

Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009



Guide To Contests And Programs

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For Information On All Contests And Programs.

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The Colorado State Grange P.I.C.K. foundation was established to do just that — improve Colorado communities and kids. The 501(c)3 status gives the opportunity to pursue grants and other tax deductible funding otherwise not available to us.

Funds are used to improve our communities through education, leadership training, advancement of creative and performing arts and giving of time and talents.

Through this program, the Grange has the potential to greatly improve communities and kids through existing programs: Mandy Project, Community Service, Youth and Junior Grange, Emergency Relief, Creative and Performing Arts and Women's Resources.

P.I.C.K. is registered in the **Vehicle for Charities** program. Please contact Dave McCord, 303-388-1259, dmccord60@earthlink.net, if you have a vehicle to donate to the program.

Silent Auction – Each year at the State Grange Convention, PICK will sponsor a silent auction. Items for the auctions are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the State Convention. Funds raised will be split between the categories established and the general fund to cover expenses.

Mandy Project – in conjunction with the State Grange we have a separate fund for the Mandy Project which ensures individuals' donations to be tax exempt. Send donations to the Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Greer.

Applications are reviewed by the Mandy Project committee and funds are awarded to service providers.

Youth – needing assistance to attend the National Grange Convention are encouraged to contact PICK for financial assistance.

Creative and Performing Arts – PICK awards participants in the State Grange One-Act Play and Skit contest financial awards as follows:

One-Act Plays – 1st - \$75.00; 2nd - \$50.00; 3rd - \$25.00

Skits – 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00

We do accept donations to help send one talent contestant to the National Grange Convention. Donations can be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Greer.

SPECIAL GRANTS Focusing On Women, Children or Youth

How can we help women, children or youth in our communities? If a Grange member, a Grange, or an organization the Grange wants to work with has an idea that they want to implement and need a little financial assistance, PICK has decided to accept grant applications.

The group applying (Grange member or Grange) must know exactly what they want to do and share detailed information with PICK when applying.

- Your specific plans
- Date
- Location
- Budget for the project
- The current financial status of the Grange and any organization the Grange is working with must be submitted.

- A budget for the Grange must be submitted. All funds must be disclosed:
 - o current amount in checking,
 - o current amount in savings,
 - o current amount in invested funds
 - o and information on availability of those funds will be helpful to the board reviewing the application.

These grants will be small grants. Foundations very seldom give full funding for a project. If a project is worth doing then those planning it should be willing to fund it as much as possible.

If you receive a grant from PICK you will be required to complete the project within one year and a report on the project will need to be sent within one month following the date of the project.

The Grange must be committed to the project in planning, execution and provide the majority of the funding.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – People Improving Communities and Kids (PICK) realizes that many Granges need financial assistance to do some of their capital improvement projects. PICK is willing to pursue capital improvement grants, but we need your help.

Any Grange that has capital improvement plans and is willing to meet the requirements of a grant, are eligible to apply. (Grant requirements vary and depend on what the foundation giving the funds requires.) PICK will seek capital improvement grants only for projects submitted. We expect the process to take six months to one year and do not currently have the funding.

Granges applying need to submit the following information.

1. Name of Grange
2. Name and address of Grange contact
3. Telephone number of contact (e-mail addresses are also appreciated)
4. Description of community
5. Explanation of planned improvement
6. Picture of work needing to be done
7. Cost of potential project
8. Time needed to complete the project
9. Portion of cost you are willing to raise
10. Current totals of all finances available – checking, savings, CDs, etc.
11. Detailed calendar of events at the Grange Hall over the last six months
12. Other helpful information

Outstanding Granger Contest

Entries are due September 14 to State Grange Office. The Outstanding Granger will be nominated by a sponsor and the sponsor will be responsible for sending in a booklet containing letters of recommendation, pictures, articles and other supportive material. Contact the State Office for a Guideline Form.

Junior Grange • Ages 5-14

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Junior Grange Prince And Princess

We want fabulous Junior Grangers to represent Colorado and the Grange as 2008 Colorado State Junior Grange Prince and Princess!!! Just submit a short write-up on why you want to be Junior Grange Prince or Princess by September 1. If selected you will be given the opportunity to attend a day at the Capitol where you will be introduced on the floor of the State Senate and we will go to lunch. You will also receive a sash to wear to all Grange activities.

Citizenship Program

Leadership — A Colorado State Junior Granger of the Year Award will be given to the Junior Grange member who demonstrates leadership. This can be shown by organizing programs, giving speeches and/or showing initiative beyond simple membership. A short description of what was completed is due September 1.

Community Service — A Colorado State Junior Granger of the Year Award will be presented to the Junior Granger who demonstrates a caring nature through helping out their community. A short description of what was completed is due September 1.

Membership Award — A Colorado State Junior Granger of the Year Award will be presented to the member who recruits the most friends to join. A short description of what was completed is due September 1.

Contests

Contests are open to anyone ages 5 to 14. Only one entry per class will be accepted. All entries must be labeled with name, age, sponsoring Grange, and class. Crafts will be judged on neatness, creativity, appropriateness and ability for age. All entries are due by noon on Thursday of State Session.

Learn About a Topic Project — Open to members and non-members ages 5-14. The project may be on a topic of your own choosing and be presented in any format that allows you to communicate what you have learned. Some ideas might include a report, an essay, a PowerPoint, a brochure, a 3D model, or a poster.

Creative Writing Project — Open to members and non-members ages 5-14. The project may be a poem, story, or essay. Entry may be typed or hand written, double spaced, and placed in a protective cover and labeled appropriately.

Art Contest — Open to members and non-members; only one entry per person. Any medium may be used. Maximum size of entry not to exceed 14"x14"; no minimum. All entries must be ready for display.

Photography Contest — Open to members and non-members; only one entry per class. Photo not to exceed 5"x7". Photos must be placed in a protective cover.

- **Class 1** — People, Places, and Things
- **Class 2** — Grange Activities

Craft Contests — Maximum Size 18"x18", no minimum. Members only, except Class B.

- **Class A — Special Gift** — any item that would make a special gift
- **Class B — Recycled Craft** — Any craft made from something that has been used
- **Class C — Nature Craft** — Any item made from nature, any kind of glue may be used.

Grange Memory Book — this is to be an ongoing project; something that you will cherish for life. You will enter the same Memory Book year after year, simply adding to it each year. So choose a nice book to begin with. Minimum of two (2) pages each year.

Brownie Contest — Seven (7) pieces of any kind of brownie exhibited on a disposable base and placed in a zip-lock bag. The recipe must accompany the entry. Brownies will not be returned.

Talent Contest — A Junior Talent Contest will be held during State Grange Session. **Three Classes: 1: Vocal; 2. Instrumental; 3: Variety Act.** Performance not to exceed six minutes. Prizes will be awarded. Please notify State Office or Junior Director by October 1 of intent to enter.

Miscellaneous Contest — Maybe you have a talent or hobby that is not included in any of the other contests. You can enter anything in this contest. We want to be able to see all of your fabulous talents!!!

Activities

Junior Grange Day At The Capitol — to be held this Spring. Everyone is invited for a tour of the State Capitol and an enjoyable lunch. The Junior Grange Royalty will be introduced on the floor of the Senate.

State Camp — to be held this summer. Further details will be provided at a later date.

Junior Grange Day — A luncheon to be held during State Session where awards will be presented. After lunch we will have fun playing arcade games and participating in activities such as putt-putt golf and laser tag.

Youth Program

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The Youth Department is open to all ages with only a couple of contests restricted to age. Thus, anyone from very youthful to youthful seniors can enter these contests! Here are some of the dates that youth should be aware of for 2009.

July 10 (Tentative) – Entries due for Public Speaking and Sign a Song

July 17-19 – Great Plains Conference in Tulsa, OK

September 10 (Tentative) – National Grange Youth Officers Team applications due (NGYOT)

September 10 (Tentative) – Horizon Leadership AMBAS-SADOR applications due.

September 10 (Tentative) – John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience participant applications due

September 10 (Tentative) – Writing Entries due

October 1-3 – State Grange Session Western Slope

November 17-21 – National Grange Convention in Cromwell, Connecticut

There are many contests and activities available for the youth. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to the State Youth Department. Send your e-mail and/or snail mail address to the State Directors to receive upcoming information. Check the National Grange Web site (www.national-grange.org) and the State Grange Web site (colorado-grange.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!**

Deaf Activities

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The purpose of the Deaf Activities program is to educate Grange members and community members about deafness, hearing loss and hearing protection.

Do You Know The Signs Posters/Brochures

Every Grange hall should have a "DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS" poster up in their building or in the building where they meet if at all possible. Brochures with the same information are available and should also be available for distribution in your meeting place.

Every preschool and kindergarten class should have a "DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS" poster and brochures made available to them to put up. Please contact your local schools to see if they would be willing to put up one of these posters. Early intervention is important to a child's learning when hearing loss is involved. Posters and brochures can be obtained through the State office or the Deaf Activities Director.

Colorado School For The Deaf And Blind

We encourage each Grange to collect Campbell's product UPC symbols for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. UPC symbols can be brought to the state convention or sent to the State Director or State Office.

Mandy Project

The purpose of the Mandy Project is to help children with hearing loss to become productive citizens and to provide assistance to a family experiencing hardship due to a child's hearing loss.

As many children will be helped as possible and as funds are available. Families with a child who has a hearing loss will be chosen through the application process to receive funding assistance to help cover costs of hearing aids, speech therapy, surgery, or other related expenses.

Flyers can be obtained by contacting the State Director.

Granges who sponsor a special fundraiser or make a donation to the Mandy Project will receive a special certificate.

Coins For Mandy Project

Here's an idea of how to get people to donate to the Mandy Project. Take a small coffee can or some other type of container. Attach a sign or label to the container stating what the funds will be used for. Place it in a visible place in your Grange Hall or meeting place and remind members of it at each meeting. Leave the can out when other groups are using the hall, that way we allow others to help us with the project. Periodically collect the contents of the can and keep a record of how much was collected. At the end of September send the amount collected to P.I.C.K. for the Mandy Project. Donations should be sent or delivered to P.I.C.K., Attention: Cindy Greer, Mandy Project Coordinator, 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326-9311.

Subordinate and Pomona Grange Activities Suggestions:

- A. Sponsor, host, or promote Sign Language classes or a Sign A Song contest for the community.
- B. Write letters to legislators and health insurance companies encouraging the coverage or at least partial coverage of hearing loss services and products especially for children.
- C. Sponsor a special fundraiser for the Mandy Project and assist in distributing Mandy Project flyers/brochures.
- D. Promote Hearing Testing
- E. Assist Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about deafness or hearing loss.
- F. Write articles about Grange Deaf Activities Projects and send to local news media during May, which is a special month for deaf awareness.
- G. Each Grange should have posters up on Signs of Deafness or Hearing Loss.
 - 1) For adults
 - 2) For children
- H. Promote Finger Spelling Bees, Sign Language Challenges, and Sign A Song competitions.
- I. Create a container to hold Campbell's product UPC symbols so members can bring them to a central location for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

Sign A Song Contest

State contest will be held prior to the Regional Youth Conference in July.

1. Participants are to submit three copies of the words to the song they are signing.
2. Participants must provide their own music. A cassette and CD player will be available.
3. Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing may not enter.
4. Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign Language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
5. Participants must be Grange members.
6. Props and costumes are not allowed, rhythm is optional.
7. There are three categories
 - A. **Novice** — one who is beginning to learn sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the sign a song contest no more than two years.
 - B. **Hobbyist** — one who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun. One who has entered the sign a song contest more than two years.
 - C. **Group** — two or more people signing.
8. Only one song may be signed during the competition performance. Medleys are not allowed.
9. Participants must sign their own name and song title.
10. First Place winners will have earned the opportunity to compete at the regional contest in July at the Great Plains Regional Youth Conference.
11. First place winners will receive \$25.00.

Family And Women's Activities

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We will continue to collect used eyeglasses and cancelled stamps.

There is still a need for book bags — make from heavy material and fill with children's books.

Baking One Entry Per Class

Class A — Cakes

Butter Cake, frosted (shortening as an ingredient)

Class B — Altered Cake Mix

Class C — Yeast Bread

One loaf of bread or seven rolls

Class D — Sweet Rolls

Seven made with yeast

Class E — Bar Cookies

Seven

Class F — Drop Cookies

Seven

Class G — Quick Breads

Fruit or nut containing no yeast

Class H — Fudge

All kinds, seven pieces per plate

Class I — Other Candy

Seven pieces per plate

All Baking Contest entries will be judged at State Session in October. All baked items become the property of the State Women's Activities Director to be sold following judging. All entries are to be exhibited on a disposable base and placed in a zip-lock bag. The recipe must be printed or typed on a standard recipe card accompanying the entry. The name, address of contestant, sponsoring Grange name, and Class must be written on the back of the recipe card, which will be covered during judging. Baking contestants must be Grange members in good standing.

Needlework, Quilting And Sewing

One Entry Per Class

Needlework

Class A — Crochet Doilies, Centerpieces, or Table Toppers

Class B — Crochet or Knit Afghans (any size)

Class C — Crochet or Knit Sweater (any size)

Class D — Embroidery, any item

Class E — Counted Cross Stitch (no backing)

Class F — Christmas Stocking

Quilts (any size)

Class G — Hand Quilted

Class H — Machine Quilted

Class I — Hand Quilted Christmas Tree Skirts

Class J — Machine Quilted Christmas Tree Skirts

Class K — Hand Quilted Table Runners

Class L — Machine Quilted Table Runners

Sewing

Class M — Adult Garments

Class N — Child's Garments

All needlework items, quilts and sewing items must be labeled with contestant's name, address, sponsoring Grange name, and class.

Needlework, Quilt and Sewing Contests will be held in October at State Session and are open to non-Grange members.

All items must be finished within the Grange year (9/1/2008-8/31/2009). First place will only be awarded when the judges feel it is deserved.

Baby Quilts Project — we will continue to collect baby quilts (not judged). They will be left in the area of State Session.

Clothing Protector Project — we will continue to collect clothing protectors (bibs for adults, not judged). They will be go to area nursing homes (or where they are needed) and will be left in the area of State Session.

Directions: Large bath towel (may be gently used) or washable material. Fold over about 12 inches. In center of fold, cut out 10-inch oval. With zig-zag, sew knit collar to oval. Knit collar material comes by the yard. Cut strip three inches by 25 inches. Sew ends together, fold in half long-ways and stretch gently to fit.



Membership Program

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The Colorado State Membership program will offer rewards for new members joining between September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009.

- 1) Granger will receive an award for each new member
- 2) Granger who brings in the most new members
- 3) Grange with the most new members
- 4) Pomona with the most new members

The Membership Department has purchased the following equipment which is available for your use. Contact the State Grange Office.

1. A LCD Projector which will hook-up to your laptop or any portable computer. It can be used to project whatever image is on your computer screen. It's great for power point presentations or slide shows.
2. Two high quality tri-fold display boards for your Grange to use when setting up an informational or membership recruiting display in your community. These display boards are blue felt on one side and white dry-erase board on the other. And the system is interchangeable so you could display one dry board and two flannel boards, or other combinations, if desired. Each panel is 34" x 22". They are designed to set atop a table and create a professional table display.



Lecturer's Awards: Programming Achievement, Cr

Lecturer's Programming Achievement

Rules:

The following five points will be used to evaluate programs. Try to include as many of these points in each of your programs.

1. Education:

Share the knowledge and open-up your program to people outside your Grange.

2. Entertainment:

Enjoy an entertaining program as a Grange. You may travel to community or professional entertainment outside of your hall or bring the performers to your Grange. Experience fun and fellowship.

3. Community:

Host an activity in your community designed for community members to participate in. It is advised this should be an activity other than Community Night. Be sure to use name tags and have membership applications handy.

4. Membership:

Present an activity at which potential members and inactive members are the guests of honor. Concentrate on fun and friendship. This is a time to develop fraternity

5. Cooperation:

Set up an activity with another Grange(s) or community group(s). The more the merrier.

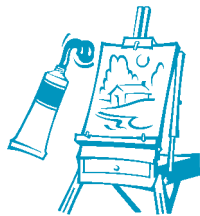
Creative Art Awards

Fine Art

Entries are due at State Session on Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon. Only one entry per person per class.

Rules:

1. All entries must be framed or on a firm background to be properly displayed.
2. Charcoal and pencil entries must have been treated to prevent smudging.
3. No nude entries allowed.
4. No computer enhanced or computer generated pictures are allowed
5. No glass (Plexiglas may be used).
6. Entry must be done between September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.
7. Grange members only, Entries must be labeled with **name, address, sponsoring Grange, class and value.**
Class 1 — Oils
Class 2 — Acrylics
Class 3 — Pastels
Class 4 — Charcoal and Pencil
Class 5 — Watercolor



Criteria for judging entries.

1. How well the artist used the medium selected
2. Craftsmanship and skill
3. Composition/presentation of subject
4. Theme and its subject
5. Originality

Hobby Corner

Entries are due at State Session on Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Class A — Accepted Traditional Media Categories:

1. Glass; 2. Wood; 3. Metal; 4. Jewelry; 5. Leather;
6. Paper; 7. Mixed Media

Class B — Special Categories

1. Scrapbooks — a. Personal, b. Grange scrapbooks; 2. Birdhouses; 3. Carving; 4. Welding; 5. Recycled — a.

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blue jean purse or blue jean book bag, b. Decorated tee shirt or sweatshirt

Rules:

1. Only one entry per category for Hobby Corner
2. All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame or mold.
3. Hobby Corner is open to all Grangers; need to be in good standing. Friends of the Grange need to be sponsored by a Grange and may enter one year as a non-member.
4. Entries must have been completed within the contest year – September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.
5. All entries must have the following information:
Contestant's Name, Address and Phone Number
Sponsoring Grange
Class Name example: Class A – 4

PLEASE REMEMBER: We need to know who has completed the work.

Judging Criteria

1. Originality – 25 points
2. Neatness – 25 points
3. Creativity – 25 points
4. Workmanship – 25 points

Photography

Entries are due at State Session on Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Categories:

1. Honoring America and/or Her Heroes
2. Our Beautiful World
 - a) Landscapes/seascapes/skyscrapers
 - b) Historic sites and buildings
 - c) Plants (trees, shrubs, flowers)
 - d) On the farm (barns, cattle, tractors, silos etc)
3. People (individual or family)
4. Animals
5. Photo Collage
 - a) Grange Happenings
 - b) Family Events

Division A — Traditional Photography

1. Black and White
2. Color

Division B — Non-Traditional Photography

1. Computer enhanced
2. Digital photos
3. Hand-colored
4. Toned prints



Rules:

1. Only one entry per class.
2. Must be a Grange Member in good standing.
3. **Must be taken by entering Granger**, between September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009.
4. You may enter as many photo categories as you wish, only one photo per category.
5. Photos should be mounted and/or framed. **NO GLASS PLEASE.**
6. Picture cannot be less than 4"x6" or larger than 16"x20".
7. Panoramic or close-ups are welcome.
8. Put a caption to the photo — what is taking place in the photo, the location, etc.
9. Put your Name, Address, Sponsoring Grange, the

Creative & Performing Arts

Category and Division. It may be difficult to tell the difference in a category (i.e. Category 1. Honoring America and/or Her Heroes and category 3. People.) Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded.

Criteria for judging photographs:

1. Composition and Arrangement
2. Interest
3. Presentation
4. Technique

Performing Arts

Talent Contest

Entries are due by September 14, 2009, if you plan to present a talent number. Please notify the State Office or Lecturer. Talent contest will be held at the Friday night Gala. Winner is eligible to entertain at the National Convention.

Rules:

1. Subordinate member to be in good standing.
2. A Subordinate Grange must sponsor contestants and may sponsor more than one contestant.
3. Maximum time for a talent number is eight (8) minutes.

Division I: Adult (14 years of age plus)

Class A — Vocal

Class B — Instrumental

Class C — Variety Act (Monologues welcome)

One Act Play – Skit Contest

Rules:

1. At least one-half of cast should be adults. Those participating do not have to be Grange members.
2. One Act Plays should not be under 15 minutes and not over 40 minutes.
3. Skit should not exceed 15 minutes.
4. Play/Skit will be timed from when the first lines are spoken or the curtain is opened and is closed at the end of the play/skit.
5. Notify the State Grange with intent to present a play and number of cast members.

Dates:

Western Slope – March 14, 2009, Mt. Allison Grange.

Eastern Slope – April 2009, to be announced.

With Pen In Hand – Creative Writing Contest

Entries are due to the State Lecturer by September 14.

Rules:

1. All entries must be typed and double spaced.
2. Correct spelling and punctuation.
3. Written in the Grange year September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.
4. One entry per class.
Class A – Short Story (at least 500 words).
Class B – Poem (at least 300 words).
Class C – Recommend a Book with at least 300 words.
Book of your choice.

Ag In The Classroom —

Each Grange is encouraged to Adopt-A-Classroom at \$60 a year. Send to:
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call Bette Blande at 970-881-2902.



Legislative

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Do you have a desire to improve your community, state and nation through constructive, nonpartisan political action? A single idea presented to a local Grange can change our nation by becoming Grange policy.

The National Grange is headquartered in Washington, D.C. just a few blocks from the nation's capital and continues to serve as a strong legislative force with "grassroots" legislative policy.

The focus of the State Grange Legislative Department is to continue to have our voice heard on many important issues. Resolutions may be submitted by Subordinate and Pomona Granges to the State Office for the Colorado State Session in October.

Community Service

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September 4th — Deadline for contest reports.

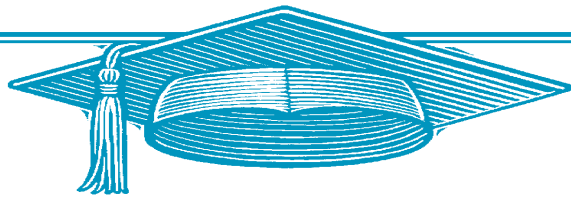
Watch for Community Service suggestions in *The Colorado Granger*. A CS packet will be mailed to each Grange. April is Grange month and an ideal time to promote projects and recognize Grangers and non-Grangers who are making a difference with their volunteer work. Participate in the State Deaf Education, Mandy Project, P.I.C.K., Emergency Relief Program, Family and Women's Activities, Junior Grange and Youth projects.

State Community Service Contest — A report form will be sent to each Grange. Include pictures and news articles with the report form (deadline is September 4).

Helping Hands Volunteer Project — This project is designed to recognize individual Grangers who make a difference in their communities. Individual Grangers can submit a report which lists the number of people they have helped during the year and the number of hours involved. This would include all volunteer work through Grange, church, other organizations, schools, and community, state and national projects. We know Grangers make a huge impact by offering a helping hand where needed.

Community Recognition Awards — This project is designed for the Subordinate and Pomona Granges to recognize a member of their community (non-Granger) who is making an exceptional contribution to their community. This might be a teacher, policeman, fireman, a person who volunteers at schools, church, a leader for children's groups, foster parent, anyone who should be recognized as an Outstanding Community Citizen.

Empty Plate Project — Granges are encouraged to collect non-perishable food items for local food pantries.



Scholarships

Colorado State Grange Leadership/Scholarship Foundation
Applications must be received in the State Office by April 15th. Applications are available from the State Grange Office.

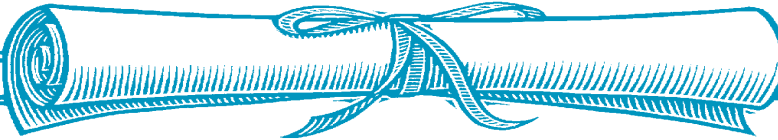
The Colorado State Grange Leadership/Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization that holds and distributes money for educational purposes. The Foundation enables Granges or Grangers who want to donate large sums of money as tax incentives to help in scholarship/leadership roles. Donations may be made to the State Grange Office. When memorial donations are made, the remembered person's name is printed in the Book of Memories and read at the annual State Grange Session Memorial Service.

Scholarships are awarded to applicants attending a Colorado accredited college, university or any Colorado state licensed vocational school. It is required that applicants be initiated Grange members with at least one year's membership, or children or grandchildren of such members. Supportive members are not eligible.

Grange Insurance Association Scholarship Program

Applications may be secured from: Grange Insurance Association, P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-1089.

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) awards scholarships annually to Grangers or children of Grangers who are GIA insured. Winners may take any course of study at any accredited school.



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We would like for each Grange to submit an annual report due September 14. This can be done on one page or you can include press releases, promotion materials and pictures. Recognition awards will be given.

If you would like help in writing press releases, printing a brochure or business cards, sending out e-mail regarding an upcoming event or putting information on the Grange Web site please contact me. Would you like to serve on the State Grange Public Relations Team?

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We want to know what your Grange is doing. Please send articles for the *Colorado Granger*.

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Free Publication From The National Grange

The National Grange has a free publication "The New Grange" which is mailed bimonthly. Add your name to the mailing list at Info@nationalgrange.org or through the mail at National Grange, 1616 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20006. This is an excellent newspaper that each Granger should receive.

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