



2025-2026 Distinguished Junior Grange Guidelines

The Distinguished Junior Grange program recognizes Junior Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange while excelling in areas such as membership, programming, advocacy, and community service. The 2025-2026 Distinguished Junior Granges will be recognized for their work done from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

This program is open to any chartered or 1+ Junior Grange program or State Junior Grange department.

Distinguished Junior Granges will be recognized each year by the National Grange.

Submitting your Application

The postmark or online submission deadline by which to submit your application and all additional documentation for consideration is **September 1, 2026**. Application packets received after this deadline will not be considered.

You can choose any one of three ways to submit your application packet for Distinguished Junior Grange:

Option 1 – Online

Please complete the application and attach all supporting documents using the online form, www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished.

Option 2 – Email

Please complete the application and send with all supporting documents via email to distinguishedgrange@grange.org.

Option 3 – Mail

Please complete the application and send with all supporting documents to: Connie Johnston, ATTN: Distinguished Grange, 6241 Grand River Road, Bancroft, MI 48414.

Questions

If you have questions as to whether something your Junior Grange has completed will qualify or meet a requirement, please contact distinguishedgrange@grange.org prior to the September 1 deadline.



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Junior Grange Name and #: _____ State: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REQUIRED

_____ Hold regular meetings (at least once a quarter) throughout the year.

_____ Have a designated Junior Grange Leader who has completed a background check through Safe Gatherings (www.safegatherings.com).

_____ Submit all required reports to your State Grange on time.

_____ Participate in at least one State or National Junior Grange event, contest, or activity.

_____ Complete at least one community service project.

ADDITIONAL POINT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to completing all the requirements above, you must also complete some or all of the following, with points adding to 100 or more, to be recognized as a Distinguished Junior Grange. **To receive points, you must include supporting information, photos, or documentation for each item below with this application.**

_____ Have a net membership gain (10 points)

Members as of 7/1/2025 _____

Members as of 6/30/2026 _____

_____ If your Junior Grange holds an active charter. (5 points)

_____ Run at least one of your meetings using the Junior Grange ritual. (5 points)

*Submit application and supporting materials for each section to:
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- _____ Have at least one Junior member participate in a Sign-A-Song contest. (10 points)
- _____ Have members complete at least four (4) stamps in the National Grange Passport Program. (10 points)
- _____ Complete an additional community service project. (5 points each, up to 15 points)
- _____ Participate in the National Junior Grange Community Service Project. (10 points)
- _____ Participate in a legislative/advocacy event or activity. (10 points)
- _____ Participate in at least one event or activity that highlights agricultural awareness. (10 points)
- _____ Participate in at least one event or activity that focuses on Deaf awareness. (10 points)
- _____ Have at least one Junior member participate in a State or National Grange Public Speaking contest. (10 points)
- _____ Have at least one Junior member participate in a State or National Grange Creative Writing contest. (10 points)
- _____ Have at least one Junior member submit an entry into a State or National Grange photography or art contest. (10 points)
- _____ Collaborate with another Junior Grange on an activity. (10 points)
- _____ Participate in a local Subordinate/Community Grange event. (5 points)
- _____ Enter or display an exhibit or float promoting your Junior Grange at a local fair, festival, or community event. (5 points)
- _____ Have Junior members shadow their corresponding Community or Pomona Grange officer for a meeting. (10 points)



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_____ Have at least 2 Junior members attend a State, regional, or National Grange event (can be separate events). (10 points)

Junior 1: _____ Event: _____

Junior 2: _____ Event: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS _____
Minimum of 100 points required