

YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM

To integrate the Youth Fairs Program into the traditional Grange organization, we will be offering a variety of activities at the Annual State Grange Session that will be of interest to our youth and the Grange as a whole. Please refer to the Washington State Grange Youth Fairs Program Guide for a complete list of program rules.

AGES FOR YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Ages for all Grange Youth Fairs Program are determined by the age as of January 1 of the current year. Age divisions will be as follows:

- Beginner – Ages 5-7
- Junior – ages 8-10
- Pre-Teen – ages 11-13
- Teen – ages 14-19

2024 PARTICIPATING FAIRS

Benton Franklin Fair – Kennewock
Chelan County Fair – Cashmere
Clallam County Jr Livestock Show
Clark County Fair – Ridgefield
Columbia Basin Jr Livestock Show
Columbia County Fair - Dayton
Ferry County Fair – Republic
Grant County Fair – Moses Lake
Grays Harbor County Fair – Elma
Kittitas County Fair – Ellensburg
Milton Freewater Junior Show
North Central WA Fair – Waterville
Northeast WA Fair – Colville
Othello Community Fair
Pend Oreille County Fair - Cusick
Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days



MEMBERSHIP

1. Junior Grangers, ages 5-13, must be either a regular member of a Junior Grange or a 1+ member of a Subordinate Grange in Washington State.
2. Youth Grangers, ages 14-19, must be a Subordinate Grange member in Washington State.
3. All adults working with youth in the Grange Fairs Program, either as coordinators or project leaders, shall be members of a Subordinate Grange in Washington State and must complete a background check with the Washington State Patrol. Forms are available on the State Grange website and must be submitted annually to the State Grange Office.
4. All members must have been reported on the Grange New Member Report and/or Secretary Report no later than March 31 of the current year. Upon approval of the State Grange, this may be

adjusted to the June 30 report for fairs participating in the first year.

5. All Grange Junior and Youth Members may participate in these programs, regardless of whether or not their fair has a Grange Youth Fairs division.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Junior and Youth Members in the Youth Fairs Program are encouraged to participate in community service projects.

When a Youth Fairs Program Group includes members from 5-19 years of age, the projects completed by the group may be entered in the Junior Grange Community Service Contest.

Please complete the Junior Grange Community Service Report Form and submit to the State Grange Office by June 1. The reports will be reviewed and cash prizes awarded for outstanding projects.



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EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Washington State Grange, through the Washington State Grange Foundation, offers scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$1500 to Grange members each year. Applications and scholarship guidelines are available for download from the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com

Completed applications and all attachments are due to the State Grange Office no later than April 1. Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship awards.

JUNIOR/YOUTH GRANGE LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

The State Grange Youth/Junior Legislative Experience is an opportunity for 10-25 year-old Grange members wanting to learn about state government and how the Grange legislative process interacts and influences state government.

This year's event is scheduled for January 19-20 in Olympia. Registration information is available on the State Grange website and was included in the

December 2024 issue of The Grange News.

While there is no cost to participate, all youth and junior must have chaperones. Lodging is the responsibility of the delegates.

Please note registrations are due by January 10 for all participants and their chaperones. This will give us time to plan food for the event and to order shirts for all participants.

ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL STATE SESSION

Rules and Guidelines for each activity will be posted on the State Grange website, Youth Fairs Department Page, as soon as they are available.

Livestock Judging Contest

Will be held on Saturday, June 28 at 8 a.m. Awards will be presented to the top individuals and the top Grange teams.

Public Speaking Contest

Will be held on Saturday, June 28, beginning at 1 p.m. The Best of Show winners in both the Youth

Division (age 14 and up) and the Junior Division (ages 5-13) will qualify for the National Grange Public Speaking Contest to be held in November.

Educational Poster Contest

Entries will be due on June 24-25 and are to be picked up on June 29. Cash awards to the top three entries will be awarded in each age group. Complete rules will be posted on the Grange website, Youth Fairs Department Page.

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER GRANGE CONTESTS/PROGRAMS

All Grange members may enter the other Grange contests and programs as listed in the program handbook. Please contact your Pomona Grange officials for dates and locations of Pomona Grange level contests.

Youth Fairs groups are encouraged to participate in the Junior Grange Community Service Contest, the Grange Fair Booth Contest, and the Junior Grange Leader of the Year Program. Please refer to the Junior Grange Department section of this program handbook.
