

# Junior 1+ Program

## 1+ Program- Individual Junior Membership Class

At the 2013 Annual Session of the National Grange, in Manchester New Hampshire, the delegates adopted changes to the By-Laws allowing an individual membership class for Junior Grange age children (5 to 14) to become members of a Subordinate/Community Grange when no chartered Junior Grange exists.

### Purpose of the 1+ Program

The 1+ program allows your Grange to build a Junior Grange program one member at a time. These individual members become the core group to build a chartered Junior Grange Program. Many children have not had the opportunity to participate in the Junior Grange program because of the number of children required to charter a Junior Grange.

The 1+ Program allows children (age 5-14), the opportunity to become an individual Junior Grange member within a Subordinate/Community Grange. The children do not have a vote in the Grange, but are eligible to participate in all Regional, State, and National programs, contests, and activities on an equal status with members of the chartered Junior Granges. This would also include the National Youth Fair program where it has been adopted within a State.

### Sponsorship

For the 1+ Program, the Subordinate/Community Grange will:

- **Appoint a Junior Grange Leader**
- **Provide a meeting space**
- **Provide financial assistance as necessary**
  - **Granges may dedicate specific fundraising projects for the Junior Grange Program**
- **Occasionally provide meeting time for the individual Junior Grange member(s) to report on their projects**
- **Organize a chartered Junior Grange when there are sufficient individual members to meet that requirement. The individual members shall automatically become members of the newly organized/reorganized Junior Grange. (Please refer to National Grange By-Laws, section 4.6.2 for complete details)**

### How to become a 1+ Program Junior Member

- **An individual child, age 5-14, will complete a Junior Grange membership application and submit it to the sponsoring Grange.**
- **The Junior Grange applicant shall be obligated by the Master/President of the Subordinate/Community Grange. This is completed by using the Obligation Ceremony for Individual Junior Grange Membership, printed in this program book.**
- **Once obligated, the Subordinate/Community Grange secretary will enter the new Junior Grange member on the rolls of the Grange.**
- **Minimum dues for Junior Grange members are \$1.00 and are subject to change per individual State Grange policies.**

### Administration:

#### Leaders

- **Qualifications**
  - **Subordinate/Community Grange member, in good standing**

- **Background clearances**
  - **Check with your State Grange Office for current requirements**
- **Leaders will need:**
  - **National Junior Grange Program Book**
  - **State Program Book(s)**
  - **Access to Junior Grange Passport programs**
  - **To be in constant communication with State Junior Leaders regarding activities and individual Junior Grange membership within the Subordinate/Community Grange**

Reporting Membership Status

- **The Junior Grange member is to be reported by the Subordinate/Community Grange on the provided lines within the quarterly reports and then submitted to the State Grange having jurisdiction.**

*Obligation Ceremony for Individual Junior Grange Membership-1+ Program*

**National Junior Grange 1+ Program**

**Adopted: September 2014**

*Upon submission of a Junior Grange application, and election to membership by the Subordinate/Community Grange members, the individual Grange member will be obligated to membership using the following procedure:*

*Subordinate Officers Participating: Master/President, Lady Assistant Steward, Assistant Steward*

*During the appropriate agenda item for Obligating new members, the President will say"*

**Master: (from their Station)**

**"Worthy Assistants, please escort our newly elected Junior Grange candidate(s) to the Altar for the Junior Grange obligation"**

*LAS and AS will conduct the Junior Grange candidate(s) to the Altar, asking the candidate(s) to stand in the center, facing the Altar and the Master. The assistants stand next to the candidate(s), forming a semi-circle with the candidate(s) in the center. The Master will approach and stand between the Altar and his back to the Graces stations.*

**Lady Assistant Steward:**

**"Worthy Master, it is my pleasure to introduce to you, (give names of candidates), who have been elected to the Junior Grange membership in our Grange. They are presented here to receive the Obligation and words of counsel from you."**

**Master:**

**The Grange is a family organization, welcoming all generations in its Halls and meetings. My young friends, is it your wish to join us as members of this Grange? If so, please say 'It is.'"**

**Candidates:**

**"It is."**

**Master:** *(Direct these words to the parents/guardians of the Junior Grange member(s) facing where they are seated in the Hall)*

**"To the parents and guardians of our Junior Grange candidates, your support and guidance is most important of all. We commend you for your foresight in allowing your children to become Grange members. We ask for your continued encouragement and assistance in their participation and growth in the Grange"**

**Master:** *(Face the Candidates at the Altar)*

**"With your election to membership in this Grange, it is my pleasure to give you the Junior Grange Pledge. The Pledge is a simple promise which you freely give to become part of the Grange Family and to live a good life. In turn, the members of this Grange promise to help and support you as you grow into future leaders in your schools and communities."**

**"Please place your right hand over your heart. I will give the Pledge so that you may clearly understand it"**

*(Master gives the entire Pledge slowly and distinctly)*

**"I Promise – that I will obey – all the rules of the Order, -- and will treat – my fellow members – with respect. – I will try to follow – the good advice – of my parents and teachers – and will do my best – to avoid bad company – and harmful habits."**

**Master:**

**"I welcome you as members of this Grange. Remember, promises are an important commitment. As part of your Grange Family, we promise to encourage you as you continue to grow and learn. We ask you to contribute to our meetings by sharing your discoveries with us. In this way we may learn from you. We want you to know about the Grange; its past, its present, and, most of all, how you can influence its future."**

**"When you turn 14 years old, you will graduate from the Junior Grange Program and once again stand at this Altar, taking the next Pledge as a Subordinate Grange member. From this time until then, you have our promise to encourage you along life's journey."**

**"We extend to you a heartfelt Welcome to our Grange."**

**"Worthy Assistants, please escort our new members to their seats, introduce them and return to your stations."**

*The Assistants will pass by the Master, who will shake each members' hand as they pass. After the last member has passed by, the Master will return to his Station.*

*The Assistants will escort the new members to their seats, introduce them, and return to their Stations.*

