



YOUTH DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK

“I'D BE DELIGHTED”

NEW YORK STATE GRANGE

2020 - 2021

Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

-Joshua J. Marine

This describes today's NYS Grange Youth members!!! This group of POSITIVE young Grange Leaders is respectful, energetic and committed. Whenever asked to serve, their unwavering answer is, "I'D BE DELIGHTED!" - The National Grange Youth Motto.

NEW YORK STATE GRANGE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

"I'D BE DELIGHTED!"

The New York State Grange Youth Department represents members age 13 1/2 - 35. However, all Youth Activities are open to all Community Grange members. Check individual programs/contests for age specifications/requirements.

The New York State Grange Youth Department program is intended to find something of interest to everyone. It is our goal to involve the Youth in various aspects of the "Total Grange Program." To this end, we have selected one or two specific activities from each of the following departments listed in this section of our Handbook. It is believed that by nurturing our youth through specific involvement in the "Total Grange Program," they will desire to be involved in the development, implementation, and continuation of the Grange at all levels

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Robert A. Earlandt Memorial Award

This award was created to honor the memory of Robert A. Earlandt of Wayne County. Brother Earlandt was a strong supporter of Grange Youth and also keenly interested in the Legislative work of the Grange. It was his wish that the monies donated in his memory be given to the New York State Grange Youth Department. The Youth Department decided that an award in his name be created to allow the youth to learn firsthand the Legislative work on the Grange and of New York State Government.

Each year, one young man and young woman will be chosen from applications submitted to visit the New York State Legislature in Albany to meet with their local Senators and Assemblymen, visit and be recognized on the Assembly Floor, and take a tour of the New York State Capital Building. They will also receive a special plaque at the Annual Session of the New York State Grange.

The requirements are as follows:

- The youth member must have an interest in Legislation, be active in school and community activities, and have a desire to learn more about Legislation.
- Send a resume of the Youth member they feel is deserving (or, if suggesting self, send your own resume).
- Applications are due to the director(s) by September 1st.
- Winners will be announced during the Opening of the New York State Grange Session on Sunday during the Youth program.

Earlandt award application:

Name _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone Number _____

Grange _____ County _____

Recommended by _____

Master Signature _____ Secretary Signature _____

New York State Grange Youth Contests for 2020-2021

Youth Membership Recruitment

Each Youth member in New York State is challenged to ask teenagers and young adults in their communities to join the Grange. A special award will be given to the Youth Member who brings in the most new Youth members between the age of 13 and 35 to their Grange family. Send the names and contact information of all new Youth members to the State Director by September 10th in order to be considered for the prize! The winner will receive a \$25 cash prize.

TOTAL GRANGE PROGRAM

For each section listed below, please see more information in those sections of the NYS handbook.

The following are the specific activities the Youth Department is focusing on in each State Grange Department. Youth can still participate in any or all other projects that are available in these program areas.

Community Involvement

Help your Subordinate or Pomona Grange with a Community Service Project in your Town or County including County Fairs, Community Days, Dinners, Socials, Adopt-A-Highway, Meet the Candidates forums Community Halloween and/or Christmas Parties, etc. Remember that the more hands you have helping out, the lighter and more fun the work is! Encourage your Grange to complete a 5 Emblem Project and assist with whatever your Grange decides to do for this.

Family Activities Committee

Enter your local Grange's Baking Contest, Sewing & Needlework Contest, and/or the Woodworking Contest. Contact your Subordinate or Pomona FAC Chairman for information on these contests. You may also contact the State FAC Director.

Junior Grange

Include your OJAYs. These are your Older Juniors And ~Youth. Mentor your 12 - 14 year olds. Group together and go to Camp. Hold activities such as a movie night, scavenger hunt, card party, or dance. Always invite their parents or other adults, and don't forget to have plenty of snacks! Invite the OJAYs to participate in your Community Service Projects, Drill Teams, Field Trips, and Youth Weekends.

Lecturer's Programs

Create a Lecturer's Program on a topic of your choice. Ask for help from your Subordinate, Pomona, and/or State Lecturer for ideas for topics and activities. Some program suggestions are the various holidays, local history, dart ball and other games, trips/vacations, and the list goes on. Don't forget to include RIMES: Recreation, Inspiration, Music, and Education! Send copies of all materials used to the State Youth Director.

Legislative Department

Write a resolution on a topic that interests you. Present it at your Subordinate Grange and, if it passes there, at your Pomona Grange meeting. Make sure to thoroughly research your topic and that your resolution is well written. Send a copy of your resolution to the State Youth Director. For more information on how to write a good and effective resolution or to get a topic for a resolution, contact the State Legislative Director.

Sports Department

Now this is what the Youth are all about - FUN! We noticed how much FUN it is to play Dartball and go Bowling at Youth Weekends. The Youth have teams that participate in the State Dartball and Bowling Tournaments. Check out the Sports Department Handbook for dates for these contests! Dartball is in April and Bowling is in June of each year.

New York State Fair

Grange Day is the last Saturday (Labor Day Weekend) of the Annual New York State Fair in Syracuse. Offer your assistance to the Grange Building Superintendent by attending that day and speaking to the public on behalf of the Grange. Also, volunteer to work at the New York State Grange's Ye Old Ox Roast Booth during the State Youth's shift which is to be determined.

Information Department

E-mail articles and pictures of Youth activities to the Empire State Granger, the New York State Grange's official newspaper. To get them published in our bimonthly edition, e-mail information and pictures to the Information Director, Bruce M. Croucher at croubr@ottcmail.com.

New York State Grange Website

E-mail articles and pictures of Youth Activities to be put on the New York State Grange Website (www.nysgrange.org). Send them to the New York State Grange Website Coordinator, Stephen Coye by emailing to steve@nysgrange.org

NEW YORK STATE GRANGE YOUTH WEEKENDS

Youth Weekends are a big part of the New York State Grange Youth Program. We plan to have three Youth Weekends in 2020 and 2021 at the following host Granges:

Winter Weekends	Spring Weekends
January 17-19, 2020 *Snow Date is February 14-16, 2020 Fredonia Grange, Chautauqua County 58 West Main Street East Fredonia, NY 14063	April 24-26, 2020 - In conjunction with contest day
January 15-17, 2021 Copake Grange *Snow Day is February 19-21, 2021	April 23-25, 2021 In conjunction with contest day
FALL Weekends	
September 25-27, 2020 Newark Grange, Wayne County 100 WoodLane Newark, NY 14513	
September 24-26, 2021 TBD	

New York State Convention October 23-27, 2020 in Corning New York

Dress Code

The New York State Grange Youth Department has a Drill Team that competes at the Northeast Youth Conference each year as well as a Youth Officers Team that performs the Opening Ceremony at the Annual New York State Grange Session on Sunday morning. We encourage all Youth members to participate. There are forms at the back of this handbook to be used at all New York State Grange sponsored Youth events.

Although we do not have a formal dress code, "the way you dress tells a lot about you." Therefore, everyone will be expected to dress appropriately for the occasion. The following are definitions from the National Grange Youth Handbook that we will adopt and enforce.

- Casual- jeans and t-shirt (Youth Weekends)
- Business - nice slacks and shirt for boys; skirt, dress, or dress slacks and blouse for girls (5th Degree Conferral)
- Semi-Formal- sports jacket or sweater and nice slacks for boys; nice dress or dress pants for girls (State Youth Officer)
- Formal- suit and tie for boys; formal gowns/dresses or blouse with dress pants, with modest neckline. (6th Degree Conferral)

National Grange Program

For more information on this program please visit

www.nationalgrange.org

Horizon Leadership Ambassador program

Each state may send two youth (one male, one female) and two young adults or a young couple, who meet the following criteria:

Any youth who want to be considered for the upcoming year's Youth Ambassador, age 16-21, or Young Adult Ambassador, age 22-35, will need to contact the Youth Department

before September 1st.. The deadline for National Grange Youth Officers Team is also September 1st. This is a great opportunity to experience National Grange and we

know New York has the potential to send 2, 3 or even 4 youth officers.

National Grange Youth Achievement Awards Program

Achievement Awards may be earned by any Grange member any age. If you feel this is something that you would like to participate in and take the time and effort to meet the requirements and wish to receive a certificate, please complete the tasks for each seal and certificate. Find all updated information at: www.nationalgrange.org.

New York State Grange Youth Weekend Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Grange Name & # _____ County _____

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Cell/Work Number _____

Medical Information

Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Insurance _____ Group #/ID _____

Allergies _____

Medical Problems/Restrictions _____

Medication _____

Emergency Consent: It is the policy of the New York State Grange to notify a parent when a child is ill or needs medical attention. Occasionally, we cannot contact a parent and we need to get immediate help for the child. Our procedure is to take the child to the nearest Emergency Service. Please sign below so that we can take appropriate action on behalf of your child. I hereby give my/our consent for my/our child named above when ill/injured to be taken to the nearest emergency center by the NYS Grange Youth team or director when I/we cannot be contacted. I consent to an ambulance being called to transport my child if necessary. I further agree to pay all costs incurred for transport. I hereby agree to release the NYS Grange and its representative from liability for any injury to above named person resulting from any cause whatsoever while attending NYS Grange event including travel to and from the event, excepting only such injury or damage resulting from willful acts of such representatives. We also allow te NYS Grange to use photographs of my child taken at the event for press, brochure, and publicity purposes.

Signature of Child _____ Date _____

Signature(s) of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____