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# 2018 Goals and Awards Program Handbook Idaho State Grange

## Idaho State Grange Mission Statement

*The Grange is a family fraternal organization that is dedicated to developing strong leaders, promoting agriculture, and encouraging participation in legislative issues and community events.*



We shall constantly strive to secure entire harmony, good will, vi-

In essential Unity  
In non-essentials Liberty

2018 contest year begins October 1, 2017 and ends September 30, 2018 (unless otherwise stated)

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## GOALS

### Junior

1. A well-balanced program at each meeting.
2. An enthusiastic effort to increase membership.
3. Promotion of good ritualistic work - proper flag presentation and respect for God and Country.
4. Regular attendance and orderly conduct at all meetings and activities.
5. Participation in State contests and projects.
6. An active Junior Grange Committee in every Subordinate and Pomona Grange.
7. Every Subordinate member an honorary Junior Grange member.

### Subordinate

1. Every Grange conducting meetings in accordance with the Digest and Constitution and By-Laws.
2. An improvement in Ritualism.
3. An active educational program on farm problems and concerns.
4. Support of farm cooperative activities.
5. Encourage farm safety.
6. Promote Youth and Junior Activities.
7. Participation in State and National contests and projects.
8. Sponsor a Go-To-Church Sunday.
9. Every member working to make his Grange bigger, better and of more service to the State, Nation and Community.
10. Every Grange with the following Standing Committees: Agriculture, Legislative, Membership, Finance, Relief, Women's Activities, Youth and Junior.

### Pomona

1. Visit Subordinate Granges - encourage systematic visitations.
2. Promote discussion on Legislative matters.
3. Lead the way to better ritualistic work in the Grange.
4. Strict adherence to Grange law.
5. Develop and promote Youth and Junior Grange activities.
6. Emphasize proper presentation and retirement of the Flag.
7. Organize drill teams.
8. Encourage development of Installation Team to present work within your county or district.
9. Encourage Subordinate membership in the Pomona and show a net gain in membership.

## MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

### Membership Certificates Available

Anyone who has been a continuous member for 25 years is eligible to receive a Silver Star Certificate. The membership may be by demit from another Grange.

**GOALS** Anyone who has been a continuous member for 40 years is eligible to receive a seal to place on their 25-year certificate. Application blanks can be obtained from the State Office. When completed and returned to the State Office, a Silver Star Certificate will be completed and returned. The Silver Star Certificates and seals cost \$2.50.

Silver Star and Gold Sheaf pins may be purchased from the State Office. A price list is in the Roster. Anyone who has been a continuous member for 50 years is eligible to receive the beautiful Golden Sheaf Certificate from National Grange. Application for a Gold Sheaf Certificate must be accompanied by a \$10.00 check made out to the National Grange and sent to the State Office for processing.

Seals are available for 55, 60, 65, and 70 years to place on Gold Sheaf Certificate from the State Office at a cost of \$2.50 each.

Anyone who has been a continuous member for 75 years is eligible to receive the beautiful Diamond Certificate from National Grange. Application for a Diamond Certificate must be accompanied by a \$5.00 check made out to the National Grange and sent to the State Office for processing.

## Grange Membership Development

The key ingredient to any membership campaign is the involvement of people. As Membership Chairman, you should determine the membership goals for your Grange for 2017-2018.

## SECRETARIES State Program

With an attitude of kindly CARING, you can set an example for others. Conducting yourself in your role with dispatch and confidence helps give members confidence in your Grange.

### Secretary Recognition

Reports completed and received in the State Office by the 10th of the month following the close of each quarter, prompt reporting of officer-elect form, credentials, memorials, net gain forms, membership lists and other forms as required. Appropriate recognition given to these Distinguished Secretaries.

## PUBLICITY State Program

No matter what the Grange activity, much of its success depends on how it is publicized — whether internally, externally or both. Subordinate information Chairmen have the responsibility of telling both the Grange and non-Grange public about Grange activities. This 'reporting' should accomplish two things:

- 1) The dissemination of information
- 2) Create a positive image of the Grange.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE State Program

**REPORTS & NOTEBOOKS ARE DUE September 1, 2018 Please send to: Martha Cook, 2503 W Presley Rd, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Granges are encouraged to assess the needs of their community in order to determine projects. The focus for awarding prizes from the National Grange has been changed. The focus is now on a final report submitted by the Subordinate Grange to the State Director. It will consist of a detailed report of projects and the total hours worked on each project. Report form will be compiled by the State Community Service Director and sent to each Grange. Final Report is to be sent to the State Community Service Director by September 1, 2018. National Grange will be awarding cash prizes for the top four Community Service reports in each state. (To qualify for National cash prizes, we need 25% of Subordinate Granges in Idaho reporting.)

**STUFFED ANIMAL PROJECT:** new Project began in 2010. Any small cuddly stuffed "teddy bear" or any other animal that will fit in a gallon or larger zip lock bag (Community Service Director will furnish zip lock bags). Small quilts no larger than crib size. Bring these items to our State Session. These items will

not be judged but can be taken back to your respective areas to be given to your local EMS, Police, or Fire teams. The Community Service Director would like to know your count and you can put that in your notebooks. Notebooks are to be sent direct to State Community Service Director.

## COATS FOR KIDS:

Donate on your local level.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

The hours spent on this project can be added to your final report to the State Community Director by September 1, 2018:

- Volunteer to help wherever needed (in schools, churches, day care, or nursing homes, etc.) anytime during the year.

- You can help children, the homeless, the environment, your elderly neighbor or your town. Do something simple, like donating food or make huge changes by joining with others in a large project.

**MENTORING:** Please help someone accomplish something to enrich their lives. This ties in with our "Make a Difference Day".

## COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARD:

Community Citizen Award will be presented to a community non-Grange member for outstanding achievement or service by the Subordinate Grange Community Service Chairman.

## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Each Subordinate Grange is asked to submit candidates to be honored as Police Officer, Firefighter, Teacher of the Year or by the National Grange. (To be judged for National Grange, the information must be in your report or in your Notebook, if you have one.)

Community Recognition of these individuals who are dedicated workers in their field is important. This is our way of saying, "Thank You". Take pictures and invite a member of your local newspaper to attend this special program of recognition or send a picture and write up to your local paper.

**Include your information in your report or in your Notebook, if you have one.**

To enter the State Grange competition an individual booklet or folder, with pictures and writeup on each person honored, needs to be made. Send these booklets with your Community Service report and Community Service Notebook, if you have one.

## FOSTER FAMILY RECOGNITION

Please recommend a foster family in your community for the Community Citizen's Award in the Community Service Department.

## BATTERED WOMEN

Provide some of the necessities to help where you can, such as: personal items, linens, etc.

## DYSLEXIA EDUCATION

Please help in this field to understand those in need. Contact your schools or libraries for more information. We can all benefit. This would make an excellent Lecturer's Program.

# LECTURERS State Program

## Lecturer of the Year

A lecturer will be receiving an award at the State Session in October. A name will be selected from all those who have turned in their reports to the State Lecturer before state session.

## Grange Month/Open House

REPORTS ARE DUE by **September 12, 2018** to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer.

## Grange Month-April

Grange Month creates national recognition to our organization. It is a time when all Granges pay tribute to the Order.

## Open House

An Open House can be held in April to highlight Grange Month. Invite the media to attend or send a photo and a press release to the local media promoting your event.

This helps to keep the Grange in the public eye. Invite the Legislators of the local voting district then publicize the event. Invite the entire membership of your grange and have a party for the community. During the Open House, awards can be given: Granger of the Year, Community Citizen and Public Service awards. The Membership chair could give longevity awards and the Community Service chair could give Teacher/Police/Fire Fighter of the Year awards too.

## Granger of the Year

ENTRIES ARE DUE by **September 12, 2018** to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer.

**Granger of the Year** will be presented to a Subordinate Grange member for outstanding achievement or service, by the Subordinate Grange Lecturer. The honoree will submit a 50 word or less statement titled "What Grange Means to Me". A photograph of the nominee must accompany entry form.

## AWARDS

A Plaque will be given to the "**State Granger of the Year**" from among the Subordinate entries, by the ISG Lecturer.

## Grange Award for Public Service

– *Pomona Lecturer Only!*

Grange Award for Public Service is to be awarded by the Pomona Grange Lecturer for anyone of outstanding achievement or service.

## Fair Agriculture Booth

INTENT TO ENTER FORMS are due **July 18, 2018** to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer "What is a Grange?" can be best answered by displaying an Agriculture Fair Booth at the Fair. Thousands of people will see the information about grange. Prizes are usually given by the Fair for the top 3 booths. It is a fun, creative family activity with great publicity benefits.

FAIR BOOTH REPORTS are due **September 12, 2018** to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer.

## AWARDS:

A plaque will be presented at State Session in October to the top Fair Booth entry.

1. The contests are open to Grangers and Non-Grangers. 2. Being a "Professional" does not prevent anyone from taking part in these contests.

## A Word From Home - Letter Writing Project . .

. Write to a service man or woman serving overseas in harms' way. Let's let our troops know that we care. These can be sent to someone from your area, you can get addresses at [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com), you can bring them to the State Office or get them to me. Letters must be done in the name of your Grange. Packages should also include a letter.

## CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE GENEALOGY PROJECT "Your Grange Family Tree"

Grange members are encouraged to create a visual representation of their personal family tree as it relates to Grange membership. These family trees will be displayed at State Grange. Certificates will be given to all participants. The trees may be depicted in chart form or three dimensional form. Please do not exceed 24" x 36" in size.

## READING PROGRAM

Reading is a form of self-learning that can be done almost anywhere and can be great fun. As Grangers we want to be examples that people can and will look up to. This year I would like to issue a challenge that can be rewarding, fun and enriching.

Reading for Enrichment: read at least ten (10) books that are not novels. You may read a Biography, Autobiography, Self-help books, financial/investment books, medical information books, History books, Science books, Travel books, Classic Novels that might have been used in an English literature classes, or any other book that might be considered informational or educational.

Reading to others or a younger age Group: Read at least 10 age appropriate books to help enhance or build upon the knowledge of your audience.

The audience may be those who have lost the ability to read due to ageing, ailment or other. To a person that is in a younger age group than yourself. (Such as your own children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, those you babysit or occasionally take care of or other children you may be familiar with.) You could even volunteer at a library or school for a reading time.

Submit your lists of books you have read to the State Lecturer two (2) weeks prior to State Grange Session. Please include Book titles, Author, and Subject matter. If Category 2 Include who your audience was first names only for privacy reasons and estimated age, and location (school, library, their home or yours) Forms will be available to you to fill in the information.

Recognition will be given at State Grange Session for those who participate. To be determined by State Lecturer.

## WITH PEN IN HAND.....

ENTRIES ARE DUE by **September 12, 2018** to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer.

This writing contest offers three different areas for Grangers and Non-members to enter. This contest is for persons aged 14 years and up.

Criteria for judging writing: A. Topic  
B. Presentation C. Writing  
D. Content  
E. Effectiveness

Categories for Writing:

1. **Poetry Topic** – 300 word limit – Your choice of

topic

2. **Tell-a-Story** – 500 word limit – "a Special Holiday". Write about a particular holiday you remember or tell why a holiday (ie. Christmas, Valentine's day 4th of July) is important to you.

3. **A Book I Have Read** – 300 word limit – Your choice of any book you wish to share with us. What you liked (or disliked) most about this book". Were you impressed or entertained? Was the book you read worth reading?

Please submit entries typed and double spaced. Thank you!

## AWARDS

The Idaho State Grange will present cash prizes of \$10 for first place, \$8 for second place, and \$5 for third place in each category. If fewer than 3 entries, categories may be combined.

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

ENTRIES ARE DUE by **SEPTEMBER 12th, 2018** to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer

Division A: Grange members and Non-members age 15 years and up

Division B: Grange members and Non-members age 10 – 14 years of age.

Division C: 5 – 9 years of age Criteria for judging photos:

- F. Technical Criteria
- G. Visual and Aesthetics
- H. Content
- I. Viewer's response
- J. General Characteristics

RULES for Photography Contest:

1. Only prints are accepted for judging. No slides please. 2. Size of entry including frame or backing must not be smaller than 5" x 5" or larger than 16" X 20".
3. Each photo may be in a frame or have a stiff backing on it. Please NO GLASS in the frame. The backing of the photo must be stiff enough to stay flat when the photo is propped against a wall or display. Tag board is ideal.
4. Each photo MUST have the following information attached to the back of the photo. Name, Grange name, Category and Division A, B or C.
5. A photo may be entered in only one category. A different photo may be entered in each different category.
6. Entries must have been taken after October 1, 2016. 7. The print may be made by a commercial process but must be taken by the entrant personally.
8. Traditional photos and Digital photos will be judged together in each category. Digital photos must not be modified.
9. Panoramic, Close-up or Black and White photos may be entered in any category.
  - Scenery Photos– Skyscapes, Landscapes, Waterscapes, Flowers, etc.
  - Grange Activity collage – 3-5 pictures 4x5 size mounted on card stock or appropriate backing not framed or in glass
  - Children – Subject will be under 14 years old. Close Up (any appropriate subject matter)
  - Photo Story – a series of six photos that tell a story about an activity mounted on 11x17" or poster size mat in story sequence.
  - Other - (if it does not fit any other category)

## CONTEST GENERAL RULES:

## AWARDS

The Idaho State Grange will present cash prizes of \$10 for first place, \$8 for second place, and \$5 for third place in each category. If fewer than 3 entries, categories may be combined.

### NATIONAL GRANGE LECTURER'S PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

#### Photo Contest Rules:

1. One Best of Show photo per State (State Lecturer will determine how they chose the photo to send)
2. Size: minimum 4X8 to a maximum 11 X 14 size includes matting, if used.
3. All frames and photos shall have some type of ridged backing
4. Color or Black and White
5. Film or Digital
6. Grange Members only
7. No Professional Photographers may enter (by professional I mean they can't make their living from photography)
8. Please include photographer's name, Grange and contact information with entry.
9. Each photo must be received by the opening of the National Grange Session in November.
10. National Grange and the Idaho State Grange will not be responsible for the cost of receiving or returning any photos.
11. Prize money: will be determined by the National Grange
12. The National Grange Lecturer retains the right to disqualify any photo that depicts a scene or image that is contrary to the Organization's core values with the approval of the National Master.

## TALENT CONTEST

ENTRIES ARE DUE to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer the **first day of the State Session** in October.  
**Division A:** Participants 14 years or older must be Grange members to qualify for National Grange Talent contest.

**Division B:** Participants 13 years and younger Talent Contest Categories:

- A. Vocal
- B. Instrumental Music
- C. Variety Acts – to include dance, skit, reading, monologue

#### Criteria for Judging

- Talent:
- A. Stage presence
  - B. Skill presentation
  - C. Suitability of number
  - D. Originality

#### E. Audience appeal

### Talent Contest

#### Rules:

1. The maximum time is 6 minutes per entry. There is no minimum time.
2. Accompanist need not be a Grange member
3. Taped accompaniment for vocal acts must be instrumental acts.
4. For instrumental acts, there is to be no taped sounds or other instruments in the taped accompaniment.
5. Group entries may include non-members. At least half of participants must be Grange members to qualify for National Talent Contest.
6. State Grange Talent Contest will be held during State Session in October.

## AWARDS

The Idaho State Grange will present cash prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for each category and in each division containing a minimum of 3 entries. If fewer than 3 entries, categories may be combined. Best of Show

can perform at National Grange Talent Show in November.

## ART CONTEST

ENTRIES ARE DUE to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer by the **first day of the State Session** in October. Parents and Grandparents –PLEASE encourage your children to enter their artwork, water colors, crayon, pencil and marker drawings they made at school or at home. This recognition of their talents helps build self-esteem and confidence.

**Division A:** Grange members and Non-members age 15 years and up

**Division B:** Grange members and Non-members age 10 – 14 years of age.

**Division C:** 5 – 9 years of age

#### Art Contest Categories:

- A. Oils and Acrylics
- B. Water Colors
- C. Charcoal or Pencil Drawing (graphite or color) Criteria for Judging Art:
  - A. How well the artist used the medium selected
  - B. Craftsmanship and skill
  - C. Composition, Preservation of Subject
  - D. Originality
  - E. Theme and it's treatment

#### Art Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be the original work of the artist.
2. All entries must be completed after **October 1, 2017**.
3. Each art work may be in a frame or have a stiff backing on it. PLEASE NO GLASS in the frame. The backing of the Art work must be stiff enough to stay flat when it is propped against a wall or display. Tag board is ideal.
4. Each art work MUST have the following information attached to the back of the photo. Name, Grange name, Category and Division A, B or C.
5. Entries are judged according to the medium used.
6. Charcoal and Pencil entries must have been treated for permanency to stop smudging.
7. Nude entries will not be accepted, or if sent, will not be judged or displayed.
8. Size for all classes: Art work must not exceed 24" X 36". There is no minimum size; therefore miniatures will be accepted in all categories.
9. Computer enhancements of artwork and/or art generated by using computer printers are not yet permitted.
10. Sculpture is not permitted due to display and shipping problems.

## AWARDS

The Idaho State Grange will present cash prizes of \$10 for first place, \$8 for second place, and \$5 for third place in each category. If fewer than 3 entries, categories may be combined.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

One of the great contributions the Grange has made to the American Way of Life is its part in promoting the interest of Agriculture within the legislative halls – defending the welfare of rural people and supporting the cause of good government.

We must rededicate ourselves to the development and implementation of Grange Legislative policies and programs. The responsibility belongs to each and every member of the Grange. The responsibility of coordinating the legislative activities of a Grange rests in the hands of the Legislative Chairman.

The goals of the legislative activities of a Grange

are twofold. First, of course, is to influence government decisions to reflect Grange policy; second, and of equal importance, is to give members an opportunity to see improvement in government.

## COMMUNITY NEEDS MEETING

In conjunction with the State Grange Legislative Department, Granges are encouraged to hold a Community Needs Meeting. The Legislative Chairman will be in charge. The Subordinate Grange should invite town officials, other organizations, and nonmembers to come to an open meeting and discuss issues and needs of the community. Coordinate your community concerns and needs into unified efforts to meet these needs.

## FAMILY HEALTH & DEAF AWARENESS State Program

**IT'S ABOUT HEALTH AND HEARING LOSS** You are given the opportunity to direct and work with Family Health and Deaf Awareness:

1. Appoint a Family Health and Deaf Awareness Chairman and Committee
2. Committee to meet and set goals and objectives
3. Survey your community for needs of the deaf and hard of hearing
4. Choose a project to which your Grange can relate
5. Publicize your activities
6. Present at least one program on the subject of family health and deaf awareness. Ideally, a report should be given at each meeting.
7. Encourage member participation.
8. Plan to make a yearly contribution to the Deaf Awareness fund. Notify the State Director if you donate to health groups.

**August 15th is the deadline for donations.**

## IDAHO STATE GRANGE CFA CONTEST

State Grange Contest starts October 1, 2017 and ends September 30, 2018. State Grange Contests are for men and women members and non-members. Contestants may submit several entries in each category but may win only one prize in each class. First through third place awards will be presented. The Amalgamated Sugar Company and the Idaho State Grange will furnish state prizes. Three cash awards will be given for each \$10.00, \$8.00, and \$6.00. **Baking Contest judging will be held on the first morning of the State Grange Session.**

### Baking Contest

1. Granola Bars – 13 Squares
2. Chocolate Chip Cookies – 13 Cookies
3. Fruit & Nut Snack Mix – 1 Quart Ziploc Bag  
Recipe must be included with entry  
Please label with Name and Grange

### Needlework and Craft Contest

All needlework will be judged by the following division. This will include the Juniors Division. A contestant may win **ONLY ONE PRIZE IN EACH GROUP OR CLASS**. Entries must have been completed within the contest year. October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. If possible the entries should be entered on Wednesday evening. Entries must be entered first morning of the State Grange Session.

Division 1: Adult

Division

2: Juniors

### Crafts

Any item not made from thread or fabric

**Class A: Jewelry**

**Class B: Wood Crafts**

**Class C: Repurposed items**

### Needwork

#### Group I: Afghan

Afghan may be made using any yarn product, any pattern and it may be knitted or crocheted, woven, etc.

Class A: Adult

Class B: Baby

#### Group II: Doilies

May be knitted, crocheted or tatted. May use any thread suitable to article. May be any pattern or design.

Class A: Tablecloths

Class B: Any type of doily other than a tablecloth

#### Group III: Embroidery

Any embroidered item except Counted Cross Stitch. Any embroidery thread may be used. **Back of work must be visible.**

#### Group IV: Needlework Crafts

Any item made with any pattern that uses yarn or thread. Example: Dolls Clothes, Plastic Canvas, Counted Cross Stitch, etc.

#### Group V: Garment

May be sweater, dress, etc. May be knitted or crocheted using any pattern and any product thread suitable to entry.

Class A: Item must be for an adult.

Class B: Item must be for a baby (may be a set) or child.

Class C: Scarf, hats, socks, mittens or any clothing accessory.

#### Group VI: Quilt

Any type of fabric using suitable pattern. May be tied, machine or hand quilted.

Class A: Queen, Full,

Class B: Youth or

Baby

Class C: Wall Hanging, Table Runner or a Bed Runner.

#### Group VII: Sewing Craft

Class: A A sewing craft for example: purse, apron, pillowcases, etc. **NOT A GARMENT.**

Class: B A repurposed sewing craft.

If there are more than 3 or more of the same item entered by a different contestant in any class they will be judged as their own section.

## JUNIOR GRANGE State Program

This year's theme is "Junior Grangers Honor Our Heritage" This theme will be used throughout the year and will be an area of focus at Family Camps 2016.

The following are a list of focus areas for junior activities to build on in their granges:

#### Community Involvement

**Learning to Cooperate and Work with Others**

**Learning by Doing i.e. Parliamentary Procedures**

**Knowledge of Ritualism and Grange Principles**

#### Self Motivation

**Leadership Training**

**Fun and Fellowship**

## ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

This annual report is to be sent by then Junior Grange leader to the State Director by October 1, 2018, and shall consist of a simple list of the Junior Grange activities throughout the year, and your evaluation as to whether or not they were successful keeping in mind the seven goals listed above.

### GRANGE PROJECTS AND CRATS FOR JUNIOR GRANGERS

Crafts **must** be started after **October 1, 2017** and completed by **October 1, 2018.**

They will be judged in three age groups:

5-8 years old

9-11 years old

12-14 years old

Contests are open to all Junior Grangers, and children and grandchildren of Grangers, unless otherwise specified. CRAFTS ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY OF STATE CONVENTION, unless otherwise stated.

**There are also projects that can be entered in Family Activities, and Lecturer Departments.**

### NATIONAL PROJECTS 2018

#### A. Creative Writing

1. Refer to Junior Grange National Grange Website.

#### B. Creative Drawing

1. Theme: More information will be coming. Please check the National Grange Website: Junior Grange.

#### C. Junior Grange Commercial Contest.

Using You Tube technology

### State Projects 2018

A. Recycled items into art use your imagination. B.

Friendship bracelet.

C. One page report about the State that National

Convention will be held in 2018.

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Juniors may enter sewing, needlework and baking contest.

### LECTURER

Juniors may enter Photography, Talent & Art Projects that are not offered in the Junior Program.

### JUNIOR GRANGE & CAMP PROJECTS

A. Junior Grange Lecturer Notebook from each Junior Grange may be entered in State Junior Grange Contest.

B. Each camp will choose an outstanding boy and girl camper.

C. Outstanding Junior Granger will be chosen by the State Office from a written test and Leader recommendations.

### OUTSTANDING JUNIOR GRANGER 2018

Outstanding Junior Granger of the Year will be announced at State Convention and receive a \$100 savings bond at a later time.

Criteria for judging will be sent to each individual Junior Grange and there can be as many entries that are qualified from each Grange.

## YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES State Program

As Pomona or Subordinate Youth Chairman, you hold the key to youth activities. The State goal is to have a youth chairman in every Grange and to hold conferences or campouts to provide opportunities for Grange youth and young adults. Also, to hold a youth night at State Grange Session, and to encourage youth and families to attend and participate in youth activities at the North and South Junior/Family camps in June and July.

Youth chairman should report at all meetings, encourage interaction between members of all ages, promote Subordinate, State, and National projects and contests, and publicize all activities.

**Check the National Grange Website for Youth opportunities.**

### STATE AND NATIONAL CONTESTS:

**Sign-A-Song Contest:** Promoting the use of non-verbal skills of communication. This contest encourages members of all ages to learn and demonstrate signing. Participants in local Grange signing programs can participate in State, Regional and National competitions. Sign-A-Song training at summer camp.

**Public Speaking:** This program enables a person to build self-confidence and improve his/her ability to communicate. Topic of your choice. See National Rules also. Public speaking training at Summer camp.

**Horizon Leadership Ambassador:** Idaho State will select one male and one female Youth Ambassador to represent them at the National Grange Convention in 2018. There they will participate in expanded educational and leadership development opportunities, the National Grange Convention meetings, functions, and planned recreational activities.

**Most Creative Youth Night Program:** Purpose: to promote creativity and spark enthusiasm in the community with a youth night program.

### WESTERN REGIONAL YOUTH/ LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Western States Leadership Conference is held in July or August of each year in the Western States Region.

Scholarships are available to Subordinate members throughout the State who are ages 14 years and older. \$300 will be awarded to each District to help cover registration, mileage and room. Amount will be divided in the District, depending on the number applying. Unclaimed scholarships will be forfeited.

Applications will be available by March 31st each year and must be received by the Idaho State Grange office by the second Friday of June. Winners will be notified by July 1st. Contact the Idaho State Grange office for forms.

### IDAHO STATE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Any Grange member or non-member starting any year of college in Idaho. Applications are available from the State Grange Office and are due April 1, 2018. One Scholarship will be given for \$1,000.

### **GIA SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- Current GIG Policyholder (or children or grandchildren of GIG Policyholder) in California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, or Wyoming.
- Children of current GIG Company employees
- A previous recipient of a GIG Scholarship Requests for more information and application forms should be sent to:

Scholarship Committee Grange  
Insurance Group Attn: Scholarship Coordinator  
P.O. Box 21089  
Seattle, WA 98111-3089

### **PIERCE PARK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Any Grange member or non-member starting any year of college in Idaho. Applicants must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Applicants must have a FFA or 4-H background. Applications are available from the State Grange Office and are due **April 1, 2018**. One \$800 scholarship will be given.

### **YEAR 2018**

#### **DISTINGUISHED GRANGE PROGRAM SUBORDINATE**

The Distinguished Grange Program honors Subordinate Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in the areas of membership, fundraising, and service to their communities.

Distinguished Granges will be honored at a special reception at National Session, and will be recognized in the Annual Honors Booklet. They will receive a certificate to commemorate the occasion, along with a ribbon for the Subordinate Master at Convention. Granges that are considered distinguished for five consecutive years will receive a plaque for their hall.

The program is presented annually at National Session. The 2017-2018 Distinguished Granges will be honored for their work done from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The deadline to register as a Distinguished Grange will be August 15, 2018.

To receive an award, each Grange must keep track of its progress on the checklist for one year from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The Grange will need to designate one member as the Tracker. At the end of the year, the Tracker will need to send the application to National Grange headquarters by August 15, 2018 with a copy of check for donations made, and a copy of the article to the New Grange and/or article in another news outlet with the application.

Application Forms can be found on the Idaho State Grange website: [idahostategrange.org](http://idahostategrange.org)  
OR National Grange website: [national-grange.org](http://national-grange.org)

Please complete the application and send to:

**National Grange  
Distinguished Grange Program  
1616 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006**

All applications must be received by August 15, 2018 for consideration.

## **FOR YOUR NOTES:**