

## Membership

The youth department of the community Grange is the most important level of the youth program. These are the general requirements for Grange membership:

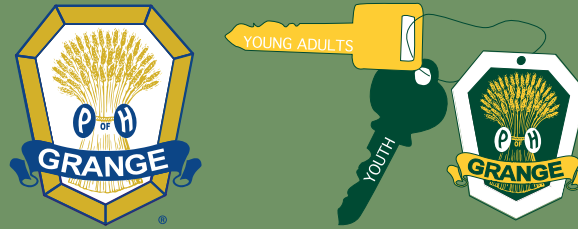
- Willingness to serve,
- Commitment to the degrees of the Order, and
- Dedication and adherence to the organization's ideals.

Each Grange youth member is annually assessed a dues fee, based on the dues structure of the state Grange.

## Join today!

Contact your local community Grange, state youth director or the National Grange Youth Director, Charlene M. Shupp Espenshade (youth@nationalgrange.org) for more information.

For a membership application, please fill out the form below.



[www.nationalgrangeyouth.org](http://www.nationalgrangeyouth.org)



“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt

## Who We Are

Since the Grange began in 1867, we have been committed to building the leaders of our country. From the beginning, youth have played an integral role in our organization, often responsible for the literary programs at Grange meetings, where they shared a skill or talent.

Full voting membership in the Grange begins at age 14, and unlike many organizations, youth members are never separate from the Grange at large. Grange Youth can hold office and vote on all Grange issues.

One of the greatest benefits of being a Grange member is the ability to impact your community and develop friendships with other youth that surpass all social, cultural and geographical barriers. No matter where a Granger is from, when they encounter other Granger members, there is an instant connection.

## Grange Youth Membership Application

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

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in \_\_\_\_\_ Grange # \_\_\_\_\_

I desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interest of the American family and community life, receiving in turn the benefits and advantages of those who belong to the Grange. I promise a faithful compliance with the By-laws of this Grange and the Constitution and By-laws of the State and National Granges. I have not previously applied for membership in this or any other Grange during the past six months.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Application Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



*American Values.  
Hometown Roots.*



**Grange Youth and Young Adults** come from a wide cross section of backgrounds committed to improving their communities. From our rural farms to our towns, Grange Youth and Young Adult programs provide community service and outreach opportunities, scholarships for higher education, leadership training and fellowship.

With the tools provided through Grange youth programming, we build bridges between all generations, and connect families to communities.

### **Grange Youth become leaders.**

The National Grange advances youth across the country to become skilled, proficient and compassionate leaders by learning through experience. Grange Youth programs empower members by developing leadership skills such as public speaking and participating in meetings as voting members.

### **Grange Youth serve their communities and cultivate life-long friendships.**

The Grange has positively impacted the lives of Americans for generations through its youth programming. Government leaders, leading agriculturalists, businessmen and community leaders have all recognized the Grange as one of their earliest influences that prepared them for their careers and to advocate for rural issues.

“One of the mightiest armies in America today is that of our youth.”

– The Grange,  
First Century of Service and Evolution.



## Special Youth-Specific Programming

### **Horizon Leadership Program**

Annually, state Granges select Youth Ambassadors between the ages of 16 to 21 and Young Couples between the ages of 18 to 35 to represent their Grange Youth Program. In their state, they serve as spokespersons for Grange Youth and the organization.

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

The G.R.O.W. Club continues to “go right on working” for youth programs, as an alumni program for all past Grange Youth representatives. The G.R.O.W. Club sponsors an annual scholarship for Grange representatives to further their education.

### **National Youth Officer Team**

The National Grange Youth Officer Team is a hallmark group of Grange Youth selected through a competitive process to open the Friday morning meeting of the National Grange annual session and participate in leadership and membership development activities.

### **National Grange Legislative Experience**

Each year, a select group of Grange Youth are given the privilege to take an active role in the legislative policy development of the organization. Youth serve on policy development committees to review proposed resolutions and assist the Legislative Department staff.

### **Achievement Awards**

The National Grange Youth Achievement Award program recognizes youth for their service at all levels of the program. Focus areas include public speaking, legislative experiences, deaf education, drill and professional development.

### **Connect with Youth Across the Country**

Regional Youth Conferences are hosted by the National Grange Youth Department every year, in addition to “Youth Days” at the National Grange Session. The conferences focus on connecting youth and young adults together for a weekend of fun, fellowship and member development.

“Grange Youth programming allows me an outlet to meet peers of similar values and interests and build my skills and confidence in all areas of life.”

– Joseph Stefenoni, California Grange Youth member

