



2025-2026 Distinguished State Grange Guidelines

The Distinguished State Grange program recognizes State 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 State Granges will be recognized for their work done from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Distinguished State 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 State 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 State Grange has completed will qualify or meet a requirement, please contact distinguishedgrange@grange.org prior to the September 1 deadline.



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State Grange: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REQUIRED

_____ File all Quarterly Reports and dues on time, preferably online through Grange Engage.

_____ Contribute \$1 per member, based on your 2025 Quarter 2 membership, to the National Convention Assessment Fund.*

Date Paid: _____ *pay by June 30

Amount Paid: \$ _____

_____ Electronically submit 2025 State Journal of Proceedings, up-to-date Roster, and State Grange Bylaws to the National Grange.

_____ Send at least two State Officers or Directors to a National or regional Grange event *(in addition to the National Convention)*.

Name _____ Title _____

Event _____

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Event _____

_____ Submit a Community Service report with at least 25% of your state's Granges (Pomona and Community) reporting. <https://www.nationalgrange.org/community-service-programs/>



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_____ Send an updated contact and membership list for all Granges to the National Grange or ensure they're updated through Grange Engage.

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 State Grange. **To receive points, you must include supporting information, photos, or documentation for each item below with this application.***

_____ Achieve a net regular membership gain for the State Grange. (20 points)

Members as of 7/1/2025 _____

Members as of 6/30/2026 _____

_____ Organize or reorganize a Grange. (15 points EACH)
[list Granges and charter date on a separate sheet]

_____ Organize or reorganize a Junior Grange. (15 points EACH)
[list Granges and charter date on a separate sheet]

_____ Use Grange Engage to submit and pay for quarterly reports. (20 points)

_____ Ensure that every Community Grange in your State is physically visited by at least one State Grange officer, director, or deputy (or other State-authorized representative) OR quarterly contact is made via phone, email, or mail by a State Grange officer, director, or deputy with any Granges not visited in-person. (15 points)

_____ Submit a Community Service report with **at least 50%** of your state's Granges (Pomona and Community) reporting. (10 points)

_____ Host a State Legislative Day OR have at least one State Officer or designated member testify on behalf of the State Grange before a statewide legislative or regulatory body. (20 points)

_____ Preserve historical records, photographs, and artifacts of your State Grange, or work with a historical society or state library to preserve records. (10 points)



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_____ Host a Degree Day or ritualism workshop that explains the lessons of each Degree for your members. Take advantage of the Grange Heirloom Program. (10 points)

_____ Host a State Junior Grange event OR have at least 50% of the Junior Granges or Granges with Junior members (1+) participate in a State- or National-sponsored service project/program. (15 points)

_____ Host a statewide Youth and Young Adults event OR ensure that Grange youth in your state participate in a State- or National-sponsored program or event. (15 points)

_____ Use your State Grange's website or social media to promote a Grange policy issue, OR publish an op-ed, to promote a Grange issue. (10 points)

_____ Promote at least four (4) National Grange contests or programs in your publications, social media, website, or e-newsletters. (10 points)

_____ Ensure that every Grange in your State has at least one current subscriber OR that their Grange is subscribed to the National Grange quarterly magazine, *Good Day!* (10 points)

_____ Create at least one State Grange contest, program, or educational activity using the National Grange theme and distribute information to each of your Community and Pomona Granges. Learn more: <http://www.nationalgrange.org/theme>. (15 points)

_____ Host a workshop or publish a news article in your State Grange newsletter on mental health or any other health topic. (10 points)

_____ Take part in the National Grange Community Service project at National Session or projects suggested by the National Community Service Team. (10 points)

_____ Contribute at least \$250 to any fund in the National Grange Foundation. Donations can be made electronically at <https://grangefoundation.org> or make checks payable to: Grange Foundation. (10 points)

_____ Provide information to your State Grange membership on planned giving to the Grange Foundation through programming or a workshop at a state or regional event, or include in your publications or e-newsletter. (10 points)



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_____ Submit to the National Grange Communications Director (pvonada@nationalgrange.org) at least two (2) articles OR photos with captions for inclusion in either *Good Day!* magazine or our biweekly *Grange Today!* newsletter. (15 points)

_____ Encourage or assist your Junior, Community, and Pomona Granges to submit a Distinguished Grange application. (10 points)

_____ Encourage and assist another State Grange to submit a Distinguished Grange application. (20 points)

Which State(s) did you assist? _____

_____ Submit the Distinguished State Grange application and all supporting information and documentation using the online form, www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished. (10 points)

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS _____
Minimum of 100 points required