

**North Carolina State Grange
Scholarship Program Rules
New Applicants
2015**

Eligibility

1. The applicant must have been an active member of the North Carolina State Grange for no less than one year as of April 1, 2015.

Membership Requirements:

The applicant must be a member of either a Community Grange or an Associate member of the North Carolina State Grange. Community Grange members must pay the dues established by that organization or a special rate of \$5.00 per year for student membership. Associate membership dues to the North Carolina State Grange are \$20.00 per year. There is no special student rate for Associate members. Applicants who have not become members prior to April 1, 2014 will not be considered for a scholarship.

2. The applicant must have been accepted to a post secondary institution. Qualifying institutions are two and four year colleges and universities, community colleges or trade schools.
3. The applicant must be applying as a full-time student.
4. The applicant must be able to document active participation in local or State Grange activities. Those who have not participated in Grange activities will not be considered for a scholarship.

Scholarship Information

1. Scholarships will be awarded up to \$1,000 each, which will be paid directly to the institution unless extenuating circumstances exist.
2. The North Carolina State Grange Board of Directors will determine the number of scholarships awarded.

3. Scholarships may be renewed, subject to the eligibility rules of the North Carolina State Grange. Scholarships can be renewed up to three times at the undergraduate level (four years total) and four more years for graduate school for a total of eight years of schooling.
4. High School and College Grades/GPA will be a strong consideration in scholarship selection.

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The Application

1. Application forms are available upon request from the North Carolina State Grange office or on our website at www.ncgrange.com. First time applicants are required to use the **New Applicant** form. Renewal applicants must use the **Renewal Applicant** form.
2. The application must be typed or printed clearly.
3. Applications submitted electronically are required to contain the applicant's signature.
4. No less than **three** letters of recommendation must accompany the application. One of the three letters must come from a Grange leader who is acquainted with the Grange activities in which the applicant has been involved.
5. An official transcript must accompany the application. Transcripts will be reviewed to determine if student is achieving at an acceptable level of performance. High School and College Grades/GPA will be a strong consideration in scholarship selection.
6. A current photograph must be submitted electronically to jwgentry@ncgrange.com in no less than 300 dpi (dots per inch) suitable to be used with a news release.
7. Applications and photographs must be postmarked by **April 1, 2015**. Late applications will not be considered. All required information is due by this deadline, including letters of recommendation and transcripts. Any applications that are missing required information by the deadline will not be considered.

Scholarship Application Checklist

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- _____1. Did you sign the application and pledge?
 - _____2. Did you include three letters of recommendation, including one from a Grange leader? If being sent directly to the State Grange office by the writer, it must be post marked by April 1, 2015.

- _____3. Have you mailed your completed application in time to be postmarked on or before April 1, 2015 with all materials included?
- _____4. Have you mailed a transcript with the application? If the transcript is being sent from the school, it must be postmarked by April 1, 2015.
- _____5. Did you email a photograph to jwgentry@ncgrange.com by April 1, 2015?

North Carolina State Grange
Scholarship Application for New Applicants

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Name of Parent(s) / Guardian(s): _____

Grange: _____ Membership Date (date you joined): _____

Name of Local Newspaper: _____

High School Attended: _____

Briefly describe your future education plans (use additional paper if needed): _____

List extracurricular activities: _____

On additional paper, please list the following items:

1. If you are already enrolled in college, give a more detailed description of college extracurricular activities. (Attach additional pages).
2. Describe in detail your Grange activities including camp, conventions, degrees, local activities, etc. (Attach additional pages).

3. Describe other community activities such as church, scouts, 4-H, community service, etc.
(Attach additional pages).

List name and address of institution where you are enrolled for the fall semester:

Please sign the following pledge:

I, _____, pledge to represent the North Carolina State Grange at my respective college or university as an upstanding citizen and student. I understand that my actions, on or off campus, are a reflection on my character and the character of the North Carolina State Grange. Therefore, I will conduct myself in an appropriate and respectful manner. I will lend a hand to those around me and will strive to be a productive member of my community. I will continue to develop leadership techniques that will assist my future endeavors.

Signature _____

Date _____

► Note: All applications must be typed or printed clearly, mailed and postmarked by April 1, 2015 to the North Carolina State Grange, 1734 Wilkesboro Hwy, Statesville, NC 28625.

Signature

Date