

Youth Program

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The Colorado State Grange Youth Department is open to all ages with only a couple of contests restricted to age. Thus, anyone from very youthful to young at heart can enter contests at a state level but may not be selected to proceed on to regional or national competitions.

Youth/Junior Officers — will be opening the Colorado State Grange Session on Saturday morning. We need Youth age and Junior age Grangers to serve as officers. Following the opening and the Junior Luncheon, a special Fun Activity will be planned.

Hospitality Room — The Youth Department will operate the Hospitality room at State Session. Food donations and monetary donations are appreciated.

Fun Family Event — Watch *The Colorado Granger* for details. There are many contests and activities available for the youth. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to the State Youth Department. Send your email and/or snail mail address to the State Director to receive upcoming information.

Check the State Grange website (www.coloradogrange.org/youth) or the national youth website (<https://nationalgrangeyouth.org>) for youth programs and updated information. Remember you are a Grange member!! Participate in all Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange GROW!

National Grange Youth Program includes the following: Grange Youth Handbook & Contest Guide; Grange Fair Program; Parliamentary Procedure; National Youth Ambassadors; Regional Sign-a-Song; Regional Public Speaking

Outstanding Granger Contest

Any initiated Colorado Grange member may be nominated for the Outstanding Granger Award. This award is presented at the Final Banquet of the State Convention to the deserving person or persons.

- Nominations can be made by any Grange member.
- The nominations should be in booklet form about the nominee for the judges to use to make their decision. The booklet should contain:
 1. Letters of Recommendation
 2. Information about the person's Grange activities and achievements.
 3. Articles
 4. Pictures
 5. Other supportive material (involvement with organizations other than Grange)
- Entries are due in the **State Grange office** by **September 1**. The State Master will appoint a committee to judge the entries. The winner is not announced until the banquet, and may be kept a surprise if the sponsor so wishes.
- A plaque noting this award is given to the winner, as well as a special name badge that will always denote that the person received this special honor.

Competition; Distinguished Youth Program; National Grange Youth Officers Team (N.G.Y.O.T.); GROW Club; Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program; John Trimble Legislative Experience; National Junior Horticultural Association (NJHA); Folding Display Contest; Photo Scavenger Hunt; Grange Jeopardy; National Grange Youth Membership Representative Program; Apathy Not Allowed.

National Youth Achievement Awards include:

Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Award; William Saunders Award; John Trimble Legislative Award; John Thompson Award; Caroline A. Hall Award; Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award; Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award; William Ireland Deaf Awareness Award; Drill Award; Right On Target Award; Outstanding Youth Award; Member Recruitment Award; Grassroots Activism Award; Junior Mentor Award; Youth Community Service Award.

If you have any questions about the National contests please see the 2018-2019 Program and Contest Handbook at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org>.

Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference — June 2019, in Texas. Watch *The Colorado Granger* for additional details and registration information.

153rd Annual National Grange Convention — November 5-9, 2019, DoubleTree Bloomington/Minneapolis South, 7800 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55439.

Please reach out to the State Youth Directors with any questions or suggestions. We are always working to make this a better program across the state.

Public Relations

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Public Relations has joined with the other State departments/programs (Lecturer, Community Service and Publicity) in the "One Book" submission. Please include your Public Relations submission in the ONE BOOK, due August 25, 2019, and send it to:

Kathy Wardle, State Lecturer

1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, CO 80601

Clearly identify the section for your publicity material under a separate tab, so that it can be judged at State Session.

Judging of your Grange's publicity efforts will be based on:

- Quantity of Information Releases
- Quality of Information Releases (visual, contact info, when, where, what...)
- Variety of public promotions (flyers, radio, newspaper, etc.)
- Social/web Media presence (Web, Facebook, Twitter...)
- Professional submission of this report

In the front section of the ONE BOOK, please include a page and email a copy to Elizabeth Hiner at FloridaGrange306@yahoo.com (clearly identified as Public Relations) which has the following information on it:

Grange (or Pomona) Name

Contact Person along with phone number/email

I encourage each of the Granges to become more visible in your publicity efforts. If interested please contact Larry Corman, who is the State Grange's webmaster — please contact him at Larry_Corman@hotmail.com if you want your Grange to have a presence on the State's website. He is also available for any of your technology needs.