



# 2026

## Maine State Grange

# Agriculture

# Department

# Information

**Agriculture Scholarship Rules and Application**  
**Grange Agricultural Enterprise Award Rules and Application**  
**Fair Score Sheet & how-to suggestions**

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| Jan      | Agricultural Trade Show – Augusta Civic Center   |
| Mar      | Ag Day at the Legislature – We need fudge to pass out  |
| April 20 | Agricultural Scholarships Due to State Grange Office   |
| Aug 1    | Grange Agricultural Enterprise Award (formerly Farm Family) entries due to State Grange Office |



## 2026 MAINE STATE GRANGE AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP RULES

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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 20.** 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:

Agricultural Engineering  
Agricultural Marketing  
Animal Science  
Aquaculture  
Biotechnology  
Consumer Science  
Dairy Science  
Entomology  
Equine Science  
Forestry

Floriculture  
Farm Business Management  
Horticulture  
Pomology  
Poultry Science  
Soil & Water Science  
Sustainable Agriculture  
Veterinarian  
Veterinary Technology

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

*Please make as many copies of the form as you need.*



# 2026 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 include 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:

1. This application completed in full.
2. Three letters of reference by persons who are not related to you and who have knowledge of your agricultural interest and character.
3. 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.
4. Proof of High School grades
5. Any other information that you would like the selection committee to know about you and why you are an excellent candidate for this award.

**April 20 Deadline --- Maine State Grange 146 State St, Augusta 04330**

Email: [mainestategrange@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mainestategrange@myfairpoint.net)



## 2026 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 & phone for the Grange member.
4. The application form approved by the Maine State Grange Agriculture Comm. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

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# GRANGE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AWARD APPLICATION

(Do not need to be Grange members to apply)

Name of Agricultural Enterprise \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Enterprise \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant (if different) than above \_\_\_\_\_

Years Agricultural Enterprise in Operation \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Grange Involvement – Enterprise Owner

Are you an Active Granger? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Length of Grange Service \_\_\_ years

Grange Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

List Grange Degrees Attained \_\_\_\_\_ List Grange Offices Held \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Organizations or Community Involvement

List Other Organizations and Description of Involvement \_\_\_\_\_

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Aug 1 deadline: Mail to Maine State Grange, 146 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330

Or Email to: [mainestategrange@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mainestategrange@myfairpoint.net)



## SUGGESTIONS FOR SETTING UP FAIR BOOTHS AND DISPLAYS

What is the purpose of the display?

1. Have a planning meeting to select a theme, if needed or required. Determine a work schedule for set-up and take-down, source of materials, being sure everyone knows his/her responsibilities.
2. Use a simple theme. (*Something that draws the display together and others understand.*) This can be colors or symbols used throughout the display.
3. Make detailed plans so there is a good balance in the display, exhibit like items together, and consider how color will be used. Use not more than three complementary colors in backgrounds, signs, etc.
4. Be sure the Grange name, number and location are visible.
5. 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.
6. Get information from the Building Superintendent or other contact person, date(s), times and day(s) displays may be set up, what is the deadline time and when (time and day) they will be taken down.
7. 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.
8. Consider having everyone bring what you need for the display to a meeting, at which time, best examples are selected for use. This makes labeling easier, also.
9. Allow plenty of time for assembling your display. Putting the exhibit up usually takes longer than anticipated. Take all your tools, supplies, tape, pins, hooks, screws, etc. and a stepstool with you, don't rely on using someone else's, they need to use it themselves.
10. 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.
11. For displays using agricultural and garden products, select best available samples for the exhibit. Uniformity, good coloring and fresh appearance are important and use appropriate uniform containers/plates and labels.
12. When fresh items (fruits, flowers, vegetables, herbs) are displayed, replace items as often as necessary (if allowed) 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. Ask the building Supt. if you may freshen it up during the fair.
13. Do **not** use fresh dairy products – only use substitute items.

14. Labeling should be uniform and readable from the front of the booth. All lettering (signs, posters, etc.) should have a professional look. *(Some 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.)* 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.)
18. Plywood or lattice work makes a sturdy background. It can be reused if stored properly. Keep the pieces small enough to handle easily 4' x 4' max. Consider how you are going to attach items to it and how the piece is to be held in place.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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](http://www.nationalgrange.org). Allow a few weeks for delivery.
22. If appropriate, have the exhibit manned, but especially when crowds will be in attendance. Keep exhibit areas tidy at all times. Have it checked regularly and often when display is open to the public, especially if it is unmanned.
23. 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.
24. Have a committee meeting after the display to assess the results.



## MAINE STATE GRANGE

### GRANGE EXHIBIT FAIR JUDGING 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 will 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. Flag and Bible: The US flag should always be displayed left of center from the viewers standpoint.

PROPER DISPLAY OF FLAGS AND BIBLE (when facing exhibit)



United States Flag



Bible



State of Maine Flag or Grange Flag if used

5. Bonus: What is the Grange? This is to allow extra points to include brief information or small poster about the Grange, (Agriculture, Community, Family, Activities, Benefits, and Fraternity).
6. Agricultural Exhibit: Fresh & canned vegetables and fruits, pickles & relishes, jams & jellies, honey & maple syrup, other canned items, representation of dairy products, eggs, 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, baked goods, etc.
7. Cooked Food/baked goods: **If** your Grange puts cooked food/baked goods in, *items should be sprayed to keep flies out and marked “sprayed”*, some cover items and others do not. Keep items away from the front, people, especially children, have a tendency to touch items that are close.
8. 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.*)
9. More “Variety”, more points. Those components that stand out above the others, can also be rewarded by extra points under “Overall Appearance.”
10. Domestic Exhibit: Quilts/Quilted items, Knit, Crochet, Sewn, Other Needlework, Crafted Wood items and Misc. Arts & Crafts items, (not classed elsewhere).
11. Miscellaneous Arts & Crafts Items: Examples: Toys, Photography, Art Work, Jewelry, Macramé plus any other items not classed elsewhere.



# MAINE STATE GRANGE FAIR EXHIBITS    AGRICULTURAL / DOMESTIC / COMBINED

FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF FAIR \_\_\_\_\_

| Points |                                         | Grange | Grange | Grange | Grange | Grange | Grange |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|        | <b>GENERAL</b>                          |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 100    | Overall Appearance                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 25     | Use of Theme                            |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 25     | Bible & Flag                            |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Labeling                                |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 5      | Bonus: What is the Grange?              |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|        | <i>GENERAL TOTAL</i>                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|        | <b>AGRICULTURE</b>                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Fresh Vegetable Variety                 |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Fresh Fruit Variety                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Quality / Appearance                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Canned Vegetable Variety                |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Canned Fruit Variety                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Pickles & Relish Variety                |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Jams & Jellies Variety                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 20     | Honey & Maple Syrup                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 20     | Other Canned Items                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Quality / Appearance                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 20     | Dairy Products (Representation)         |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 20     | Eggs                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 20     | Herbs / Grains / Grasses                |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Other Agricultural Items                |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Quality / Appearance                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|        | <i>AGRICULTURE TOTAL</i>                |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|        | <b>DOMESTIC</b>                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 100    | Quilts / Quilted Items                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 100    | Knitted Items                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 100    | Crocheted Items                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 100    | Sewn Items                              |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 100    | Other Needlework                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Quality / Appearance                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 100    | Crafted Wooden Items                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 100    | Misc. Arts & Crafts Items               |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 50     | Quality / Appearance                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|        | <i>DOMESTIC TOTAL</i>                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|        | <b>COMBINED DISPLAY<br/>GRAND TOTAL</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |

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