

# **Kansas State Youth/Young Adult Leadership Team**

## **Youth Ambassadors & Young Patrons/Couples**

DEADLINE: July 1st

The purpose of the State Leadership Team is to provide an opportunity for Youth, Young Adults and Young Couples to represent Kansas at many events including Regional Youth Conference, State Grange Convention and National Grange Convention. These young persons are selected for their leadership qualities, Grange experiences and their drive to help the Grange grow. Selection will be made through an application process (interviews may be necessary depending on amount of applicants). Applicants must be willing to travel and will serve the Grange for the term of one year.

State Ambassadors will be chosen and notified by August 1st and announced officially at the Annual State Convention. Those chosen to represent Kansas will be given the opportunity to apply for the National Youth Leadership Team and attend the National Convention to build their leadership potential; broaden their view of the Grange by experiencing a National Convention; receive educational training to use in their own states; and build relationships with Grangers throughout the nation by having fun. The National application is due August 15th.

Each year, Kansas will select two youth (preferably, but not limited to one male, one female) and two young adults or a young couple, who meet the following criteria:

- o Youth ambassadors must be 16-21 years of age at the time of their state selection, have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 23rd birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the State and National session. These individuals must also be single, never been married, may not have children and must not marry and/or have children during term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.
- o Young Adults/Young Couples must be between the ages of 22-35, have observed their 22nd birthday, but not their 36th birthday by December 31 of the year they attend State and National session.
- o Ambassadors, Young Patrons and Young Couples must have been a Grange member for a minimum of one year at the time they attend State and National Session.
- o Previous State Ambassadors/Young Patrons/ Young Couples who have participated in this program are not eligible. Exception: Young Adults who are former Youth Ambassadors are eligible to participate in the Young Patron Program.
- o Ambassadors/ Young Patrons/Young Couples must be able to attend the National convention to represent their state during Youth activities days. (Wednesday evening through Saturday).

- o Ambassadors/Young Patrons must attend their regional conference the year they apply. They must also present a prepared speech at their regional conference. This speech will not be considered for Best of Show or selected for National. Exception: If the Ambassador/Young Patron is their state's winner for Prepared Speech/SAS contest they will meet this requirement.
- o Ambassadors/ Young Patrons/Young Couples must attend a state session in the past two years.
- o Official Application form must be completed and postmarked by July 1st and sent to the State Youth Director.
- o The following letters of recommendation are to be sent with the application:
  - Person from outside the Grange (teacher/professor, Organization/Club Leader, etc.)
  - Subordinate Grange, preferably President or Secretary
 NOTE: Letters of Recommendation should be from the year of application.
- o Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Couples must submit a short essay (350- 500 words) about why they want to be considered for the Ambassador Program.
- o Ambassadors/ Outstanding Young Patrons will be recognized at the State Convention.
- o Ambassadors/ Young Patrons or their individual Granges are responsible for their **own transportation, meals and lodging at State Convention.**
- o Ambassadors are required to attend the Celebration Banquet.
- o Youth Ambassadors/ Young Patrons are required to bring a ½ inch wide binder with photos and highlights from their year as Ambassador or Young Patron to State Session. The binders will be placed on display. The binder needs to show how they have exemplified what it means to be a G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth. (See the Six Pillars for more details)
- o Young Couples will be viewed as one entity. They will apply together.

If chosen for the Kansas State Grange Youth Leadership Team duties would include:

Throughout the year:

- Help organize and promote Youth meetings.
- Write a minimum of one article for the Kansas Granger.
- Assist with ongoing Youth Department activities and projects.
- Be available to travel as a representative of the Kansas State Grange Youth Department, as budgets permit.
- Attend Great Plains regional conference, at their own expense.
- Assist youth director with management of Grange Youth social media.

At State Session:

- Assist State Officers with Registration/Set-Up
- Attend Celebration Banquet
- Serve as Youth/Young Adult Delegates
  - Sit in on session committee meetings (State President will appoint)
- Assist and/or lead other Youth events during session (TBD)

# Youth Ambassador or Young Patron/Couple Application

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Subordinate Grange & No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Ambassador: (Circle) Male                  Female

Young Adults: (Circle) Male                  Female                  Couple

Age as of Jan. 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names (Youth Ambassadors only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Biographical Information:** Description (5-8 lines) about yourself and/or family to be used for display purposes through the State Session and on Social Media. Enclose or send three 4"x6" color photos. For Young Couples, include one picture of your family. The pictures and bio will be scanned and be included for various displays and functions throughout your tenure.

Date of joining Grange \_\_\_\_\_ Total average meeting attendance in past year \_\_\_\_\_

Number of regular Subordinate Grange meetings held in the last year \_\_\_\_\_

Number of regular Subordinate Grange meetings you attended this last year \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Degree held in the Grange? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office or Committees serving on?

**Grange Experience** (Please Provide Information on a separate sheet)

- A. Subordinate/Community Grange Years
- B. State/National Years
- C. Subordinate Offices Held or Committees
- D. State Offices Held or Committees
- E. Any additional Grange experience you'd like to share.

**Leadership Experience** (Please provide information on a separate sheet)

- A. Community and Service Programs participated in by you and leadership given (civic and service clubs, professional organizations, church, school, etc.)
- B. List significant offices held or awards achieved while participating in your organizations.
- C. What additional award(s) and recognition have you received in the past?
- D. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?
- E. How do you plan to use this experience in your own Grange, Pomona or State?
- F. What have you done to promote membership in the Grange? How many people have you encouraged to join Grange, how many actually joined?

Last state session attended in the past two (2) years \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Conference Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

**Subordinate Certification:**

This will certify that the above-named person is an active member in good standing of our Grange, and is eligible to participate in this program, and that the information contained in this report is correct.

Subordinate Youth Chairman or Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Two letters of recommendation are to be sent in addition to this application:

- i. Person from outside the Grange (teacher/professor, Organization/Club Leader, etc.)
- ii. Subordinate Grange, preferably President or Secretary