



## 2026-2027 Distinguished State Grange Application

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 2026-2027 Distinguished State Granges will be recognized for their work done from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Distinguished State 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 State Grange:*

#### Option 1 – Online

Please complete the application and attach all supporting documents using the online form, [www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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

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Contribute \$1 per member, based on your 2026 Quarter 2 membership, to the National Convention Assessment Fund.\*

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ \*pay by June 30

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Electronically submit 2026 State Journal of Proceedings, updated Roster of officers, and State Grange Bylaws to the National Grange.

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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.

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Send at least two State Officers or Directors to a National or regional Grange event.

*\* Except for National Convention, virtual attendance is acceptable.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

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Event \_\_\_\_\_



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

### 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.*

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

Members as of 7/1/2026 \_\_\_\_\_

Members as of 6/30/2027 \_\_\_\_\_

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Organize or reorganize a Grange. (15 points EACH)

*[list Granges and charter date on a separate sheet]*

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Organize or reorganize a Junior Grange. (15 points EACH)

*[list Granges and charter date on a separate sheet]*

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

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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)

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Sponsor an event or workshop at the National Grange Convention. (15 points)



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- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Host a Degree Day or ritual 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)
- ☐ Produce 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)
- ☐ Organize a statewide Community Service project or event and encourage all Granges in the state to participate. (10 points)



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Contribute at least \$100 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)

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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](mailto: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)

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

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

Which State(s) did you assist? \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

*Minimum of 100 points required*