

Youth & Young Adult Ambassador Program

Application Deadline to National Grange: September 1

The purpose of the Ambassador program is to provide the opportunity for Youth and Young Adults to become a representative of their state Grange and a mentor to their peers across the country.

State Ambassadors will have the opportunity to attend the National Grange Convention as a representative of their state. During the Convention they will have the opportunity to build onto their leadership skills, broaden their view of the Grange from a National perspective, receive educational training to be utilized in their own states, and build relationships with Grangers across the nation.

Each State Ambassador will have the opportunity, if they choose, to run for the *National Grange Leadership team*. This team will be composed of leaders from the Youth and Junior Grange departments. The individual(s) selected for the National Leadership team will have the opportunity to be the voice and face of the National Grange youth department for a one-year term. It is at the discretion of the National Grange Directors/President and Interview board how many members are selected to become a member of this team.

Each state may send up to four (4) representatives from their state that meet the following criteria:

- Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors must be between the ages of 16 and 25. Having observed their 16th birthday but not their 26th birthday by December 31 of the year that they attend the National Grange Convention. If under the age of 18 they must have their parents' consent to participate.
- Ambassadors must have been a Grange member in good standing for a minimum of one year at the time they attend the National Grange Convention.

Submit the following by September 1.

Application (use form in National Grange Youth book)

Letters of Recommendations: Subordinate Grange President (or Secretary), State President, State Youth Director (if applicable), and from a person outside the Grange (i.e., teacher, club leader, coach etc.)

Ambassador portfolio- ½ inch binder with photos and highlights from your time in the Grange.

Biography- 500 words to include information about you, your family background, your education, Grange journey, and any other details you see fit.

If running for National Leadership team also include a 1-page essay on why you believe you could make a positive impact as a member of the National Leadership team.

3 4x6 photos- to include a headshot, participation in a Grange activity, and a family photo.

Ambassadors may only run for the National Grange Leadership Team one time as a youth participant and one time as a young adult participant.

Participants will be required to attend National Grange Convention beginning Wednesday evening -Saturday evening.

All Ambassador participants, who have yet to be inducted into the G.R.O.W. Club will be invited to become a member of this elite alumni association of the Grange Youth Department.

A small stipend may be awarded to each candidate based on their participation.