

## WHO ARE GRANGE YOUTH?

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 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 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.

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

### Horizon Leadership Program

Annually, state Granges select Youth Ambassadors between the ages of 16 to 21 and Young Adults between the ages of 18 to 35 to represent their Grange Youth programs. In their state, they serve as spokespersons for Grange Youth and the organization and have the opportunity to become members of the National Grange Youth Leadership Team.

### National Grange Youth Officer Council

The National Grange Youth Officer Council is a hallmark group of Grange Youth selected through a competitive process to participate in leadership and membership development activities at the National Grange annual session and to advise the National Grange Youth Department for the coming year.

### National Grange Legislative Experience

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



## The Six Pillars of G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth

**Growth** - Growth in the Grange can mean a lot of things. Membership growth, leadership growth, and opportunities, or even professional growth. This pillar is dedicated to all of the hard work that we put in as Grangers.

**Ritual** - Grange has a very strong and distinct history. Preserving our history and relating their teaching to the present day can be tough. This pillar is dedicated to our history and finding unique ways to make it relevant to today's world.

**Action** - Granges have been long known for doing things in their communities, i.e. dinners, 5K's, food drives, etc. This pillar is dedicated to the action that we do as Grangers.

**Networking** - This pillar is dedicated to gaining public speaking skills to help promote the Grange or connecting with other states, people in agriculture, in legislation.

**Grassroots Advocacy** - Grange, since its inception, has been working in legislation as an advocate for agriculture and rural America. This pillar is dedicated to that legislative work and advocacy work that we do as Grangers, i.e. hosting town hall meetings, lobbying.

**Education** - Education has its own subheading within our Declaration of Purposes. This pillar is dedicated to preparing our youth for leadership positions and giving them the opportunity to be good leaders and empowering their leadership skills.

# Begin your Grange Journey!

Contact a Grange near you -  
To find a Grange, visit [nationalgrange.org/find](http://nationalgrange.org/find)  
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Be Leaders.  
Be Grange Youth.

## GRANGE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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