

## Grange Membership Application

Name: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____	E-mail: _____
I certify that I am at least 13 ½ years of age.	
I hereby apply for membership in _____	
Signature of applicant _____	
Recommended by _____	
Grange # _____	
Application Fee \$ _____	
Date _____	

I desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interest of the American family and community life, receiving in turn the benefits and advantages of those who belong to the Grange. I promise a faithful compliance with the By-laws of this Grange and the Constitution and By-Laws of the State and National Granges. I have not previously applied for membership in this or any other Grange during the past six months.



### Want to learn more about the Grange?

For more information, visit us online to

- find your local Grange
- learn about our activities and events
- find out how to join
- contact us for more information

[www.massgrange.org](http://www.massgrange.org)

or

[www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)

### Don't have a Grange near you?

Join online at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org) or we can help you build a Grange in your community. Contact the Massachusetts State Grange at [statemaster@massgrange.org](mailto:statemaster@massgrange.org)

# Massachusetts State Grange



Photos on the front cover from top to bottom:  
The Grange-sponsored Pollinator Garden at the UMass Agriculture Learning Center, UMass Amherst; Guiding Star Grange Hall, Greenfield, MA; the Stasinos family, members of Bradford Grange; a Grange display at the Topsfield Fair.

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## Granges in Massachusetts

Granges in our local communities are involved in many community service programs, including:

- donating to and volunteering at local food banks
- making care packages for our troops overseas
- donating dictionaries to local elementary school children
- providing college scholarships to students
- supporting foster care
- holding agricultural community fairs
- opening their halls for community events

The Grange in Massachusetts provides support for agricultural education in many ways, including our partnerships with 4H, FFA, Agriculture in the Classroom and the University of Massachusetts Agriculture Learning Center.



## The Grange and Families

The family and the community are the foundations of the Grange. We serve as a safe, family-friendly place to spend time and get involved in helping strengthen your local communities.

### A Place for All Ages

The Grange is a place for children, teenagers and young adults to get involved and learn valuable skills in areas such as leadership and community involvement.



Junior Grange membership is for children ages 5 - 14. Junior Grange offers young members fun activities, contests, and a chance to actively participate in projects that benefit their community.

Full Grange membership begins at 14 years of age. The Grange Youth Program offers members

opportunities to get involved in a statewide youth association,

leadership training programs, and fun activities with other youth members from across the state.

Local Community Granges offer opportunities for members of all ages to get involved. Granges hold fairs and public suppers, sponsor programs on topics such as education and agriculture, and open their halls for public forums such as local candidates nights. There are many opportunities for all members to learn, participate and grow in the Grange.



## What is the Grange?

### From Agriculture to Today's Communities

The origins of the Grange were based in agriculture; today the Grange focuses on strengthening local communities and also keeps true to its roots by promoting local agriculture and agricultural education.

Founded in 1867, the National Grange was the first nationwide farm organization. Through non-partisan grassroots legislative action, the Grange has worked to improve the lives of farmers and rural families across the nation.

### Why Should You Join?

There are many benefits to being a Grange member. Current members have shared some of the reasons they joined and retain their membership:

- Lasting Friendships
- Family Environment
- Fun and Enjoyment
- Leadership Development
- Community Service Opportunities
- Grassroots Legislative Action
- Opportunities to Make a Difference

Grange meetings, activities, and events provide families with opportunities to socialize with others in their community and to build new friendships. In the Grange it is easy to make friendships that last a lifetime.

See what the Grange does in your community. Visit us online to learn more.