

**North Carolina State Grange  
Scholarship Program Rules  
New Applicants  
2026**

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**Eligibility**

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1. How many months have you been a member of the NC State Grange?

**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 before April 1, 2024, 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 not participating in Grange activities will not be considered for a scholarship.
5. The applicant has a Cumulative Grade Point Average of a minimum of 3.0 at the school which he or she has been attending.

## Scholarship Information

1. Scholarships will be awarded up to \$4,000 each, 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. They 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](http://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. North Carolina State Grange Staff and Board Members are not eligible to write letters of recommendation. Suggestions include: local Grange officers and members, teachers, mentors, camp counselors, and supervisors. Criteria for recommendation letters: The writer shares his or her relationship with the applicant, the applicant's involvement in the organization or group, and growth over a period of time, examples of the applicant's skills or achievements and why they should be selected.
5. An official transcript must accompany the application. Transcripts will be reviewed to determine if the student is achieving 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 [dallen@ncgrange.com](mailto:dallen@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, 2026. 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 the required information by the deadline will not be considered.**
8. Applicant must certify that they have completed no less than 10 hours of community service during the past year from April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

I certify that I have completed at least 10 hours of community service during the past year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 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 postmarked by April 1, 2026.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_3. Have you mailed your completed application, with all materials included, in time for it to be postmarked on or before April 1, 2026?
  
- \_\_\_\_\_4. Have you mailed a transcript with the application? If the school is sending the transcript, it must be postmarked by April 1, 2026.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_5. Did you email a photograph to [dallen@ncgrange.com](mailto:dallen@ncgrange.com) by April 1, 2026?

**North Carolina State Grange  
Scholarship Application for New Applicants**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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): \_\_\_\_\_

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List extracurricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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, FFA, community service, etc. Detail your involvement in community service projects that you have been a

part of, including, but not limited to, initiation, planning, coordinating, and implementing the projects. While participation in all community service projects are encouraged and recognized, additional weight will be given to projects that the applicant has initiated, planned and developed. (Attach additional pages).

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

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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 of my character and the character of the North Carolina State Grange. Therefore, I will conduct myself appropriately and respectfully. 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, mailed, and postmarked by April 1, 2026, to the North Carolina State Grange, 1734 Wilkesboro Hwy, Statesville, NC 28625.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I grant the NC Grange the right to use and / or distribute photographs for press releases. I understand that pictures submitted may be used to promote the youth programs via newspaper, website, brochures, social media, newsletter, etc. I give my consent to the NC Grange to use such items for promotional purposes only, including press releases to local newspapers for promotion of the NC Grange.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date