



2026-2027 Distinguished Pomona Grange Application

The Distinguished Pomona Grange program recognizes Pomona Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas such as membership, programming, advocacy, and community service. The 2026-2027 Distinguished Community Granges will be recognized for their work done from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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

Submitting your Application

The postmark or online submission deadline for your application and all additional documentation for consideration is **September 1, 2027**. 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 Pomona Grange:

Option 1 – Online

Please complete the application and attach all supporting documents using the online form at www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished. (Bonus: 10 points for completing the online form!)

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



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Grange Name and #: _____ State: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Day, Time, and Location of Meetings: _____

If another Grange encouraged and helped you submit your application, please list them here:

REQUIRED

☐ Submit all Quarterly Reports and Dues on time to your State Grange, as applicable. *(Request verification email or letter from your State Grange).* If your State Grange does not require Quarterly Reports, please request a verification letter that your Pomona Grange is in good standing.

☐ Send at least one (1) delegate to your State Grange session.

Name _____

☐ Send at least two (2) officers or members to a National Grange, State Grange, or regional event.

Name _____ Title _____

Event _____

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☐ Submit a Community Service report to your State Grange. Or submit a verification letter from your State Grange Community Service Director that one was submitted in the 2026-2027 year.



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

☐

Maintain or increase membership. (20 points)

Members as of 7/1/2026 _____

Members as of 6/30/2027 _____

☐

Submit a resolution to your State Grange on an issue other than Grange Growth or Grange Law (make sure your State Grange and/or the National Grange does not already have the same policy). (15 points)

☐

Submit a "Share Your Project's Story" submission to the National Grange Community Service Department using the online form at <https://www.nationalgrange.org/community-service-programs>. (10 points)

☐

Submit your **Project Sustenance** program or event to the National Grange via the online form found at <https://www.nationalgrange.org/projectsustenance>. (15 points)

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Update your website with at least your meeting time, day, and location, and contact information for at least one officer. The website must also include at least a few paragraphs about your Grange's mission and service to the community. You can count this if the information is up to date. (10 points)

URL for your website: _____

☐

Establish or ensure your Grange's Facebook page is up to date (under the 'About' tab) with at least your meeting time, day, and location, and contact information. Ensure your page shows what your Grange does (events, service activities). (15 points)

URL for your Facebook page: _____

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Host at least one (1) visit by a State or National Grange representative (who is not a member of your Grange) to your Pomona Grange and allow them to offer information/a message to your membership. (10 points)



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Connect your membership with an element of Degree work, ritual, or history of the Grange at each meeting of your Pomona Grange OR provide assistance or training to Granges in your Pomona focused on Degree work, ritual, or history of the Grange. Take advantage of the Grange Heirloom Program. (10 points)

☐

Hold an open house/public Grange event to introduce the Grange to the public and to engage in conversation about what unmet needs in the areas in which the Granges of your Pomona serve to learn more about what the Grange may be able to assist with. (15 points)

☐

Sponsor or host at least one (1) activity (i.e., Lecturer's program, community forum, one-day event) where you present members and the public with an educational "how to" of homesteading skills to promote agriculture. (10 points)

☐

Create a **new** community-wide event, led by your Pomona Grange, that fosters fellowship and builds community spirit. (10 points)

☐

Host/organize at least three (3) community service or educational events. (20 points)

☐

Host a forum with public officials for your community to attend; OR hold a legislative event, candidate forum, or informational event on voting/elections; OR make at least one legislative issue contact with a public official at the local, state, or national level. (10 points)

☐

Host at least one (1) Youth/Young Adult/Junior/Junior 1+ event or Youth and/or Junior community service activity. (10 points)

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Invite a youth from a Grange, or from FFA, 4-H, Junior Fair Board, or other youth entity to speak at a meeting. (10 points)

☐

Host or organize a program on mental health or any health-related program for your Grange and the community. (10 points)

☐

Preserve historical records, photographs, and artifacts of your Grange or work with your local or state historic society or library to preserve them. (10 points)

☐

Honor Veterans with a special program or nominate a veteran or active-duty service member for a Quilt of Valor and host the award ceremony, or donate to or participate in Wreaths Across America. (10 points)

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Incorporate the National Grange theme into your programming, activities, and outreach. To learn more visit <https://www.nationalgrange.org/theme>. (15 points)



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Have a fun and/or team-building activity for your members that provides fellowship and builds camaraderie. (10 points)

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Take part in a community day or other event *other than your local fair* in your area where you have a booth, float, or display that promotes your Grange's activities and provides membership information. (10 points)

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Take part in a fair in your area where you have a booth or display that promotes your Grange's activities and provides membership information. (10 points)

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Recognize and honor your members for their years of membership and service to the Grange. Also consider making fun awards (i.e., Best Dressed, Caretaker of the Kitchen). (10 points)

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Provide at least one (1) press clipping or website feature or online newsletter, not from a Grange publication, showing you are publicizing your Grange, Grange events, or Grange members. (5 points)

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Contribute at least \$50 to any fund in the National Grange Foundation. Donations can be made electronically at <https://grangefoundation.org>; or make checks payable to: Grange Foundation and send to 1616 H St NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006. (10 points)

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Submit to the National Grange Communications Director at least one (1) article OR photos with captions for inclusion in either Good Day! magazine or our monthly Grange Today newsletter. (10 points)

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Provide scholarship(s) to students in your community – include your application, criteria, or rubric for choosing winners. (20 points)

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Encourage and assist another Grange (Community or Pomona) in completing their Distinguished Grange application. (10 points)

Which Grange(s) did you assist: _____

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If your Pomona Grange regularly holds a program, event, or other activity that does not fit into the above categories, please tell us about it! (10 points)

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS _____
Minimum of 100 points required