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For any additional updates or for more information visit the National Junior Grange Website at www.nationaljuniorgrange.org

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Dear Junior Grange Members, State Directors, and Leaders:

What a year it has been. I know many of us faced challenges like we never thought we would have to in the year 2020. But I am sooo incredibly proud of the Junior Grange leaders from across the country who took the curve ball thrown at us in 2020 and made the best of it. Many of you were thinking outside of the box as you re-planned many of the events that you had originally planned for in 2020. From virtual meetings and get-togethers to planning full on large events like camps- you guys proved that you are incredible leaders. I am thankful to each of you who shared your stories, adventures, and the challenges that you faced- this connection and constant communication with one another is how we learn and continue to build our programs. If you are a state director and have yet to join the FACEBOOK Group for State Junior Grange Directors please contact me so that we can get you added in the group- this has been a great platform to share on and get ideas from one another- a lot of information is posted in there as well as our programs, contests, and more.

I am excited to spend this year with you as we continue to celebrate over 130 years of the Junior Grange service and activities. As we move forward into 2021 I want you to think of the things that you accomplished or were challenged by in 2020 and build on that- what do you want to accomplish next with your Junior Grangers? We do not know what 2021 holds and if some of our activities will be able to be held in person- so making an alternative plan- just in case- will hopefully be beneficial to you.

The Grange theme for 2021 continues to be- Cultivating Connections- we learned a lot about that this year and how important it was to cultivate those relationships- and we will continue that for this year. I want to encourage you and your Junior Grangers to continue working on National contest entries throughout the year- these are fun and easy activities that can be done together-in person or not. The passport program will be another great resource for you to use for meeting activities. Over the last year we have worked hard to add passports to the program and currently have over sixty (60) passports available for you to work on. These can be group or individual activities- please note that this is your program- if you or your Junior find a Passport that interests them but the skill level is to high please feel free to make the adjustments necessary to fit their needs. This year our programs are continuing to grow stronger than ever and they are taking on new ideas that reinforce our values, our history, and our educational foundations. Junior Leaders and Directors are encouraged to utilize the national programing within their monthly meetings. Take the programs that we are designing and discover how you can utilize them and challenge the young minds around you. The programs we develop today in the Junior Grange not only help a child to become a leader, but they are the beginning of the process that is laying a foundation which will be effective for the rest of their lives.

As we enter the next year of work in the Junior Grange there are two things that I really need for our directors to be doing, 1) getting accurate and recorded numbers of all Junior and Junior 1+ membership. 2) Having completed background checks for all adults working with minors in your state. It is important for us to have those membership numbers so that we can continue to build our programing and find financial support for the number of Juniors we have across the country. I also cannot stress the importance of background checks. Child Protection Policy information is in this handbook(find information within this program book.)

Throughout the next year, I look forward to meeting many more of you and working to be present in your Grange community, either virtually or in person! This is the beginning of a new era in the Junior Grange program and I am excited for this opportunity to serve you and your Junior Granges.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to the Grange! If ever you need to contact me do not hesitate! I am here for you!

Fraternally yours,
Samantha Wilkins
National Junior Grange Director
Dear Grange Members

The National Junior Grange and National Youth Departments need your support so that we can continue to stay strong for the generations to come. For those of us who started our Grange journey wearing red tennis shoes, or for those of us who started being delighted to serve in our youth, it is undeniable what the Junior and Youth programs can do to build future leaders from Subordinate/Community Granges all the way to State and National Granges. Both the Junior and Youth Departments build skills in public speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, leadership, project planning, and the promotion of new cultures and languages (such as American Sign Language). Participation in Grange at the Junior and Youth levels gives opportunities that build characters and whose effects are felt for a lifetime.

Today our programs are stronger than ever and our participation is growing at rapid rates. With our young members stretching from coast to coast and border to border it is important that we can continue support on the National level by creating programs and incentives that encourage our youngest members to continue their excitement for this organization we love so dearly. The Junior and Youth Foundation Funds, the funds that support all of our programming, are currently not sufficient to cover the programming that we have planned for the upcoming year. These programs are set in place to help our young members become the pillars of our organization-- to guide them to become the leaders and continue our organization into the future. You can make a difference in the lives of our young members just as someone did for you. WE cannot forget that we were blessed with the gift of the Youth and Junior programs because of the support and sacrifices of those who came before us. To honor them, we must continue that support today. Support can come in many forms. You can have a “throwback” moment and put on your pair of red tennis shoes visibly marking your support by stepping forward to lead a Junior Grange or mentor a 1+ Junior member. You can also tell a Youth/Young Adult member that “I’d be delighted” to assist them in a project that they want to bring to your Grange.

For the future of our nation and for our organization, please consider supporting the Youth and Junior Departments in a way most comfortable to you. Engage with us to learn how you can lead the next generation through their Junior and Youth years in a meaningful way; sponsor specific opportunities for Juniors and Youth; become a mentor; purchase a subscription to Good Day! to introduce the Junior and Youth programs to others; or donate to our funds in the Grange Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization that may allow you to reap tax benefits for your philanthropy. There are many ways you can help now to secure a better tomorrow, all of which are important, greatly appreciated, and will leave a lasting impression on the next generation.

Fraternally,
Mandy Bostwick
National Youth Development Director
Samantha Wilkins
National Junior Grange Director
Youth and Junior Sponsorship Levels

Sponsorships go directly towards programing used at National Session. Programing includes, but not limited to: Junior Ambassador Program, Horizon Leadership Ambassadors, Code Reading Contest, Parli-Pro Contest, Digital Talent Contest, Cape of Honor Contest, Ag Awareness Award, Grange Baseball, etc.

John Trimble Level Sponsor
$25-$100

John Thompson Level Sponsor
$101-$250

Aaron B. Grosh Level Sponsor
$251-$500

William Ireland Level Sponsor
$501-$750

Francis McDowell Level Sponsor
$751-$1000

William Saunders Level Sponsor
$1001-$2500

Oliver H. Kelley Level Sponsor
$2501-$5000

Caroline A. Hall Level Sponsor
$5000+

Each sponsorship will be divided equally between the two departments: Junior and Youth.
I am pleased to announce and share with everyone that the 2020 National Junior Grange Ambassadors, Bryce Danko of Pennsylvania & Brianna Gervais of Connecticut, will continue their term serving as our National Junior Grange Ambassadors for the year 2021.

During 2020 Bryce and Brianna rocked every task they were given. They started the beginning of their term discussing what they want to see happen over the next year. As the pandemic hit we revised some of those plans but they both continued to work extremely hard.

February of 2020 Bryce and Brianna both had the opportunity to attend the first in the nation primaries event, held in New Hampshire. During this trip they were able to learn about the national legislative process and how the election process itself happens. They had the opportunity to tour the capital building, visit different campaign headquarters, participate in rallies and other workshops.

Continuing the legislative trend they both attended the first ever, Washington DC Experience, hosted by the National Grange Youth and Junior Departments. During this time they were able to give workshops on the things they learned in New Hampshire then also learn from other Grange youth about their experience working in the legislative fields. They met with different departments, such as the USDA, and organizations such as Reuters News. They also spent a lot of time learning about Grange policies and training on how to go meet with their representatives on Capitol Hill.

As the pandemic hit, Bryce and Brianna did not let that slow them down. They continued their work by creating multiple passports, creating social media content, and hosting several episodes on the National Grange web series ‘Cultivating Connections.’

Their journey isn’t over yet! And I am sooo excited to see what is in store for 2021! They are set to do great things on this journey!

If you would like to have Bryce or Brianna attend your event (virtually or in person) please contact National Junior Grange Director-Samantha Wilkins by email at junior@nationalgrange.org
The National Grange and National Junior Grange and Youth Departments encourage you to follow the National Grange Child Protection Policy and obtain a background check through the company “Safe Gatherings” www.safegatherings.com as an alternative for having to obtain and find your own background check company. It is highly encouraged to have every person in our organization that is working in a supervisory position with our Juniors and Youth under 18 years of age to undergo this background check through Safe Gatherings as it is a National Background Check program that covers many levels of security checks as well as providing a training on working with vulnerable youth and adults.

The benefits of utilizing Safe Gatherings for the Grange is:

- A No Hassle system: State Masters, Directors, and Leaders now have the pressure taken off them to make sure these critical steps are taken appropriately in accordance of their state laws.
- Everything is handled from the National Grange office and your information is kept 100% safe and secure through the Safe Gatherings Network. (No personal information is held with the National Grange)
- Safe Gatherings provides 4 levels of background checks: Local, State, National, and Sex Offender.
- Safe Gatherings provides Professional Reference Checks
- Safe Gatherings provides training for abuse prevention and ideas on how to appropriately work with minors who are at their most vulnerable time in life.
- LOW COST- the break down cost for the 2-year clearance through Safe Gatherings is less than $2.00 a month.

BEGIN YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK TODAY:
www.safegatherings.com
Search “Grange” to register under our organization

Our vision is for a world in which all children, youth, and vulnerable adults are protected and feel safe.
Unfortunately, that’s not the world we live in, which is why Safe Gatherings has created a comprehensive system that screens and educates staff and volunteers – to help prevent abuse and make the world a safer place for those among us who are most vulnerable.

For more information: Please contact National Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins at 210.838.7892 or junior@nationalgrange.org
National Grange Child Protection Policy

The National Grange is committed to providing an environment that is safe for Juniors and Youth during National Grange activities. This policy is designed to protect our young people, instill confidence in those entrusting us with their children, and protect adult volunteers and staff from allegations that may be unwarranted.

Any individual age 18 and above, in a leadership position working directly with Juniors and Youth under 18, must obtain a clean and clear national background check through a company approved by the National Grange Executive Committee. It is highly recommended that the online service Safegatherings.com be used. All reports are kept confidential by Safe Gatherings and are not in possession of the National Grange, and are valid for two years.

Any individual age 18 and above, in a leadership position working directly with Juniors and Youth under 18 must obtain a clean and clear background check before their participation in any National Grange sponsored event. These events include but are not limited to: National Grange Session, Regional Conferences, Camps (i.e. Revival), and any other National Grange sponsored events.

The costs to obtain these background checks will be borne by the individual unless they are National Grange Staff, Directors, or members of the National Grange Youth Team, when the cost will be paid from their National Grange budget.

If an individual fails the background check they will not be permitted to work with Junior Grangers and/or Youth age Grange members.

Guidelines

Two deep leadership – there should always be at least two leaders age 21 or older at all Junior or Youth functions.

No one-on-one contact – One-on-one contact between adults and Juniors or Youth under 18 is not permitted. If the necessity for one-on-one interactions between adults and children arises, the interaction should occur in an unenclosed area and with the knowledge of another adult.

Adopted August 20, 2019
JUNIOR GRANGE PROGRAM - AGE REQUIREMENTS

Junior Grangers ages 5-14 are welcome to participate in all programs within the Junior Grange Program.

*With exceptions to participating in the Ambassador Program. However, they are still welcome to work on achieving those goals before they reach the appropriate age.

ARE YOU A JUNIOR AT HEART?

As the National Junior Grange is celebrates over 130 years of service many of us begin to think of those fond memories. For 2020 we are inviting you to become a Junior again!

Take a look at the Junior Grange Contests and submit an original piece. Subordinate entries will be a donation of $5.00. Cash or checks made payable to the National Grange Foundation. All Adult entries will be judged separately, and the top winners will be awarded a prize.

THE FOLLOWING CONTESTS MAY BE ENTERED BY A SUBORDINATE MEMBER:

CREATIVE ART
CREATIVE WRITING
HANDY CRAFT
MINI SCRAPBOOK

All Contest Entries are to be sent by Mail to:
Samantha Wilkins
National Junior Grange Director
1616 H ST NW
WASHINGTON D.C. 20006

FINANCIAL DISCLAIMER:

NATIONAL GRANGE AND GRANGE FOUNDATION CHECK POLICY: All checks written on bank accounts for the National Grange and The Grange Foundation are valid for six (6) months from the date of issue. Checks not cashed by the recipient within six (6) months will be credited back to the organization as a donation.
DATES AND DEADLINES

The LAST day to postmark (or email when available) entries is by the date shown.

SEPTEMBER 1\textsuperscript{st}
- Ambassador Program Application
- Junior Historian Award Application
- Junior Mentor Application
- Awareness Award Submissions
- Cape of Honor Application

SEPTEMBER 25\textsuperscript{th}
- Grange in Action

OCTOBER 1\textsuperscript{st}
- Community Service Report (or at session)
- State Directors Report
- Junior Leaders Report

OCTOBER 1
- All entries may be completed any time between October 1 of the previous year to October 1 of the current year.
  - Creative Art
  - Creative Writing
  - Mini-Scrapbook
  - Photography
  - Handy-Craft
  - Digital Talent Show
  - Membership
  - Granger at Heart-Oct 20 (or at session)

November 1\textsuperscript{st}
- Public Speaking
- Sign-A-Song
- Grange Baseball- (must qualify at a Regional Conference)

Contestants must have submitted the following information by Nov. 1

NAME
Category (i.e. Speech, Sign-A-Song, Baseball)
Age
State
Mailing Address/name of Junior Grange
NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION 2021

PLAN TO JOIN US
NOVEMBER 9-13, 2021
for the National Grange Session
in Wichita, Kansas

Juniors will have planned activities from November 9-13
Activities include but are not limited to:

- A hands-on interactive tour of some of America’s first footprints.
- Junior Grange Contests
- Community Service Projects
- Innovative and educational Workshops
- The ability to interact with other Junior Grangers from around the Nation.

Registration is opens in April 2020

Visit www.nationalgrange.org for more up to date information.

November 9-13, 2021
Hyatt Regency Wichita
400 W. Waterman
Wichita, KS 67202
(316)293-1234
2021 HOST STATE
State of Kansas

Facts:

● Capital: Topeka

● Entered the Union: January 29, 1861

    Kansas was the 34th state

● Motto: "Ad astra per aspera" (to the starts through difficulties)

● Flower: Wild Sunflower

● Tree: Cottonwood Tree

● Bird: Western Meadowlark

● Insect: The Honeybee

● Song: Home on the Range

● Nickname: The Sunflower State or The Wheat State

CONSIDER COMPLETING
THE PASSPORT for Kansas this year
KELLEY FARM PROJECT

COMPLETE THE KELLEY FARM PASSPORT ALONG WITH WORKING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE KELLEY FARM PROJECT.

The Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm in Elk River, Minn., is home of one of the founders of our Grange Order. They could use the aid of the Junior Grangers from across the country to help feed the animals at the Kelley Farm. With workhorses, oxen, milk cows, pigs, sheep, and chickens to feed every day of the year, all donations large or small are greatly appreciated and will help with the feed costs a great deal.

Plan with your Junior Grangers a way to ‘support an animal’ on the Kelley Farm.
Here is a breakdown of how much it costs just for grain to feed the animals on the Kelley Farm:

- Raising a pig from birth to finish = $150 (one season)
- Care for a horse per year = $1800
- Care for a Cow per year = $900
- Care for an Ox per year = $1000
- Lamb birth to yearling = $150
- Broiler hatch to finish (5 weeks) = $5
- Turkey hen (14 weeks) = $17
- Turkey Tom (18 weeks) = $19

You can write to the farm for more information:

Oliver H. Kelley Farm
15788 Kelley Farm Rd.
Elk River MN 55330

Email: Kelleyfarm@mnhs.org

To see pictures of the Kelley Farm animals, visit the Minnesota Historical Society website at www.mnhs.org, and click on Oliver H. Kelley Farm.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP! PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW TO SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS:

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Make your checks payable to “Grange Foundation, KELLEY FARM.” Send your check and this form to:

National Grange Office in Washington D.C. 1616 H St NW Washington DC 20006
JUNIOR HISTORIAN AWARD

The new Junior Historian Award will represent a Junior Granger who has gone above and beyond to prove that they demonstrate a superior knowledge of the Junior Grange and Grange History. The purpose of this award is to challenge Junior Grange members to learn and become fluent in the Rituals and History of our organization.

This award is supervised and administered by the National Junior Grange Director. All candidates are expected to submit a completed application and all required documentation.

A special recognition and certificate will be awarded at the Junior Grange Breakfast during the National Grange Convention.

All the following must be submitted/obtained to receive the award.

1. Must be a JG member for a minimum of 2 years and in good standing.
2. Submit a copy of the Junior Grange Knowledge test.
   a. Test may be scored by State Director. But, score will be confirmed by National Junior Grange Director. A score of 80% or higher is required to pass.
   b. All tests answers must be hand written by applicant.
3. Must be able to recite the Junior Grange Pledge and display the Junior Grange Grip
4. Be able to adequately explain procedures used when opening and closing the Grange (opening the Bible, Flag presentation/retiring, and retiring the emblem)
5. 200-word biography for each of the founding Grange members.
6. Create a display about the history of your State Grange. (Submit pictures of the display)
7. Write a 1-page typed summary of what your hopes and dreams are for the future of the Grange.
8. Submit 1 letter of recommendation- recommendation must come from a Grange member who can vouch for your invested interest in Grange History.

Requirements must be certified by Junior leader, Subordinate Master, or Junior Deputy.

Award applications must be submitted and postmarked by September 1.

Junior Historian recipients will be recognized during the Junior Grange Breakfast at the National Session.
# Junior Historian Application

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As Junior Leader I certify that [Name] has qualified for the Junior Historian Award, having met all requirements for this award.

Signature of Jr. Leader: [Signature]

Date Submitted: [Date]
NATIONAL JUNIOR GRANGE
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The purpose of the National Junior Grange Ambassador program is to provide an opportunity for outstanding Junior Grangers, selected by their State Grange, to attend the National Grange Convention and build their leadership potential. They will be given the opportunity to build relationships with other Junior Grangers and Grangers across the Nation. They will receive vital training that will be instrumental in developing the Junior Grange programs within their state, as well as preparing them for their future in the Grange.

A maximum of 2 Junior Grangers per state, one male and one female may be chosen to represent their State at the National Convention. One candidate will be chosen through a process of interviews and observations made by a council of judges. The candidate that is chosen will serve as the National Junior Grange Ambassador and will be a representative of the National Junior Grange program for a one-year term.

Applicants are only permitted to apply and run for National Junior Grange Ambassador one time in their Junior Career. Applicants running for Ambassador are to attend the National Grange convention for the year they are applying for and at the costs of the applicant.

All applicants are required to meet the following criteria:
1. Must be a Junior Grange member for a minimum of 3 years.
2. Must be between the ages of 10-14 years, having observed their 10th birthday, but not their 15th by December 31st of the year they attend National Session.
3. Applicants must be able to attend National Convention to represent their state during Junior Grange activity days (Thursday-Saturday) at their own costs.
4. Applicants must have a parent or guardian attend National convention with them.

Applicants must submit the following:
1. 4 letters of recommendations from:
   a. State Master
   b. State Junior Director (if applicable)
   c. Junior Leader (if applicable)
   d. Educational Leader (i.e. teacher, Sunday school teacher etc.)
2. Headshot- a professional photograph containing only yourself
3. 1-page biography telling about yourself, your family, and your Junior Grange Achievements.
4. Attach a 1-page essay on “Why you would like to represent the National Grange as the NJGA.”

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION: September 1
Each State Grange may send one male and one female representative.

**At this time all Ambassadors must be able to attend National Convention and all Junior Activities at their own cost**

**If named National Junior Grange Ambassador, you may be required to attend certain activities and events at your own cost.**
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Parental Permission:
I certify that my child, _________________________, has my permission to apply for the position of National Junior Grange Ambassador. We will be able to attend National Grange Convention and will be able to cover any costs associated with attending convention. I also give my permission for my child’s photograph to appear in publications for the National Grange. I also understand that if my child is selected for NJGA there may additional expenses throughout the year that may not be covered by the National Grange.

X_______________________________________ Phone: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Junior Leader Certification
I certify that ____________________________ qualifies for the National Junior Grange Ambassador Program and has met all the program requirements for participation.

X_______________________________________ Phone: ___________________________ Date: ______________
BE A SUPER JUNIOR
Cape of Honor Award

Do you have a Junior Granger who has gone above and beyond for the Grange and their community? Now it is the time to honor them in a special recognition during the National Grange Session. Junior Grangers who plan, participate, and serve their communities will have the opportunity to be honored for their hard work. Juniors are challenged to put on their capes and get out into their communities.

CONTEST PURPOSE:
The purpose of the Cape of Honor award is to spotlight our Junior Grangers that are doing the work of true Grangers and going above and beyond our expectations. Every Junior that submits an application and meets the tier requirements will be recognized during the Junior Grange Breakfast at National Session; however, the Junior Granger with the most community service hours served in a 1-year time frame will be named as the Super JG of the Year. Submissions must be postmarked by September 1.

All Applicants are required to meet the following criteria:
1) Must be a Junior Grange member in good standing
2) Must be between the ages of 5-14 at time of submission and not yet received the obligation into the Subordinate Grange.
3) Junior Granger is expected to keep track of community service hours September 1 of the current year through August 31 of the following year. (Example September 1, 2020- August 31, 2021)
4) Junior Granger must keep track of their projects throughout the year.

All Applicants must submit the following:
1) Application form (found on next page)
2) A letter from the Junior applicant stating “Why they have a passion to serve their communities and what their favorite service project was from the last year”
3) A list of service projects done throughout the year along with how many hours each project took from start to finish.
4) The number of community service hours completed.

TIERS FOR AWARDS:

WHITE TIER: Junior must complete between 10-30 community service hours to complete this tier

RED TIER: Junior must complete between 30-50 community service hours to complete this tier

BLUE TIER: Juniors must complete between 50-100 community service hours to complete this tier

GOLD TIER: Juniors must complete over 100 hours of community service to complete this tier

JUNIOR APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED.
IF Junior is not in attendance the award will be sent with the State Junior Director or State Master.
**At this time applicants are invited to attend National Convention and all Junior activities at their own cost**
# National Junior Grange CAPE OF HONOR Application

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## Parental Permission:

I _________________________________________ certify that my child, _________________________, has met all of the above requirements for the Cape of Honor Award and I give permission to the National Grange to publish my Child’s name and/or picture in future publications produced by the National Grange.

X_______________________________________ Phone: __________________ Date: __________
2021 AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS PROJECT

2021 Awareness Award Theme:

Ecosystems

Complete the following tasks to receive your 2021 Awareness Award!

1. **RESEARCH:** Define what an ECOSYSTEM is. Research the different types of ecosystems. Read a book or two about ecosystems. (This is a great time to check out resources from your local library.)

2. **RESEARCH:** What careers could you have if you studied ECOLOGY? If you can find someone in your community who works in this field and interview them.

3. **RESEARCH:** Learn about an ecosystem near where you live. Find out about the animals, plants, water and more that are in your ecosystem. What makes it unique?

4. **RESEARCH:** How have humans made an impact (positive or negative) on the ecosystem?

5. **SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW:** Create a poster to inform people how they can help better our ecosystem.

6. **STEM-** Create a pop (soda) bottle ecosystem - There are many different versions of this online - but for most of them you will need: clear 2-3 liter soda bottle, a small plant *annual/house plats work best, 2-3 small fish, aquarium rocks, string, paper coffee filters, and water. Manage your newly created ecosystem for as long as you can and take notes on what you see happening over a period of one (1) month.

7. **SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW:** draw and label a diagram of the ecosystem you built and explain how the parts of the ecosystem work.

8. **SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW:** Write a paragraph explaining how you had to care for the ecosystem you built versus how people have to care for the ecosystems around them. In this paragraph list 5 ways we can better care for our ecosystem.

9. **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Complete the ECOSYSTEM PASSPORT

10. **SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW:** Take all of the things you learned about ECOSYSTEMS and make a plan on how you are going to inform your Grange/Community to better care for the ecosystems around them.

Submit the following information:

- Title of the book you read
- Pictures of the Ecosystem you built
- Copy of your diagram
- Copy of your poster
- Copy of your paragraph
- Copy of the completed passport
- Pictures of your efforts to bring awareness! (Talking to neighbors, at your Grange meeting, hanging flyers, etc...)

The Awareness Awards will be presented during the Junior Grange Breakfast at National Session. If you are unable to attend National Session we will send your certificate home with your State President or another representative. Awards will be given to either Individuals or Junior Granges.

**Individual Junior Submissions MUST HAVE**

- Name
- Age
- Grange Name & Number
- State
- Mailing Address
- Email/ Phone Number

**Junior Grange Submissions MUST HAVE:**

- Junior Grange Name & Number
- Junior Leader’s Name
- State
- Mailing Address
- Email/Phone Number

**SUBMISSIONS FOR AWARD MUST BE MADE BY September 1**
NATIONAL JUNIOR GRANGE
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The National Junior Grange Public Speaking Contest will be held during the National Grange Convention held every November. This contest will be open to all State Junior Grange Public Speaking winners and will be judged at National Session. Winners will be announced at the Evening of Excellence and Best of Show winners will give their speeches at the Junior Grange Breakfast on Saturday morning.

Requirements:
- **Age:** 5-14 years of age

- **Participants** must have achieved First Place in their State Junior Competition, or Best of Show at their Regional Competition. One participant in each category (Short Story/Prepared) may represent their state at National Convention and the Best of Show winner may represent from their region.

Name, age, speech title, category and State name must be turned in by November 1st to the National Junior Grange Director at juniors@nationalgrange.org.

**Categories**
- **Impromptu**-(only at Regional Conferences) The contestant will draw 2 topics from a mystery bag and select one of those topics to give their speech on. The contestant must meet a minimum of 1 minute with no more than 3 minutes for their speech.
- **Short Story**- The contestant may present a published short story or poem of their choosing. The contestant must meet a minimum of 1 minute with no more than 3 minutes for their story.
- **Prepared**- Deliver a prepared speech written by the contestant on one of the following topics:
  1) When I am 80 years old what story will I tell my grandchildren about the Global Pandemic we faced with COVID-19? What did I learn? What changes did I have to make? Etc....
  2) Any topic of their choice

The contestant must meet a minimum of 3 minutes with a maximum of 7 minutes for their prepared speech.

**Judging Criteria:**
- **Time** .......................................................... 10 points
- **Content** .......................................................... 40 points
- **Voice Control** .................................................. 20 points
- **Body Language** ................................................. 10 points
- **Eye Contact** ..................................................... 10 points
- **Appearance** .................................................... 10 points

**TOTAL POSSIBLE:** ........................................... 100 Points

**National Competition Winners:**
1st-3rd place winners in each age category will receive cash prizes. A Best of Show winner will also be announced and given the opportunity to present their speech at the Junior Grange Breakfast.

*Note no funding will be provided to attend the National Grange Session*
The National Junior Grange Sign-A-Song Contest will be held during the National Grange Convention every November. This contest will be open to all State Junior Grange Sign-A-Song winners and will be judged at National Session. Winners will be announced at the Evening of Excellence and winners will give their presentations at the Junior Grange Breakfast on Saturday morning.

Requirements:

- **AGE**: 5-14 years of age
- **CATEGORIES**: Novice, Hobbyist, Group
- All National Junior Grange competition participants must have achieved First Place in their State Junior Competition, or Best of Show at their Regional Competition. One participant from each category may represent their state at National Convention and the Best of Show winner may represent from their region.

- Name, age, song title, and state must be turned in by November 1st to the National Junior Grange Director at juniors@nationalgrange.org

Judging Criteria:

Utilization of total communication.................................................................30 points
(Sign language ability, signs clearly with creative interpretation)
Body expression, display of emotion .............................................................30 points
Presentation, interpretation with confidence ..................................................30 points
Clarity of music selection .............................................................................10 points
Total Possible ................................................................................................100 points

National Competition Winners:
1st-3rd place winners in each category will receive cash prizes
A Best of Show winner will also be announced and given the opportunity to present at the Junior Grange Breakfast at National Session.

*Note no funding will be provided to attend the National Grange Session*
GRANGE BASEBALL

Grange Baseball
Individuals have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the Grange and Junior Grange, its history, and impact on rural America.

Grange Baseball gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas, while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications and listening skills. Questions will be gathered from: The National Grange roster, youth and Junior programs, past trivia challenges, manual, degrees, Grange history books, Digest of Laws, Journal of Proceedings, etc.

Age: 5-14 years of age by December 31 of the competing year.
- Regional Participants will be divided into two teams: Blue Agates or Golden Sheaves. State affiliations do not matter.
- Play will last for five innings or an hour and a half. In the case of a tie breaker an extra inning will be played.
- Each team will get 3 outs per inning. (An out is an incorrect answer.)
- When a player gets up to bat they will get to determine what type of base hit they want: single, double, triple, home run.
- The type of base hit will determine the difficulty of the question.
- Participants will have 15 seconds to answer a single or double question; 30 seconds to answer a triple or homerun question.
- Junior Baseball players may request help from a pinch hitter (help from the audience) no more than 3 times over the total length of the game.

- Once the teams have been decided, the teams will need to come up with a line-up. Teams cannot help the batter answer a question.
- Statistics will be kept on each individual player. The three players from each region with the best slugging percentages will represent the region at National. These participants will be referred to as “Silver Sluggers”.
- For anyone not participating, team cheering sections are highly encouraged. Cheer gear will be provided by the National Grange Youth Department.
- Anyone is able to participate at a regional level, only Juniors/Youth/Young Adults will be able to participate at National session.

The top 3 contestants with the highest scores in the national contest within the Junior Category will win a cash prize. Contestant’s information must be submitted no later than Nov. 1 to the National Junior Grange Director at junior@nationalgrange.org.

Name
Age
State
Junior Grange Name and Number
Mailing Address
DIGITAL TALENT SHOW

Junior Grangers Got Talent? Junior Grangers from around the country will showcase their talents through a digital talent show. All variety of talents will be accepted, so send in your best performance.

RULES:

1. Must be a Junior Grange Member
2. 1 entry per Junior Grange member
3. All entries must be appropriate; those deemed inappropriate at the discretion of the National Junior Grange Director will be eliminated.
4. By submitting an entry, you are automatically waiving rights of publication and are allowing the use of submission to be used by the National Grange as they see fit.
5. Length- Each entry must be between 3-5 minutes long. (not to exceed 5 minutes)
6. Each entry must be introduced with the following information:
   a. Name
   b. Age
   c. State
   d. Grange name and number
   e. Title of Talent
7. Submissions may be saved as an MP4 and emailed to junior@nationalgrange.org
8. Digital submissions must be uploaded by October 1st

AGE: All Juniors age 5-14 will be allowed to submit an entry

Judging will be based on creativity and overall performance.

Awards:

Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.
HANDY CRAFT CONTEST

Seed Art

1) Must be a Junior Grange Member
2) Choose seeds of every shape, color, and size that you want.
3) Create a mosaic picture using only seeds
4) Seed Art display should not exceed 8.5x11in (standard printer paper size)
   a. When shipping place in a clear sheet protector
5) Be creative and detailed as possible.

Each entry must be labeled on the back with an index card stating, in clear handwriting or typed, the following information:
   a. Name
   b. Age (and birthdate)
   c. State
   d. Grange name and number
   e. Mailing address

Submissions must be postmarked by **October 1st** of current year to be entered into National Competition.

**AGE:** Will be broken down into 3 age categories:
   Group 1: 5-7
   Group 2: 8-10
   Group 3: 11-14

Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

**Awards:**

Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.
CREATIVE ART CONTEST

THEME: AGRICULTURE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Draw or paint a picture featuring a natural environment in your community: such as growing or grazing in a field or something that has already been harvested. Be creative in telling the story about what agriculture looks like in your community.

Rules:

1) Must be a Junior Grange Member
2) Maximum size is 8 ½ x 11 inch paper (may use smaller art paper if so desired)
3) May use any medium they choose (i.e. crayons, pencil, markers, paint, etc.)
4) Each entry must be labeled on the back with an index card stating, in clear handwriting or typed, the following information:
   a. Name
   b. Age (and birthdate)
   c. State
   d. Grange name and number
   e. Mailing address

Submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year to be entered into National Competition.

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   Group 1: 5-7
   Group 2: 8-10
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Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

Awards:

Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.
CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Topic: Choose from one of the following topics

- IF you got to be the National Grange President for a day, tell me about all that you would want to accomplish in that day.
- Write about the most important news event that you have heard about and how did it make you feel?

RULES:

1) Must be a Junior Grange Member
2) Length- Each entry must be a minimum of 1 page long and a maximum of 4 pages. Double spaced, typed or handwritten.
3) Each entry must be labeled on the back with an index card stating, in clear handwriting or typed, the following information
   a. Name
   b. Age (and birthdate)
   c. State
   d. Grange name and number
   e. Mailing address

- Submissions may be sent via e-mail as PDF documents by October 1.
- Mailed submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year.

AGE: Will be broken down into 3 age categories:
   Group 1: 5-7
   Group 2: 8-10
   Group 3: 11-14

Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

Awards:

Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.
MINI-SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

Purpose:
To capture the activities of the Junior Grange member throughout the year.
What did you do? Where did you go? What did you participate in?

This is your journey- Design your pages around your Junior Grange Activities for the year.

Rules:

1. Must be a Junior Grange Member.
2. Scrapbook must be on standard 8 ½ x11 paper
3. Maximum 15 pages, excluding cover sheet
4. Include a Scrapbook cover sheet with
   a. Name
   b. Age (and birthdate)
   c. State
   d. Grange name and number
   e. Mailing address
5. Submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year.

AGE: Will be broken down into 3 age categories:
   Group 1: 5-7
   Group 2: 8-10
   Group 3: 11-14

Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

Awards:
Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.
Photography Contest

Take a photograph of what you think represents the National Grange theme for the year.

Rules:

1. Must be a Junior Grange Member
2. Photo submission size is 5x7 inches.
3. Photos may be submitted in black and white or color.
4. On Back of photo include:
   a. Name
   b. Age (and birthdate)
   c. State
   d. Grange name and number
   e. Mailing address
5. Submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year.

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Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

Awards:
Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.
WASHINGTON DC EXPERIENCE

Washington DC Experience: Postponed for 2021-make plans to attend in 2022

Your National Youth, National Junior and Legislative Departments and in alignment with Apathy Not Allowed (Apathy Not Allowed books available from the National Grange office)

Registrations Due by February 1

Registration available online www.nationaljuniorgrange.org.

Youth, Young Adults and Juniors are invited to join us in Washington, DC in March of 2022 for the Washington DC Experience. The purpose of the Washington DC Experience is for Junior and Youth/Young Adult aged Grangers from across the country to come together and learn about how the Grange functions on the legislative side. Youth and Juniors will be educated on the many ways in which Grangers and citizens alike can advocate on issues they feel important to shape public policy and communities in which they live.

During the Washington DC Experience, Grangers are invited to get an up-close and behind the scenes look at what government is and how it operates in Washington, DC. Junior and Youth members, along with their leaders/parents, are invited to attend the Washington DC Experience. Junior and Youth Leaders accompanying must adhere to the National Grange Child Protection Policy.

Grangers will attend briefings with important information pertaining to the Grange Legislative Department. Plans will also include meeting with governmental departments (such as Department of Agriculture and Department of Education) meeting with Congressmen and Senators from your state and a tour of DC.

Just as our Grange Declaration of Purposes suggests, we will ensure that our Grange Youth, Young Adults and Juniors “take a proper interest in the politics of one’s country” so they might become the informed and involved citizens required to move America forward and to guarantee a better society for future generations.

Make plans to join us now. Travel and lodging costs are the responsibility of the attendees with a $150 registration fee to cover some meal costs and tours.

See application for the Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship opportunity.
WASHINGTON DC EXPERIENCE cont.

The purpose of getting Junior Grangers involved in this Legislative experience is for Junior Grangers from across the country to come together to learn about how the Grange functions on the legislative side.

Junior Grangers will learn to Stand UP and SPEAK Out for the Junior Grange.

During the Washington DC Experience Junior Grangers and Youth alike are invited to come and get an up close and behind the scenes look at what Government is and how it operates in Washington DC. Junior Grangers, their leaders, and parents are invited to attend.

WE will attend briefings with important information pertaining to the Grange Legislative departments. Plans will also include meeting with different legislative departments (such as the Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture, etc.), meeting with congressman and senators from your state or their representatives, possibly take a tour of the capital, and visit a museum or two.

PLAN ON JOINING US TODAY!

CONTACT YOUR NATIONAL JUNIOR GRANGE DIRECTOR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

JUNIOR@NATIONALGRANGE.ORG

ONCE YOU CONTACT Samantha Wilkins a schedule of events and more information will be sent to you regarding the Washington DC Experience.

You may also contact National Grange Legislative Director, Burton Eller at BEller@nationalgrange.org

Dates for the WASHINGTON DC EXPERIENCE are March 2021

Tentative Schedule will include: Saturday: Meet and Greet at Hotel

Sunday: Travel to National Grange Headquarters- Learn about the NG Legislative department and how it works in DC- Tour-

Monday: Briefings at National Headquarters- Mock Interviews and Tour

Tuesday: Meetings with Representatives

Wednesday: Wrap up meetings and depart
Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship

Deadline: February 1- Sponsored by Potomac Grange #1, Washington, DC

Any Youth, Young Adult, or Junior that has applied to attend the Washington DC Experience is eligible to apply for the Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship. The scholarship application with supplemental materials will be submitted to the National Grange Junior Director and will be passed along to the National Grange Legislative Director and Potomac Grange #1 for selection. Two travel/lodging scholarships, not to exceed $800, will be awarded.

Applicants must submit ALL of the following:

1. The completed application form.

2. Junior Members:
   a. Submit an Op-ed you wrote advocating on behalf of the Grange for a specific issue that is affecting your home, school, or community.
      1. Include the following in your statement
         a. What the issue is
         b. Use your words to give your opinion on the topic
         c. Decide how the issue can be resolved with the Grange’s help
         d. Convince me to help you resolve the issue

3. An essay about what you want to gain by attending the Washington Experience

4. Two letters of reference; one from your State Master/President, State, Subordinate/Community, or Pomona Legislative Director or State Youth Director or from a National Grange Officer demonstrating your character, ability for engagement and activism and interest in Grange policy. The second letter can be from anyone outside of the family unit.
Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship Application

Deadline: February 1

State________________ Subordinate/Junior Grange & No. ________________________________

Applicant Name _________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address _________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip _________________________________________________________________

Phone________________________ Email_____________________________________________

Circle One: Junior (5-13) Youth (14-21) Young Adult (22-35)

General Biographical Information: (education, years in the Grange, etc.) and other information of relevance.

Have you held any Grange offices or served on any committees, etc? If so, please indicate these below.

Have you worked or volunteered for any local, state or national political campaigns or offices? If so, please indicate these below.

I certify that the above information is correct.

_____________________________ ______________________
Signature Date

_____________________________ ______________________
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) Date

Please indicate the name of your references whose letters you have attached to this application.

Name: ____________________________ Position ____________________________

Name: ____________________________ Position ____________________________
2021 National Grange Membership Department Contest

There are two categories to this contest.

1. Digital Displays
2. Non-Digital Displays

The goal of this contest is to create a display promoting your Junior Grange and to use it in the community your Junior Grange serves.

ABOUT YOUR DISPLAY:
Junior Grange displays should promote the active role your Junior Grange takes in its community by highlighting the activities your Junior Grange puts on, the community service projects it engages in, and the future vision of the membership.

The displays can also briefly highlight the history of the organization.

Displays should be visually appealing, including pictures to enhance the viewer’s experience.

Displays can be both active and passive in nature.

Active displays are ones where Junior Grange members are there to talk to potential new members and answer any questions about what your Junior Grange does.

Passive displays are ones that are set up for the public to view without anyone being there to answer potential questions.

Both displays should have the information necessary for someone to find out more information about your Junior Grange including, but not limited to: website, meeting date & time, email, social media addresses, etc. Displays should also be stocked with pamphlets about the Junior Grange and membership applications for anyone wishing to fill one out.

In developing your display, consider what your Junior Grange does to improve your community and the things that would entice people to join your Junior Grange and become active members. Also consider what are the outcomes of being a Junior Grange member, not just the features of membership.

Digital displays: can be a video, or a collection of images and text that showcase what your Junior Grange does to serve its members and better its community. Digital displays can be created in a variety of programs including, but not limited to: Microsoft PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, Keynote, iMovie, Adobe Spark, Windows Movie Maker, and Impress.

Digital displays can also have audio laid over the images with a narrator explaining the outcomes of being a Grange member and why someone should join the Junior Grange. Digital displays should be viewed on a laptop computer or TV screen that is set up at the events your Grange is working.

To enter this contest, please submit to the National Grange Membership Director:

1) A short (up to two (2) page) write-up of where your Junior Grange placed its display and what interest the display generated; did you take in new members? Develop new contacts within you community? Develop a new program based on the needs of your community members?

2) Along with the write-up please submit up to five (5) photos of your Junior Grange display in action.

Digital displays need to be created in some form of digital media that can be universally shared and viewed. If your Junior Grange created an information or membership pamphlet specific for your Junior Grange to go along with your display, please include it as well.

The top four displays in each category will be displayed in the Showcase at the National Grange Convention.

Contest entries are due to the National Grange Membership Director no later than October 1, 2021.
Grange In Action

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this program. Granges who wish to be recognized at the 2021 National Convention as a “Grange In Action” should complete the following requirements:

- Submit a 1 page letter size with color pictures and brief caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Sept 1, 2020 to Sept 1, 2021 - anything over 1 page will be disqualified
- The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- On a separate page please include the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of whom submitted the Grange in Action
- Granges that qualify for the 2021 Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition.
- Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is September 25, 2021 postmark or electronic by midnight on September 25, 2021
- Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington – 1616H Street, NW, 11th Fl. Washington, DC 20006
- Email to Loretta Washington @ lwashington@nationalgrange.org please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report

To be named a “State Grange in Action”, a State Grange must have at least 6 Granges recognized as “Grange In Action.”

Some of the entries will be on display at next year’s National Convention.

Those Granges that submitted a 1 page entry will receive a certificate with the National Grange President’s signature.
National Grange

Junior Grange Community Service Contest

Through the National Grange Community Service Department

The intent of this collaborative program between these two departments is to bring attention to the community service projects Junior Granges are doing. We know that some Junior Granges either perform C/S projects on their own or in conjunction with their sponsor Granges. This would also be a way to enhance the 1 Plus program by drawing attention to what a single Junior is doing in their community and hopefully pique the interest of other children in that age range.

Each Junior Grange or 1 Plus member would enter a short report/booklet not to exceed 3 pages (front and back). These should include an information page about the submitting JG, which would mirror what the Subordinate Grange submits for their State Grange report book. The report would be for just a single project to make it easier for the JG’s to put together the report.

REPORT TO INCLUDE:

1. Short paragraph about the project
2. Newspaper article
3. Pictures
4. Paragraph from the JG Leader about how this impacted the community and what the JG’s learned.

PRIZES/AWARDS

TBD

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: NOW

Any projects completed after 12/1/2020 can be entered for this year’s contest

Program Information

1. The Junior Grange leaders throughout each state should submit their reports to the state community service director or person within state that collects subordinate CS books. Judges for the CS books should also be the judges for the Junior reports.
2. Each winning report should be sent to National Junior Grange Director, Samantha Wilkins prior to October 1 or in person at the National Grange Convention to National Grange Community Service Chairman, Pete Pompper.
3. Getting the word out. National Grange will send out information through Good Day magazine and Patrons Chain.
4. **NG Point of Contact** will be Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director.
National Grange
Junior Grange Community Service
Project Report

This page should be the cover page for your report.

Junior Grange Name: ____________________________ State: ________

JG Leader’s Name: _______________________________
Address: _______________________________________
____________________________________________
____________________________________________

Email: __________________________ Phone Number____________________

Name/Type of project: ______________________________

Total # of JG members: _______ Total # JG members involved with this project_______

Important information to include in your report: report should be no more than 3 pages (front and back) not including this cover page.

Date and location of the project, number of people impacted, names of other groups who helped, number of non-Grangers who helped, no more than 4 photos, 1 or 2 newspaper articles about event, no more than 3 thank you letters.

Report must be returned to the National Junior Grange Director by October 1.
WRITE FOR GOOD DAY!™ MAGAZINE

The National Grange has a quarterly print magazine and you’re invited to contribute content for it!

From photos to essays, poems to portraits, we invite submissions.

ALL SUBMISSIONS WELCOME: There is no age restriction on any creative submission category, so Juniors interested in photography, creative expression through poetry and prose may submit to communications@nationalgrange.org before any deadline of upcoming editions. We also accept D-I-Y craft projects with step-by-step instructions, a list of necessary materials, photos of each step (high quality) and a short introduction to the project. When submitting by email, please keep each email under 5MB or contact the Communications Department to determine other submission options.

JUNIOR-ONLY CATEGORY:

Each issue has a theme and we have open contests for entries. Top entries will be sent along to the Communications Department for inclusion in the upcoming magazine and all those who submit will receive a certificate.

Submissions may be made via email to juniors@nationalgrange.org. The entire email should be 5MB or smaller or you should contact the Junior Department to determine other submission options.

February 15, 2021 (Spring 2021 Issue) – Family Time

May 1, 2021 (Summer 2021 Issue) - Exploration

August 1, 2021 (Fall 2021 Issue) – How to Welcome “The New Kid”

November 1, 2021 (Winter 2021 Issue) – A book everyone should read

FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS: The work must be your own original writing, photography or art. You may get your parent, guardian or another mentor or adult’s assistance to write or create the piece, but we expect all those who assist to adhere to high ethical standards and allow the Junior’s work to be reflected without influence by the adult/older assistant.
2021 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

RULES
A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.

B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2021. Send entries to:
   Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
   16418 N. Birdie Road
   Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 155th National Grange convention in Wichita, Kansas.

D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.

F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.

G. A 2021 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS
- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)
- Group III – MEN (Age 14+)

PRIZES
- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.
2021 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

PINWHEEL

Fabric: All fabric used should be cotton.

Constructing the Quilt Block:

Fabric A: Cut one (1) 8” square and four (4) 2½” x 8” rectangles. All plain white (not white-ish).
(The plain white is what will tie the blocks together into beautiful finished quilts.)

Fabric B: Cut one (1) 8” square of any color of your choice

Fabric C: Cut four (4) 6” x 8” rectangles of the same fabric, any color or pattern of your choice.

All seams are ¼”.

Step 1. Cut the Fabric A 8” square in half diagonally, each direction, creating four (4) triangles.

Step 2: Cut the Fabric B 8” square in half diagonally, each direction, creating four (4) triangles.

Step 3: Place a Fabric A triangle and a Fabric B triangle right sides together and sew together to form one large triangle. Keep the white on the left.
Repeat to form all four (4) triangles.

Step 4: Place a Fabric A rectangle and a Fabric C rectangle right sides together and sew together to form one large square. Keep the white on the top. Repeat to form all four (4) squares.

Step 5: Lay a ruler across the square from bottom left to top right and cut into two (2) triangles. Set aside the bottom right triangle (not used in this block).

Step 6: Sew a Step 3 triangle unit and a Step 5 triangle unit together to make a 7¼” square. Make sure the white rectangle and the white triangle are in contact on the right.

Step 7: Lay out the four (4) squares to make the pinwheel. Sew together the top row, then the bottom row. Press the center seam for each row toward Fabric B. When you flip the second row upside down the seams will nest together for better accuracy in seam matching. Pin well. Press all seams. Clip and remove all threads.

Each finished quilt block should measure 14” x 14”.
The Junior Grange Passport is designed to be an exciting and innovative way for Juniors to learn more about their world, their country, their state, their community, and their Grange.

The PASSPORT program is an online digital format, so leaders will now have easier access to stamps that will not require a purchase, and thus save on programing costs within your state. This format will allow us to have constant changes and additions, which will grant us the ability to spotlight important issues or events throughout history. This transition will be beneficial to all Junior Grangers, Leaders, and Educators. Junior Grangers will now have an easy to handle notebook that will allow them the ability to keep track of their accomplishments and utilize them as resources for outside studies. Educators will be able to utilize the Passports as part of their curriculum, encouraging their students to learn more about the Grange and other educational entities that will be offered. Leaders will appreciate the ability to have immediate availability of the downloadable stamps, making it easier to plan and award Juniors with a stamp in their PASSPORT.

The program is broken down into five categories:

1. Grange Adventures
2. United States
3. Career Readiness
4. American History
5. World Discovery

It is highly encouraged that each Junior Director promotes the use of the PASSPORT program. The completion of these stamps not only gives each Junior a sense of accomplishment, it also provides a challenging educational foundation. Through the PASSPORT program Juniors will gain knowledge about the Grange and the world around them that will last beyond the time they spend in the Junior Grange. Laying the path for a strong future leader.

Be sure to check the Junior Grange website where you will be able to download the current PASSPORTS and be sure to check back often as there may be new Stamps introduced throughout the year!
PASSPORT IDEA SUBMISSIONS

Any ideas can be submitted to the National Junior Grange Director for consideration as an entry in the National Junior Grange Passport Program. Ideas can be submitted from any member of the Grange as well as outside idea resources. The entire form must be filled out to be considered for an entry in the Passport.

Please send submissions to: Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Grange Director
The National Grange
1616 H St. NW, Washington DC 20006

Please fill out the following information:

Submitter’s Information:

NAME: ___________________________________ GRANGE NAME/STATE: _______________________
PHONE NUMBER: _________________________ EMAIL: _____________________________________

Passport Information

Category (circle one): Grange Adventures United States Career Readiness
American History World Discovery

Name of Passport Stamp: ________________________________________________________________

Difficulty Level: ★★★★★

Target Audience: _______________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

Necessary Resources: (ie colors, internet, paper etc...)____________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

Learning Objectives: ___________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
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Learning Outcomes: (Upon completion, Junior Grangers will be able to.....)
• ___________________________________________________________________________________
• ___________________________________________________________________________________
• ___________________________________________________________________________________
• ___________________________________________________________________________________
• ___________________________________________________________________________________

How many steps does your entry take to complete? (please limit to no more than 12 steps) _______

List Steps on Back: (example: Step 1: Define Endangered Species)
Junior Mentor Award

in conjunction with the National Youth Department

Grange youth and young adults can have a powerful impact on the Grange experience with our youngest members. These youth invest into our Junior Grangers at multiple levels – at the community, Pomona and state levels. This award is designed to recognize the Grange youth and young adults that go above and beyond to guide and mentor Junior Grangers.

State Masters, State Youth Committees and/or State Junior Grange Committees can nominate a Grange youth/young adult, between the ages of 14 and 35. The application deadline is September 1.

State winners will receive a certificate and be recognized at National Session during Youth Leadership Days. The Junior Grange and Youth Departments will organize a committee to select one overall winner. The overall winner will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

If you have questions contact National Grange Youth Development Director at youth@nationalgrange.org or National Junior Grange Director junior@nationalgrange.org.

Please mail the applications to youth director.

Electronic applications can be found at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org
Junior Mentor Award Entry Form

Due: September 1

Nominee(s) Name: ________________________________

Nominee(s) State and Subordinate Grange: ________________________________

Address____________________________

City________________ State____________ Zip Code__________

Please tell us why this person should be selected:

________________________________________________________________________

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________________________________________________________________________

How has this youth/young adult impacted the lives of Junior Grangers?

________________________________________________________________________

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Please list some specific tasks, projects or initiatives that this youth has led to inspire Juniors

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Give some examples of how they have gone above and beyond to help Junior Grangers and/or a Junior Grange Department

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Feel free to use additional pages if necessary

Name of Grange submitting nominee: ________________________________

Chairperson’s Name: ________________________________

Address____________________________

City________________ State____________ Zip Code__________

Phone: __________________ Email: ________________________
ARE YOU A JUNIOR GRANGER AT HEART?

Many of us remember our Junior Grange days fondly or some of us wish we would have had the opportunity to be a Junior Granger!

WELL GRANGERS you are in luck!

As the National Junior Grange celebrates over 130 years of service, we are inviting you to become a Junior again!

Look at the Junior Grange contests and submit an original piece created within the last year. Contests are found on www.nationaljuniorgrange.org

There will be a cash or check entry fee of $5.00 for Subordinate members. All Adult entries will be judged separately from Juniors and the top winners will be awarded a prize! You may only enter one item per category!

ALL MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 20, 2021

IN PERSON SUBMISSIONS MAY BE MADE AT NATIONAL SESSION BY TUESDAY AT 9AM

THE FOLLOWING JUNIOR CONTESTS MAY BE ENTERED BY A SUBORDINATE MEMBER:

- CREATIVE ART
- HANDY CRAFT
- CREATIVE WRITING
- MINI SCRAPBOOK

MAIL CONTEST ENTRIES ALONG WITH $5.00 entry fee to:

Samantha Wilkins
National Junior Grange Director
1616 H ST NW
WASHINGTON DC 20006

Make Checks Payable to the National Grange Foundation
**State Directors Report**

**Due Date:** October 1st

**Mail to:** National Junior Grange Director,  
Samantha Wilkins  
1616 H ST NW WASHINGTON DC 20006

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1. List of Junior leaders to include names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails.  
2. List of those 18+ working with Junior Grangers.  
3. PROGRAMMING: Outline the planning for the participation in any local, regional, State, or National Junior Grange Program.  
4. MEMBERSHIP: Outline membership promotion efforts by the Junior Grange members and leaders.  
5. Comments or suggestions for the betterment of the Junior Grange Program.

Attach a list complete with the name of Leaders and Adult helpers working with Juniors who have completed background checks and when the background check expires.
# JUNIOR GRANGE LEADER REPORT

**Due Date:** October 1st

**Mail to:** National Junior Grange Director, Samantha Wilkins  
1616 H ST NW, WASHINGTON DC 20006

**Who should file report:** ALL JUNIOR GRANGE LEADERS

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1. PROGRAMMING: Outline the planning for the participation in any local, regional, State, or National Junior Grange Program.
2. MEMBERSHIP: Outline membership promotion efforts by the Junior Grange members and leaders.
3. List of adults working with minors with current background checks.
4. COMMENTS: Provide comments or suggestions for the betterment of the Junior Grange Program.

**PLEASE ATTACH THESE ITEMS**
JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE TEST

Junior Grangers must complete the Junior Knowledge Test in order to receive the 

Junior Historian Award.

Test may be administered and graded by the Junior Leader or State Junior Director but will be confirmed by 
the National Junior Grange Director.

Junior Knowledge Test is an open book test. Juniors may utilize material produced by the Grange and/or the 
National Grange Website, Junior Grangers must score a minimum of 80% on the test to qualify for receiving 
the Junior Historian Award.

Highest score possible is 110%

Please return completed test to 

Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Grange Director 

1616 H ST NW, WASHINGTON DC 20006
2020 JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE TEST

Please return to: Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Grange Director
1616 H ST NW, WASHINGTON DC 20006

Name: ________________________________

Junior Leader: __________________________

Date: ____________ Junior Grange________________________ No.__________

Score__________ (highest score possible 110%)

1. In what city is the National Grange Headquarters located?

________________________________________

2. What is the current National Grange Theme?

________________________________________

3. Name the seven founders of the Grange: (First and Last Names – Spelling Counts)
   a. ______________________________________
   b. ______________________________________
   c. ______________________________________
   d. ______________________________________
   e. ______________________________________
   f. ______________________________________
   g. ______________________________________

4. Name three of the National Junior Grange contests
   a. ______________________________________
   b. ______________________________________
   c. ______________________________________

5. What is the Junior Degree Motto? ________________________________

6. What is the youngest age a child may join the Junior Grange? ________________
7. What year and where was the first Junior Grange established? ________________

8. Name three of the current National Grange Officers and the State they are from:

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9. What is the emblem of the office of Lecturer?

__________________________________________________________

10. How many raps of the gavel calls the officers to rise?

__________________________________________________________

11. The two Assistants help which officer?

__________________________________________________________

12. What is the signal at the gate?

__________________________________________________________

13. The ________________ says. "Worthy Steward, the Gate is closed" during the opening of the Junior Grange Meeting.

14. In the Junior Grange Degree, who says "My friends, in joining the Grange you have acted wisely"?

__________________________________________________________

15. The ________________ opens the Bible during the opening of the Junior Grange meeting.

16. Who is the current National Junior Grange Director?

__________________________________________________________

17. What is the National Junior Grange website address?

__________________________________________________________
18. In the Junior Degree, which officer says, “Remember that we must sow good seed, and prune the young tree with care if we would gather good fruits”?

______________________________________________________________

19. What year was the National Grange organized? ______________________

20. What officer is responsible for taking and reading the minutes at the Junior Grange Meeting? _________________________________________________

21. When the Secretary calls the Roll Call of Officers, which officer is called sixth?

______________________________________________________________

22. What is the Junior Grange Pledge?

______________________________________________________________

23. What is the emblem of the Master’s office? ______________________

24. Name three of the categories in the Junior Grange Passport Program:
   a. ______________________________________________
   b. ______________________________________________
   c. ______________________________________________

25. List the three Graces and the correct Emblem for each:

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26. At what age do you graduate from the Junior Grange Program and become a Community/Subordinate Grange Member? ______________________

27. In preparing the ballot for membership the Steward will present the box to this officer for inspection: ______________________

28. What is the emblem of the office of Ceres? ______________________
29. The ______________________ asks, “Friends, do you seek admission to our Order, with desire for improvement, and to cultivate a love for the farm and the home?”

30. During the Junior Degree, who gives the Instructions for the Salutation?

31. Name the State where the Kelley Farm is located. ______________________

32. Name two animals you will find at the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm.
   a. ______________________
   b. ______________________

33. Who is the National Grange Youth Director? ______________________

34. The National Grange Digest provides the rules and regulations for all levels of Grange work.
   a. True
   b. False

35. Who says: “Therefore, let us make the animals and the birds our friends”?

36. Name your favorite Junior Contest and tell why it is your favorite:
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

37. In what year did the name Juvenile Grange change to Junior Grange? __________

38. What officer determines the left and right side of the Grange hall? __________

39. This should be placed in a position one-third the distance from Ceres to Overseer and have the Bible upon it. __________

40. What is the official color of the Junior Grange? ______________________

41. While some subordinate Grange officers carry staves, Junior Grange officers carry smaller versions called this ______________________

42. Complete the Grange Motto:
   “In essentials, __________; In non-essentials, __________; In all things, __________.”
43. On the back of this test draw a diagram demonstrating how a Hall is to be set up for a Junior Grange Meeting. Label where each officer would sit, their staff (if any), include the flag and Musician.

44. BONUS QUESTION: How many children does the National Junior Grange Director have and what are their names and ages (1+ for each correct answer)

   a. How many children____________________________________________________
   
   b. Names_______________________________________________________________
   
   c. Ages_______________________________________________________________