom in regards to voter turnout; a position that is entirely unacceptable if we are to grow as a nation and fix the problems we are currently facing. Political apathy is significantly higher among teens and young adults, who see little relation between government action and their daily lives. Thus, Apathy Not Allowed will work to engage our Grange Youth and get them involved as responsible citizens with a firm grasp on their civic duties as members of a free society.

GRANGE GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM AWARD

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Dec. 1

Any member who has completed the Sapphire and Emerald John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award requirements is eligible to enter into the Grange Grassroots Activism Award program. The program requires entrants to submit an application to the National Grange Legislative Director along with supporting documents. Details for eligibility and selection process can be found on the National Grange Youth website.

Prizes: Two \$800 Travel Scholarships to attend the Legislative Fly-In will be awarded. All other entrants will receive certificates of participation.

G.R.O.W. CLUB

"Go Right On Working"

The G.R.O.W. Club is an elite club that is made up of Grange members who have participated in the National Grange Prince, Princess, Young Couple, Ambassador, or Horizon Leadership programs or have served as Youth team members or as a National Grange Youth Director. In Washington State, past National Junior Grange Ambassadors are included in GROW Club Activities. Washington State Grange GROW Club members will meet annually during the State Grange Convention.

RIGHT ON TARGET YOUTH COMMITTEE AWARD

DEADLINE: September 10

A Granger or a group of Grangers who work together to reach out to the youth in their community can earn this award by setting a goal and sharing their accomplishment. Subordinate, Pomona Grange and State Youth Programs are eligible for consideration. The goal of their project, the plan of action and result must be submitted to the National Grange Youth Development Director to be considered for the award. Photos are not required but encouraged. Each member of the planning and implementation committee will receive a certificate of recognition.

While the deadline for reports is Sept. 10, reports can be sent to the National Youth Director at any time for display at the National convention. Reports should contain a written summary of what was planned and the results of the project along with pictures that show what happened. All programs will be shared with State Grange Youth Directors, State Masters on the National Grange Youth Development Department program CD and may be available on the National Grange Youth website.

Entries must contain the names of the Grange members working on the project, along with a main contact name, address, phone number, Grange name and number.

Prizes at the National level: First Place: \$45 and a certificate. Second Place: \$30 and a certificate. Third Place: \$15 and a certificate

LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTH

Due to the State Youth Director by August 15.

This award is designed to recognize outstanding Grange Youth who go above and beyond in leading the Grange through membership development, leadership growth and grassroots efforts.

This award can be designed to meet individual needs, however, they will need to complete the following:

1. Earn a minimum of three different achievement award seals. Can be from the same program or a combination of several.
2. Complete the Grange Trivia Challenge, earn a minimum of an 80 percent
3. Complete one of the following ritual elements: demonstrate the salutation, code reading or participate in the presentation of one of the Grange degrees.
4. Participate in a project that promotes the Grange and/or Grange youth department or complete a Right on Target award application.
5. Demonstrate leadership in the Grange.

Proof of your accomplishment must be submitted to the State Grange Youth Director postmarked by August 15. A simple report, including picture, name, address, Grange name and number or a letter from those you helped can be used a proof. Entries may also qualify for an achievement award seals. Each youth submitting proof will receive a special certificate and a lapel pin in recognition of their individual efforts.

NATIONAL GRANGE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

WA STATE GRANGE NOTE: **All application for Youth Achievement Awards are due by August 15 to the State Youth Director.** The application form is in this guide book and also on the WA State Grange website. The State Youth Director will compile the awards list and submit our entire list to the National Youth Director by September 1.

Achievement Awards may be earned by **any Grange member any age**. If you feel this is something that you would like to participate in and take the time and effort to meet the requirements and wish to receive a certificate, please complete the tasks for each seal and certificate.

William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award

Sapphire: Visit a local farm and talk with the farmer about what it is like to run a farm. Write a short essay describing what you learned and send it to the National Youth Director. Or, if you live on a farm, develop a “know your farmer” project that could be shared at a Grange meeting or other outreach program. For example, ag in the classroom, farm-city day, dairy princess promotion or agriculture day on the hill.

Emerald: select an area of interest; learn as much about your selection as you can, prepare an exhibit and exhibit it at a community/county fair, Grange fair or exhibit day or meeting, trade fair, or in a local business. (Examples include: Animals, crops, home improvements, home economics skills, Science, wood working, mechanical, computer technology, photography, art, musical talent, theatrical talents, etc.) Take pictures of your project, keep and write a conclusion about your project. Keep all your information in a notebook and present it to your State Youth Director who will apply for your Achievement Award.

Silver: Develop, print and distribute a brochure, table tent card or display of your Grange and display at your local or state fair. Send a copy of the brochure, table tent card, or a picture of the display to the National Grange Youth Development Director, as well as photos of you at the fair with your display. Or publish a newsletter for your Grange or develop and/or design or maintain a Webpage or create a video or PowerPoint presentation promoting your Grange or a special activity sponsored by the Grange that could also be presented at a local or state fair. Also included are Facebook and YouTube presentations. Send a copy to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Ruby: Plant a garden or a plant or develop an agriculture enterprise (livestock, dairy, direct farm sales, etc.) and keep a diary of the progress of your plants through pictures and words. Keep all your information in a notebook or record book and present it to your State Youth Director who will apply for your Achievement Award.

Gold: Organize a mutual event with your local FFA, 4-H, or other agricultural organization and your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange. Let these groups explain what they do and do the same for the Grange. Have some kind of activity for the two groups to do together, such as games, discussions about agriculture, etc. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award

Sapphire: Plan a legislative night for your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange. Invite local elected officials to your meeting and have them discuss issues important to your Grange. Or, present a workshop on the legislative process or legislative/policy topic of interest. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Emerald: Research an issue important to your community, state or nation. See if there is an existing Grange policy. Review existing policy and decide if it is still current. If no policy exists or the current Grange policy needs updating, write a resolution for Grange passage. Submit the resolution for consideration at your subordinate/community Grange. Write a report on your findings and any actions that were taken. If contest available, have the report judged at a state Grange session. Have state youth director verify the work and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Silver: Participate in the state Grange legislative experience as a state session delegate for your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange or in a state legislative experience program. Or, participate in a state or national Grange legislative day/trip/fly-in. Or prepare and deliver a persuasive speech at a Regional Youth Conference in Prepared Speech Division that focuses on a specific Grange policy and advocacy strategies. Or schedule a meeting with an elected official to discuss a Grange issue. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation.

Ruby: Work with your State Legislative Director or State Master/President to organize or participate in a Legislative Fly-In Day at your State House. Or, participate in the National Grange Legislative Fly-In. Have state youth director verify the work and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Gold: Participate in the JOHN TRIMBLE YOUTH LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE at National Session. Submit an application for the Grassroots Activism Award, Or, participate in the National Grange Legislative Fly-In.

John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award

Sapphire: Research one of the seven degrees and think about how you can apply the lessons from this degree to your daily life. Write a short essay about what you have learned and sent it to the National Youth Director.

Emerald: Memorize the Master, Overseer, or Chaplain's charges in the opening ceremony of your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange and recite them to the appropriate Master/President. Have the appropriate Grange director/Master (president) verify participation and send a copy to the National Youth Director.

Silver: Memorize the obligation ceremony or welcoming ceremony; recite it to your subordinate Master, state youth director or state master. Have the qualified individual verify and send verification letter to National Youth Director

Ruby: Organize a ritual workshop for youth and young adults in your state. Include the opening and closing, as well as degree work. Send a copy of the plan for the workshop to the National Youth Director.

Gold: Participate in the National Youth Officer Team or State Youth Officer Team. Or, read the opening and closing in the code book of the National Grange to a qualified individual, with five mistakes or less.

Drill Achievement Award

Drills are impressive and a method of teaching team work. Learning to work with other people is an important skill in life. The Founders worked as a team to create this wonderful organization and many people over the years have continued to work as a team to keep it going. Minimum number of People in a Drill (3) – Three. There is no maximum limit.

Sapphire: To earn this seal an individual must participate in a drill presentation at your subordinate or Pomona Grange; or participate in a school drill or other organization drill. You will need to obtain a letter from the Grange, school or organization official verifying your participation.

Emerald: Participate in a drill presentation at your state Grange Youth Camp, Convention/Session or Drill competition. You will need to obtain a letter from an official verifying your participation and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Silver: Participate in a Regional Drill presentation or competition. Your participation needs to be verified by an official in the region and sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Ruby: Create an original Drill and lead a group in the drill at your local Grange, Pomona Grange, state Grange, regional conference or in a school or other organization setting. Submit a copy of the drill to the National Youth Development Director along with a list of all the participants.

Gold: Prepare and present a workshop on drills. Send a copy of your material to the National Youth Development Director with the date the workshop was presented and the number of people who attended along with your evaluation for improving the workshop. (Newspaper article may meet these requirements)

Caroline Hall Achievement Award

Caroline A. Hall is recognized as the “eighth” founder of the Grange. One of the many gifts she brought to the organization was the gift of music. She was a major force behind the production of the first Grange Song Book. This award will recognize those who are still contributing talent to the Grange and to their community. Another of the things she was noted for was her contributions to her community.

Sapphire: Share a specific talent you have in one of your Subordinate/Community Grange or your Pomona Grange programs. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance, presentation of the event such as a photo and the number of people in attendance.

Emerald: Participate in a community service project in your Grange or your community. Obtain a letter of verification from the project coordinator and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the dates you helped with the project and as many specifics as possible.

Silver: Share a specific talent you have at one of your State Grange activities or enter a talent contest which doesn't have to be a Grange Talent contest. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman or contest coordinator and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance and the number of people in attendance.

Ruby: Share a specific talent at a regional conference, assist with planning games or workshops. Obtain a letter of verification from the program chairman and send a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The letter should include the date of performance and the number of people in attendance

Gold: Assist in organizing or organize a local Grange or community talent show or a service project. Newsletters and other forms of publicity should be utilized. Submit a copy of the program, which includes the names of the program or project, which includes the names of the people participating and the title of their performance with the number in attendance and date to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Copper: Participate in or organize a fundraiser for a charity and complete a report for the Caroline A. Hall T.L.C. recognition program. For the report, send details on the event/ speaker, number in attendance, and preplanning and post planning checklists/comments.

Oliver H. Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award

Sapphire: Prepare and present a speech to your Grange or another group. Your subordinate/ community Grange youth chairman or Master may verify your participation by writing a confirmation letter, which is to be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Emerald: Present your speech at a Pomona Grange activity or meeting or other county activity. Your Pomona youth chairman or Master may verify your participation by writing a confirmation letter and sending it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Silver: Participate in your State Grange's Public Speaking program. State Youth Directors will apply for this Achievement Award for participants. All state winners will compete at the regional program, which will be held at the regional youth conferences.

Ruby: Participate in your regional Public Speaking program or contest.

Gold: Prepare and present a workshop on public speaking for your Grange or another group. Obtain a letter of confirmation from the Master or person in charge of the group and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. Present a speech at the National Grange Evening of Excellence or serve as presenter for a National Youth Department program.

Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award

Purpose: To increase the knowledge of Grange trivia, events and world events.

The challenge will be in a written format. The questions will include but not be limited to the Grange fourth degree manual, the digest, Grange history books, the National Grange Officers and Directors, and local news media (national and international stories).

Awards: the award will be a certificate noting the completion of challenge for those who score above 75%.

Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Achievement Award

To encourage Youth to mentor to Junior Grange members or youth in the community.

Sapphire: Assist the Junior Grange leader with the Junior Grange meetings and activities - obtain a letter confirming your assistance from the Junior Leader and send it to the National Grange Youth Development Director. If no Junior Grange exists in your area, look for other clubs to assist, such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, volunteer to read at story hour at your local library, etc.

Emerald: This level can be earned one of four ways:

1. Assist in the establishment of a Junior Grange Program in your subordinate/community or Pomona Grange.
2. Serve as a Junior Grange leader at the community or Pomona level.
3. Lead a Junior Grange service, community or fun activity

4. If no Junior Grange exists, work as a volunteer with a youth program such as, but not only, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

A minimum of six (6) service hours is required. For certification, obtain a letter from adult leader and submit it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Silver: Become a counselor for your State Junior Grange Camp, or counselor at any other camp (4-H, Church, etc.), obtain a letter from the camp director confirming your participation as a counselor which should be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Ruby: Assist with state session/convention Junior Grange activities, including assist Juniors with the presentation of the Junior Degree, Junior Grange tour, Junior Grange talent show or other State Junior Department events. If there are no formal Junior Grange activities, be a buddy to a junior member attending the state convention. Obtain a letter from an official stating your participation from your state junior director and give a copy of it to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Gold: Assist with national session/convention Junior Grange activities, including presentation of the Junior Degree, leading Junior Grange workshops, or Junior Grange event set up. If not attending National Session, the seal can be earned by leading a workshop at a State or National Junior Grange event.

William Ireland Deaf Awareness Achievement

For many years, the National Grange has recognized the importance of communication skills and community service. One program that has been the hallmark of the organization has been its commitment to deaf awareness. The National Grange Youth program recognizes our long-term association with this issue with a unique achievement award.

Sapphire: Learn the manual alphabet. Demonstrate it to someone proficient in sign language. (It can be done at a Sign a Song contest). Send verification letter to National Youth Development Director.

Emerald: Develop a deaf awareness display or program. Present/display it at a subordinate/ community or Pomona Grange meeting. Send a copy of the program or photo of this display, with verification letter from the local youth director or Master (president) to the National Youth Development Director.

Silver: Participate in state sign-a-song contest, enter an educational display at State Session, or present a workshop on sign language at a state session, state youth camp or state youth conference. State Youth Director, Community Service/Deaf Activities Director or State Master will apply for the award.

Ruby: Participate in a regional sign a song contest or present a speech on deaf awareness at regional youth conference.

Gold: Participate in the National Session Evening of Excellence Sign a Song contest or develop an education publication (such as brochure, Website, PowerPoint, video, etc) to promote deaf awareness and/or sign language.

DISTINGUISHED GRANGE YOUTH PROGRAM

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. By 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017. All

Distinguished Youth Granges will receive a certificate and be recognized in the annual honors list. Applications are due to the National Grange Youth Director by August 15.

**APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE WA STATE GRANGE WEBSITE AND ON THE NATIONAL
GRANGE YOUTH DEPARTMENT WEBSITE. PLEASE DOWNLOAD
WHAT YOU NEED.**