

NH STATE GRANGE YOUTH PROGRAM 2026:

Please note that all * items on the following pages denote contests/activities that have no age requirement to complete or participate!

***2026 YOUTH REPORT FORM**

20 POINTS

Your Grange should submit a Youth Report to the State Youth Director by September 25, 2026. In addition, Subordinate Youth Chairmen should send a copy of their report form to the Pomona Youth Chairman by September 18th, 2026 so that he/she has all the needed information to compile and submit an accurate Pomona youth report to the Youth Director by the due date.

***2026 YOUTH REPORT BOOKLET**

50 POINTS

Each Grange is encouraged to submit a Youth Report form in a booklet that includes photographs, newspaper clippings, souvenirs, etc. about your Grange's youth activities. This is due to the State Youth Director by September 25th, 2026.

***WINTER YOUTH RALLY**

25 POINTS

Please watch for details about the activities in the mail and the *Granite State Granger*. Scheduled activities will include Grange Knowledge Test, workshops, a Youth Association Meeting, and meals throughout the day.

***JUNE YOUTH RALLY**

25 POINTS

Activities will include workshops, Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song Contests, a Youth Association meeting, awarding of Youth Officers and Ambassadors, and election of youth officers. Watch for a future mailing, the State Grange website, and the *Granite State Granger* for detailed information.

*** REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Full: 70 POINTS /Partial: 35 POINTS

Regional Grange Jeopardy, Public Speaking and the Sign-A-Song contests take place here. Workshop presented by the National Youth Director and Drill Competitions will be held at the conference. More details to come.

DONATIONS: All State Youth donations must be made by September 15th, 2026, to the State Youth Director. Checks should be made payable to "NH State Grange Youth Department".

***CONTRIBUTE TO THE STATE GRANGE YOUTH FUND**

20 POINTS

The activities of the State Grange Youth Committee are greatly enhanced by the money that each Grange contributes to the Youth fund. These donations can be funds raised by some project of the Youth Committee of your Grange.

***CONTRIBUTE TO THE RANDALL RICHARDSON MEMORIAL FUND**

20 POINTS

Randall Richardson was an active member of NH State Grange. He served as a Deputy State Master, was an elected state officer and was appointed the first Membership Chairman of the NH State Grange by State Master John L. Saturley. He was a strong supporter of the NH Youth Program and would often financially help any youth that was not able to attend youth activities because of the cost. A fund was established after his death at the request of his family to help meet the costs of youth travel, such as youth members attending National Session, especially for Youth Ambassadors, Youth Officers, and Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song winners. The Youth committee receives donations each year from individual Grange members, Subordinate, and Pomona Granges and the donations are added to the fund. From this fund we are able to use the interest earned to cover the cost of youth travel.

***CONTRIBUTE TO THE JODI BAILEY YOUTH FUND**

20 POINTS

Jodi Thomas Bailey (1967 – 1991). This Youth fund was named in her honor, because it was her idea and desire that financial aid be offered to all Grange youth, that they could enjoy the fellowship and advantages gained from attending youth conferences. She was a very active member of the Grange and especially of the Youth

program. Some of her accomplishments were: NH State Grange Female Ambassador in 1987, National Female Ambassador in 1988, Chairman of the Deaf Activities Committee and Sign-a-Song winner who competed at the National level. With her courage and commitment, she stayed very active during her brief lifetime. It is through the donations by Granges that this fund is able to keep giving in her memory. Members age 14-35 may request financial aid to attend the Summer Youth Rally or Northeast Regional Youth Conference.

Applications must be submitted to the Youth Director by May 1. They must be signed and sealed by the Subordinate Secretary, signifying that the member is in good standing. All requests are confidential. The amount of funds available will be limited to 50% of the funds in the account as of January 1, 2026. The Youth Director will notify recipients the amount of their award.

***CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH FUND**

20 POINTS

Donations to The National Grange Youth Leadership Foundation are extremely important, as they provide crucial support to the National Youth Program. There are many wonderful programs offered on the National level. Donations should be sent directly to the National Grange headquarters and made payable to "The Grange Foundation" with a notation that this donation is for the Youth Leadership Fund (National Grange Office, 1616 H St. NW, Washington DC, 20006).

***SOCIAL MEDIA**

20 POINTS

This contest is open to all Grange members. Using any social media platform (website/blog, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) create a digital presence that is accessible to the community. Entries will be judged on their creativity, delivery of information, and links or promotion to other Grange activities and accounts. To submit your entry, you must provide the Youth Director with a link to your digital creation. All entries must be to the State Youth Director by October 1st.

***POSTER CONTEST**

20 POINTS

Create a poster of any material around the theme of "Past and Future". Use your creative talents to create an engaging display of your interpretation of the theme. Posters should be no larger than 20"x 24". All entries must be to the State Youth Director by the first day of the annual session of the NH State Grange.

***WREATH CONTEST**

20 POINTS EACH

Create a decorative wreath that can be hung on a wall or a door from any suitable material. One entry per category and no larger than 24" in diameter please! Wreaths must be hand-made by the person submitting and cannot be from a kit. Categories include: A) Holiday/Season, B) Grange, C) Open/Other. All entries must be to the State Youth Director by the first day of the annual session of the NH State Grange.

***GRANGE KNOWLEDGE TEST**

20 POINTS

This is a fun way to test your knowledge of Grange history, ritual, personalities, and such. It is given at the Winter Rally meeting and also serves as the written test portion of the Youth Officers' Contest and the Ambassadors' program. It is open to all Grange members.

***PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

40 POINTS EACH

When: June Youth Rally

Who: Open to all Grange members

Rules: Full rules can be found on the National Grange Website (nationalgrange.org). Winners from each category in NH will be eligible to compete at the Northeast Youth Conference.

How to enter: Submit entry form to the State Youth Director by June 1st, 2026.

***SIGN-A-SONG CONTEST**

40 POINTS EACH

When: June Youth Rally

Who: Open to all Grange members

Rules: You must be a member of Subordinate Grange for a minimum of 1 year. (Junior Grange membership counts.) Full rules can be found on the National Grange Website (nationalgrange.org). Winners from each category in NH will be eligible to compete at the Northeast Youth Conference.

How to enter: Submit entry form to the State Youth Director by June 1, 2026.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE YOUTH AMBASSADORS CONTEST

YOUNG COUPLE

50 POINTS EACH

MALE/FEMALE YOUNG ADULT AMBASSADORS

The Ambassador program (known as the Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program at the National level) develops and recognizes the achievements and leadership abilities of young adults. Those wishing to compete for Male or Female Ambassador must have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 22nd birthday by December 31, 2026.

Requirements:

- 1) Complete a notebook about your Grange, School, Home, and Community activities.
- 2) Take a written test with a score of 85% or higher on Grange history, personalities, etc. (Winter Rally)
- 3) Take part in a personal interview. The interview and written test will be conducted at a spring activity to be determined.
- 4) Participants must complete the requirements for 3 National Grange Achievement award seals by April 1, 2026. (The Public Speaking Achievement is highly recommended.)
- 5) Each must have attended a Northeast Regional Youth Conference within the past 3 years.
- 6) State winners shall complete all other requirements for the National Horizon Leadership Recognition Program. (A complete guideline for National Participation is available at nationalgrange.org.)
- 7) NH Ambassadors must agree to provide a workshop at Winter Youth Rally in 2027 to pass along the information learned at National Grange.
- 8) Applications (available online) and notebooks are due to the State Youth Director by April 1st, 2026.

NH YOUTH OFFICER CONTEST

40 POINTS EACH

The purpose of this award is to recognize our members between the ages of 14-35, who do outstanding ritualistic work in the office of: Master, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, or Ceres. This honor requires that each officer be present at Youth Association events, including rehearsals. The office is held for one year and can be held only once. Complete an application, available online, and send it to the Youth Director, postmarked by January 15, 2026.

REQUIREMENTS

- Take a written test on Basic Grange knowledge. Test is given at the Winter Rally Meeting.
- Participate in the opening and closing ritual of the Subordinate Grange.

Youth Officers will be announced in June and will be the Youth Officer of the New Hampshire State Grange Youth Association for the coming year. Remaining Youth Officers will be elected at the Summer Youth Rally.

DRILL TEAM CONTEST

30 POINTS EACH

The New Hampshire Youth Drill Team competes at the Northeast Youth Conference held each summer. The drill team is an 8 to 16 person team, and is open to all youth ages 14- 35. One quarter of the team may be over the age of 35, but youth age team members get first preference. The team meets in the spring and early summer for multiple practices and will perform an 8-10 minute marching drill set to music for the competition. Please let the Youth Director know you are interested by March 1, 2026.

***HOLD YOUTH/ACTIVITY NIGHT**

75 POINTS

Youth Nights are to be conducted by the Youth Committee of each Grange. The program should be well rounded and a copy must be included in your report. An activity or event can be planned in place of a youth night program. An event can be a dance or activity that would include local youth who are not Grange members. One or more Granges can combine to hold a youth/activity night or program. Send invitations to neighboring Granges. Please make sure to send your Youth Night date to the Youth Director so we can schedule a representative to attend.

YOUTH NIGHT VISITING*30 POINTS**

Each Grange is asked to visit at least three other Youth/Activity Nights. Any member of your Grange may make these visits. Please be sure to report about your visits at your next Grange meeting. Also report to the State Youth Director in your year-end report what office you held, or games you played or any other way you participated or assisted.

NEW YOUTH MEMBERS**40 POINTS EACH**

Youth membership must be encouraged at all levels of the Grange. There ARE young people in the world today that are interested in the values exemplified by the Grange. Get out into the community to let others know about Grange.

SUBMIT YOUTH MEMBERS' MAIL/EMAIL ADDRESS**10 POINTS EACH**

The success of our program depends greatly upon our ability to communicate with each other. The Youth Committee desires the ability to send emails and mailings directly to all youth members, thus enhancing the quality of our communications. Please send the name, mailing address, email address, and if possible, the phone number of each of your Grange's youth members to receive this credit.

YOUTH REPORT AT EACH MEETING*40 POINTS**

The Youth Committee should be a Standing Committee in every Grange. This committee should report at each meeting the activities of the young people in the area including Grange, school, 4-H, FFA, JROTC, scouts, church groups, etc. Also report the events of the Youth Association, as there are activities happening throughout the year.

PARTICIPATE IN STATE LECTURER'S TALENT/VARIETY SHOW**30 POINTS**

Our organization benefits when we support other departments in our organization. The Lecturer's Talent Contest is in need of our support.

PRESENT A RITUALISTIC PROGRAM*50 POINTS**

Present or provide a ritualistic program in your Grange. This can include trivia or any bits of interesting information. To take credit a complete copy of the evening's program **must** be included in your Youth Report.

**YOUTH ASSOCIATION OFFICERS
EACH****10 POINTS**

Any member ages 14-35 can be elected or appointed to fill an office in the Youth Association for one year. This honor requires that each officer be present at State Grange, Winter Rally, June Youth Rally, and other Youth Association meetings.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS*5 POINTS EACH SEAL**

The National Grange offers achievement awards that can be earned by **all ages**, with a couple of exceptions. It's a great way for all members to participate and encourage participation in the community and in the Grange. A certificate is awarded and a seal is given for each level met. Look for detailed information on each award and also see the full list, go to the National Grange Youth website.

2026 YOUTH PROGRAM SUBORDINATE / POMONA REPORT

- >Youth Report to Pomona Chairman 9/20/2026----- 20 points _____
- >Send this form to State Youth Director by 9/25/2026----- 20 points _____
- >Youth Report in Booklet Form due to Youth Team Director by 9/25/2026----- 50 points _____

***The Subordinate and Pomona Granges with the highest score will be recognized at State Session.**

Attend Youth Events in 2026: See Grange calendars for dates.

- Winter Youth Rally----- 25 points _____
- June Youth Rally----- 25 points _____
- Regional Youth Conference----- partial/full 35/70 points _____

Contribute to Youth Funds: Due to State Youth Director by: September 15th, 2026

- * State Youth Fund----- 20 points _____
- * Randall Richardson Memorial Fund----- 20 points _____
- * Jodi Bailey Youth Fund----- 20 points _____
- * National Youth Fund (Send directly to National Grange)----- 20 points _____

Participate in Youth Contest:

- * Social Media ----- 20 points _____
- * Poster Contest ----- 20 points _____
- * Wreath Contest ----- 20 points each _____
- * Grange Knowledge Test----- 20 points each _____
- * Public Speaking: ----- 40 points each _____
- * Sign-A-Song Contest----- 40 points each _____
- Male and Female Youth Ambassadors: ----- 50 points each _____
- Young Couple/ Young Adult Contest ----- 50 points each _____
- Youth Officer Contest----- 40 points each _____
- Drill Team Contest Member----- 30 points each _____

Events, Awards, and Members:

- Hold a Youth/Activity Night (include copy of your program): ----- 75 points _____
- Attend at least three Youth Nights (include report of how you participated) ----- 30 points _____
- New Youth Members: ----- 40 points each _____
- Submit youth members' mailing/email address to Youth Director ----- 10 points each _____
- Report Youth Activities at each meeting: ----- 40 points _____
- Participate in State Lecturer's Variety/Talent Show ----- 30 points _____
- Present a Ritualistic Program: (include copy of your program) ----- 50 points _____
- Youth Association Officers (elected 2026):----- 10 points each _____
- Earn Achievement Awards: ----- 5 points each _____

Total points _____

Grange belongs to _____ Pomona.