

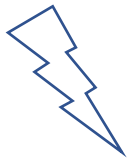
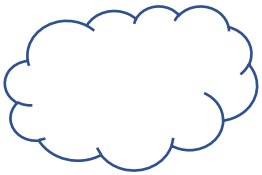
2024

Maine State Grange

Agriculture

Department

Information



- January Agricultural Trade Show
- January Scholarship Donation Appeal letter mailed to Granges
Agricultural Scholarship Rules & Application Form mailed to Granges
- April 23 Agricultural Scholarships Due to State Grange Office
- August 1 Grange Agricultural Enterprise Award (formerly Farm Family)
entries due to State Grange Office

2024 Maine Agricultural Fair Dates

Listed on Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs (www.maineairs.org) website

Springfield Fair	June	91 Park St	thespringfieldfair.com
Monmouth Fair	June	79 Academy Rd	monmouthfair.com
Houlton Ag. Fair	July	Randall Ave	houltonfair.org
Ossipee Valley Fair	July	291 S Hiram Rd, S Hiram	ossipeevalleyfair.com
Waterford World's Fair	July	36 Irving Green Rd	waterfordworldsfair.org
Pittston Fair	July	995 E Pittston Rd	pittstonfair.com
Union Fair	July	110 Fairgrounds Ln	Unionfair.org
Northern Maine Fair (Presque Isle)	July	84 Mechanic St	northernmainefairgrounds.com
Bangor State Fair	August	515 Main St	bangorstatefair.com
Topsham Fair	August	32 Community Way	topshamfair.com
Skowhegan State Fair	August	33 Constitution Ave	skowheganstatefair.com
Maine Farm Days	August		
Acton Fair	August	550 Route 109	actonfair.net
Piscataquis Valley Fair(Dover-Foxcroft)	August	77 Fairview Ave	piscataquisvalleyfair.com
Washington County Fair (Pembroke)	August	22 Old County Rd	Facebook@Washington County Fair
Blue Hill Fair	August	233 Ellsworth Rd	Office@BlueHillFair.com
Harmony Free Fair	September	1 Fairlane Way	harmonyfreefair.weebly.com
Clinton Lions Agricultural Fair	Sept	1450 Bangor Rd	facebook.com/Clinton-Lions-Agricultural-Fair
Litchfield Fair	September	44 Plains Rd	litchfieldfair.com
Oxford County Fair	September	67 Pottle Rd	oxfordcountyfair.com
New Portland Lions Fair	September	Route 146	facebook.com/newportlandlions/
Farmington Fair	September	292 High St	farmingtonfairmaine.com
Common Ground Country Fair	September	294 Crosby Brook Rd, Unity	mofga.org
Cumberland Fair	September	140 Bruce Hill Rd	Cumberlandfair.com
Fryeburg Fair	October	1154 Main St	fryeburgfair.org

(Fair would like Grange volunteers to man the Grange booth during the fair.)

Big E – Eastern States Exposition, in Springfield, Massachusetts Sept
(They would like volunteers during the fair to help in the store plus set up and clean up)

MAINE STATE GRANGE

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP RULES

1. **All applicants must be high school students in grade 12.**
2. All applicants must be Maine residents.
3. Winners will be notified in writing by June 3.
4. The winner will receive his or her \$500.00 award after the completion of the first semester of college after providing proof of satisfactory grades of at least 2.0 in order to continue in the school program.
5. All applications must be completed in full and postmarked by April 23. Please send to Maine State Grange, 146 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330.
6. Applicants must be pursuing a career in agriculture or an agriculturally related field including, but not limited to, the following:

Animal Science	Veterinary Technology
Forestry	Horticulture
Floriculture	Entomology
Farm Business Management	Fish & Wildlife Study
Poultry Science	Biotechnology
Soil & Water Science	Dairy Science
Agricultural Marketing	Pomology
Equine Science	Agricultural Engineering
Sustainable Agriculture	Consumer Science
Veterinarian	

Maine State Grange
146 State Street
Augusta, ME 04330
Email: mainestategrange@myfairpoint.net
207-623-3421

MAINE STATE GRANGE

AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

High School _____ GPA _____

Date of Birth _____ Month and year of high school graduation _____

Advisor or Guidance Counselor _____ School Phone _____

List major secondary school activities _____

Other Secondary Schools – Please included addresses and dates attended

Which Post-secondary School(s) have you been accepted? _____

What is your intended field of study? _____

Are you or have you ever been a FFA or 4-H Member? _____

Are you or have you ever been a Grange Member? _____

Are you a descendant of or related to a Grange Member? _____

(Note: This does not affect your eligibility)

Please submit the following: (Application due by April 23; Maine State Grange 146 State St, Augusta 04330)

1. Three letters of reference by persons who are not related to you and who have knowledge of your agricultural interest and character.
2. An essay of 300 to 500 words telling how agriculture has influenced your life and how you hope to be involved in agriculture in the future.
3. Proof of High School grades
4. Any other information that you would like the selection committee to know about you and why you are an excellent candidate for this award.

GRANGE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AWARD

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Awards: The winner will receive \$100 cash prize and will be invited to showcase their enterprise at the State Grange annual session in October of that year, and share display space with the MSG Agriculture committee at the Agricultural Trade Show the following January at the Augusta Civic Center, at no expense. The sponsoring Grange will also receive a \$100 cash award.

RULES

1. Applicants must earn at least a portion of their income from their Agricultural Enterprise.
2. Application forms can be completed by the applicant, a friend, or a family member. Grange members may assist the applicant in completing the form.
3. We request local Granges to sponsor a nominee and assist with the application submission process. We require the name of the Grange and a contact name for a member of that Grange.
4. The application form approved by the Maine State Grange Agriculture Committee must be used.
5. On a separate sheet(s) of paper please tell us the story of your Agricultural enterprise. You may include pictures, newspaper articles and any other material pertaining to your application. This enterprise may be a farm, garden, value added business using agricultural products, or other types of enterprises related to agriculture.
6. The committee reserves the right to make inquiries of the applicant to request additional information if necessary to the judging process.
7. The committee urges previous applicants who have not been selected to re-apply.
8. Members of the State Grange Agriculture Committee are eligible to apply.
9. Preference will be given to Grange members, but nominees do not have to be a Grange member.
10. Winners will be announced and invited to the annual Maine State Grange convention to receive their award.

Completed applications and supporting information must be received at State Grange Headquarters by August 1st.

Maine State Grange
Attn: Agriculture Committee
146 State Street
Augusta, ME 04330
mainestategrange@myfairpoint.net
1-800--464-3421 207-623-3421

GRANGE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AWARD APPLICATION

(Do not need to be Grange members to apply)

Name of Agricultural Enterprise _____

Name of Owner(s) _____

Name of Applicant (if different) _____

Mailing Address of Applicant _____

Address of Enterprise (if different) _____

Email Address _____ Years Agricultural Enterprise in Operation _____

Description of Enterprise _____

On a separate sheet(s) of paper please tell us the story of your Agricultural enterprise. Please include pictures, newspaper articles and any other material pertaining to your application.

Name of Sponsoring Grange: _____ No. _____

Grange Member to Contact _____

Personal Grange Involvement – Enterprise Owner

Are you an Active Granger? Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___ Length of Grange Service ___ years

Grange Name and Number _____

List Degrees Attained _____

List Grange Offices Held _____

Other Organizations or Community Involvement

List Other Organizations and Description of Involvement _____

Aug 1 deadline: Mail to Maine State Grange, 146 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330
Or Email to: mainestategrange@myfairpoint.net

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SUGGESTIONS FOR WORKING ON DISPLAYS AND FAIR BOOTHS

1. Have a planning meeting to select theme, to determine work schedule, source of materials, being sure everyone knows his/her responsibilities.
2. Check with each fair you are displaying at for size limitations, restrictions, criteria, etc. Some fairs use their own judging criteria and score sheets, which may be different from those provided by Maine State Grange. Know ahead of time.
3. Get information from the Building Superintendent or other contact person, when (what times and day(s)), displays may be set up and when (time and day) they will be taken down.
4. Use a simple theme. (*Something that draws the display together and others understand.*) This can be colors or symbols used throughout the display.
5. Make sure the exact booth size is known and use the available space wisely. Do not clutter the display area or have too much unused space.
6. When planning, consider how color will be used. Use not more than three complementary colors in backgrounds, signs, etc.
7. Make detailed plans so there is a good balance in the display. It is recommended to exhibit like items together.
8. Plywood or lattice work makes an excellent sturdy background. It can be reused if stored properly. But keep the pieces small enough to handle easily 4' x 4' max.
9. Plan your exhibit for the benefit of non-members. Plan so a spectator who knows little or nothing about Grange will stop and look, and leave with an understanding of your exhibit theme and how it relates to the Grange.
10. Consider having everyone bring what you need for the display to a meeting, at which time best examples are selected for use.
11. For displays using agricultural and garden products, select best available samples for the exhibit. Uniformity, good coloring and fresh appearance are important. Use things relative to the theme.
12. When fresh items (fruits, flowers, vegetables) are displayed, use appropriate uniform containers/plates. Replace fresh items as often as necessary to keep a fresh, crisp look in the display at all times. As long as new people will be viewing the display, keep it fresh. Do not use fresh dairy products – use substitute items.
13. Keep exhibit areas tidy at all times. Have it checked regularly and often when display is open to the public.
14. Labeling should be uniform and readable from the front of the booth. All lettering (signs, posters, etc.) should have a professional look. (*It may mean paying someone to make signs, posters, do lettering, etc., but consider that an investment for Grange since the items may be used again if stored carefully.*)

15. Make sure any mechanical parts and lights are always working. Check thoroughly prior to installation and often during the display time.
16. When using unusual and/or antique items, be sure they will be safe and secure from people touching them.
17. When parts are used more than one year (such as risers or backboards), be sure they are cleaned and repainted if necessary well in advance of placement in the exhibit. (*Paint does not dry well in hot humid conditions.*)
18. If the exhibit permits, see that Grange name, number and location are visible.
19. Consider planning an exhibit that can be used in whole or part at other times and places. Examples: At a mall, in store windows, at a library, during Grange month and/or other times.
20. If using Grange literature, have the very latest available. Display small quantities at a time, replenishing often, rather than having an untidy area. You may contact Maine State Grange 207-623-3421 for availability of information. Write the National Grange for brochures at 1616 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006 or call them at 1-888-4-GRANGE. You may also look for information on the web site: www.nationalgrange.org. Allow a few weeks for delivery.
21. If appropriate, have the exhibit manned at all times, but especially when crowds will be in attendance.
22. If possible and permitted, have something to give out with Grange identification on it, as a gift to persons stopping at your display. There are companies which sell such items at a fairly reasonable cost. Consider it a promotional investment.
23. Allow plenty of time for assembling your display. Putting the exhibit up usually takes longer than anticipated. Take all your tools, supplies and a stepstool with you, don't rely on using someone else's, they need to use it too.
24. Plans from the beginning should include taking down the exhibit, what to put items in and where are they going and cleaning up the area.
25. If there are reusable parts, see that the Grange knows where they are stored. (A list given to the Grange Secretary as part of the committee's report at a meeting is one way to keep track of things.)
26. Have a committee meeting after the display to assess the results.

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FAIR JUDGING GRANGE EXHIBIT SCORE SHEET

AGRICULTURAL --- DOMESTIC --- COMBINED (both displayed together)

1. Over All Appearance: More variety, neatly displayed but not overcrowded, color, theme, labeling, quality, etc., receives the higher the score.
2. Theme: Use a simple theme. (*Something that draws the display together and others understand.*)
3. Labeling: Uniform neat labels, the same design, easily read from the front of booth, and securely attached. Not so large to cover the item.
4. Bible and Flag: The US flag should always be displayed left of center from the viewers standpoint.

PRPOPER DISPLAY OF FLAGS AND BIBLE (when facing exhibit)



United States Flag



Bible



State of Maine Flag or Grange Flag if used

5. Agricultural Exhibit: Fresh & canned fruits and vegetables, jams, jellies, pickles & relishes, other canned items, representation of dairy products, eggs, honey & maple syrup, herbs, grains, and grasses. Other Agricultural items, would include: compost, forestry products – wood, wood display, nursery items, seeds, seedlings, floral arrangements, hay, straw, silage, potted plants, etc.
6. Cooked Food: It is in the best interest not to have these items in the exhibit, people are starving all over the world. If your Grange puts cooked food in, keep it away from the front, children have a tendency to touch items that are close, *items should be sprayed to keep flies out and mark "sprayed"*, some cover the items and others do not. Points would be put under "Other Agriculture Items".
7. Dairy Products (Representation): **Do not use real dairy products.** Use substitute items unless otherwise listed in the fair book. (*This is to keep a more attractive looking exhibit and keep the flies away.*)
8. More "Variety", more points. Those components that stand out above the others, can also be rewarded by extra points under "Overall Appearance."
9. Domestic Exhibit: Knit, Crochet, Sewn, other Needlework, Quilts/Quilted items, Wooden Crafted items and Misc. Crafted items, (not classed elsewhere).
10. Miscellaneous Crafted Items 100 points: Examples: Toys, Photography, Art Work, Jewelry plus any other itemed not classed elsewhere.
11. Bonus: Outstanding Workmanship 100 points – Those exceptional items that stand out above the others, show additional workmanship / creativity can also be rewarded or recognized by bonus points. The judge will explain what the bonus points were for.

Combined Exhibit (Agricultural & Domestic Displayed Together) Grand Total 1,200 Points.

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MAINE STATE GRANGE FAIR EXHIBITS AGRICULTURAL / DOMESTIC / COMBINED

FAIR _____ DATE OF FAIR _____

POINTS	ITEM	Grange	Grange	Grange
	GENERAL			
100	Overall Appearance			
25	Theme			
25	Bible & Flag			
50	Labeling			
200	TOTAL GENERAL POINTS			
	AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS			
50	Fresh Vegetable Variety			
40	Canned Vegetable Variety			
50	Fresh Fruit Variety			
40	Canned Fruit Variety			
40	Pickles & Relish Variety			
40	Jams & Jellies Variety			
10	Other Canned Items			
20	Dairy Products (Representation)			
20	Eggs			
30	Honey & Maple Syrup			
30	Herbs / Grains / Grasses			
30	Other Agricultural Items			
100	Quality & Appearance (All items combined)			
500	TOTAL AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS POINTS			
	DOMESTIC & HAND CRAFTED			
50	Knitted Items			
50	Crocheted Items			
50	Sewn Items			
50	Needlework Other			
50	Quilts / Quilted Items			
50	Wooden Crafted Items			
100	Misc. Crafted Items			
100	Bonus: Outstanding Workmanship			
500	TOTAL DOMESTIC POINTS			
1,200	COMBINED DISPLAY GRAND TOTAL			

NO
Jud.



JS Flag should always be displayed left of center from the viewers standpoint.
explain what Bonus Points were given for on the back of sheet

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In keeping with Grange Tradition and Heritage, Grange displays should follow an agricultural theme and attempt to communicate an understanding of the Grange to the general public. We in no way want to abandon the agricultural theme; particularly since these exhibits are placed at Agricultural Fairs! If your Grange has exhibited in the past, think of this as “repackaging” and “updating.”

To assist Granges in developing a display and to provide criteria for judges, the following categories will be considered. It is not necessary for the display to have separate sections for each category. The intention of the display is to capture the interest of passer’s by and create awareness and understanding of Grange and our activities.

At first glance, these guidelines may seem a bit broad and perhaps even “vague”. But judging is that: perception. Instead of focusing on what items are in a booth, we want to focus on how well we communicate with people whose only exposure to Grange may be walking by our displays at the Fair. The overall question exhibitors and judges should ask themselves is “how well are we doing explaining the Grange, its purpose, its members, its activities?”

OVERALL APPEARANCE OF DISPLAY - This includes the use of a theme, proper placement of Flag and Bible, neatness and “attention getting”. 100 points

Judges will consider:

- Does the display have an inviting & welcoming look? Will people stop? (100 points)
- Will people (especially non-members) leave the display with a better understanding of what the Grange is and why they might want to join? (100 points)
- Does the display suggest that being a Grange member is fun and has practical benefits? (100 points)
- Does the display have a clear informational or educational theme and make a statement about the Grange, its heritage, membership and values? (100 points)
- Does the display incorporate most or all of the aspects of Grange? (100 points)

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PRPOPER DISPLAY OF FLAGS AND BIBLE

(when facing exhibit)



United States Flag



Bible



State of Maine Flag or Grange Flag if used



Grand Total Possible 600 points

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MAINE STATE GRANGE EDUCATIONAL GRANGE FAIR EXHIBITS

FAIR _____ DATE OF FAIR _____

Points	CRITERIA	Grange	Grange	Grange
100	Overall Appearance of Display			
100	Does the display have an inviting and welcoming look?			
100	Will people (especially non-members) leave the display with a better understanding of what the Grange is?			
100	Does the display suggest that being a Grange member is fun and has practical benefits?			
100	Does the display have a clear informational or educational theme and make a statement about the Grange, its heritage, membership and values?			
100	Does the display incorporate most or all of the aspects of Grange?			
600	TOTAL EDUCATIONAL POINTS			

COMMENTS

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