

Supporting the Future... Today.

Dear Grange Members and Supporters,

I would encourage each of you to invest in our Youth and Junior programs. We need to give our young people the opportunity to learn and develop into the leaders that our Grange, our communities, and our nation need.

Most of our National Grange officers and State Grange officers are the product of our Youth and Junior programs. The programs and activities of both of these programs have benefited young people as they grew into today's Grange leaders. The youth of today needs your support as they develop into the leaders we need in the Grange.

Your generous donation will be used by the Youth and Junior Departments to build the leadership abilities of young people. Every Grange should consider this investment a priority for the future of our organization. Please join with me in expanding our support for both of these terrific programs.

Fraternally Yours,



Edward Luttrell
National Grange President

**“This generation has great potential
to build our organization.”**



From the Youth Director

Do you remember the time you put on your National Officer or youth royalty sash? How proud you were? Remember the support you received from the National Officers and State Masters at National Session? We all have fond memories of these events and our days as Grange Youth members and the lifelong friendships we have.



The Youth Foundation campaign is a project which seeks to provide present and future Grange Youth and Young Adults with the chance to participate in the National Grange annual session and provide them the needed tools to support the Grange mission at home.

- Last year, nine youth ambassadors, two young couples, a National Grange Youth Officer Team of 17 grange youth and a John Trimble Legislative experience participant were supported through the fund.
- Several of these youth have returned home to serve on Grange Growth teams, assisted to charter new Granges, serve as subordinate Grange officers and committee members and are working to grow the Grange for the next generation.
- A set of six youth and young couples have been selected for advanced membership training at a Grange Growth Summit.
- These Grange youth are leaders in other organizations serving as state FFA officers, 4-H leaders, and earning scholarships for academic excellence; the Grange has helped these youth achieve these successes.

By providing our Grange youth with the funding assistance to participate in the National Grange Session, it helps to nurture their social, intellectual and moral growth. The Grange is preparing its youth members for futures in business, community and private endeavors. We, as well as many other Grangers, have not been actively involved in the Grange Youth departments since our time as a Youth award program participant, but that does not mean we do not care about the program.

The National Grange Youth Foundation needs everyone's help. The National Grange Youth Department has recently been notified it will not receive the \$10,000 grant that supported the 2010 National Grange Youth Days activity. The National Grange Youth Foundation must receive \$15,000 to support the costs of the National Grange Youth Horizon Leadership program, John Trimble Legislative Experience Program, and National Youth Officer Team. Historically, the youth foundation has covered housing costs, convention tickets and youth tours. Financial support is needed in order to continue to bring Grange Youth and Young Adults to receive assistance from the National Grange Youth Foundation. If not, Grange Youth and Young Adults will need to secure funding from other sources to attend the National Grange Youth Leadership Days and participate in Grange Youth Programs.

Pledges made to the National Grange Youth Foundation are tax-deductible. Please contact Charlene M. Shupp Espenshade, National Grange Youth Director, at 717-361-2844 or youth@nationalgrange.org if you need further information or if you have any questions. Attached for your convenience is a pledge form.

Donors are recognized at the National Grange Youth Department display at National Session and on the National Grange Youth Foundation website.

Thank you again for your time and careful consideration.

Fraternally yours in Grange,

Charlene M. Shupp Espenshade
National Grange Youth Director



From the Junior Director

This past year, Junior Grange has been making the difference in children's lives across the country. Junior Grange offers exciting opportunities for our children ages 5-14. It offers opportunities for community involvement, leadership experiences, Grange ritual, and just experiencing the excitement of being a Junior Grange member.



Your contribution to the Junior Fund will open doors to opportunities for our Juniors. So please take this opportunity to invest in the future of the Grange.

Please remember that any amount that you choose to donate will be greatly appreciated and go toward the advancement of the Junior Grange program. Junior Grangers are truly the future of the Grange. Your donation will go towards insuring that Grange remains a strong and vital part of your community.

In thanks for your contribution to the National Junior Grange Fund, which is a tax-deductible donation, you will receive special recognition at the National Grange Convention and at the Junior Grange Breakfast.

Again, many thanks for your donation and know that your support of the Junior Grange will make such a huge difference.

Fraternally Yours in Junior Grange,

Diane Szkutak
National Grange Junior Grange Development Director



Yes! We would like to support the Junior Grange and/or Grange Youth!

Gold Level (\$500 +) Pink Level (\$250-\$499) Green Level (\$100-249)

Blue Level (\$50-99) General Supporter

I want this money to help: Junior Grange Grange Youth Both

Donor Name/Grange _____

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