NH State Grange Trustees of Trust Funds Financial Aid Available Now

The NH State Grange Trustees of Trust Funds have money available now for assistance to members who may be in need. The applicant must require some form of financial assistance or aid for their personal care, comfort, welfare and wellbeing or of their immediate family. The request for assistance could be to help pay for hearing aids, eyeglasses, dentures, medical bills or any one of a number of other reasons.

The application forms and complete guidelines are available on the NH State Grange website www.nhgrange.org or you may contact any of the Trustees or Grange Services Committee members for assistance with the paperwork. Your Grange Secretary or Master should have a Roster listing these members and their contact information. Your Subordinate Secretary has also recently received a copy of the application and guidelines by mail for your reference and use.

Some of the guidelines for applying are listed below but **check the actual paperwork for complete details.**

- 1. The applicant must be a member of the Grange for at least two (2) consecutive years in a NH State Subordinate Grange.
- 2. The applicant must be in good standing in his/her Grange. The good standing should be verified by current dues card or by a Golden Sheaf card if applicable.
- 3. The applicant must require some form of financial assistance or aid for their personal care, comfort, wellbeing or of their immediate family. Currently assistance may be up to \$500 per fiscal year if funds are available.
- 4. A letter of recommendation must accompany all applications and should give as many facts as possible of the person in need. Please specify your relationship to the applicant.
- 5. If the request is for money, a financial assistance application must be completed and signed by the applicant. If the money is to be used to purchase an item such as hearing aids, eyeglasses etc., a signed estimate of the cost from the doctor or provider must accompany the financial application. If the money is needed for another purpose written estimates or actual copies of bills must be accompany the application.
- 6. All of the required paperwork must be completed as thoroughly as possible and all letters of recommendation, letters of good standing or copies of dues cards and estimates or copies of bills must be included before mailing to the Trustees of Trust Funds. This will help to ensure a timely processing of the request. All applications must be reviewed by the Trustees of Trust Funds.
- **7.** Your application is confidential and your name will not be revealed in any reports made to the State Grange. This is not charity- this fund was established by Grangers like you to aid their brothers and sisters in time of need.
- 8. The request may take up to ninety (90) days from the receipt of the completed application to the Trustees Secretary. Completed financial aid requests should be submitted to :Secretary of Trustees of Trust Funds, Rhoda Davis, 317 Route 129, Loudon, NH 03307