



# Illinois State Grange

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## Illinois State Grange Scholarship Application.

Please read the material carefully as some of the requirements have changed - make certain the application and all supporting documents will reach the Illinois State Grange Secretary via email preferably ([robinkindberg5@gmail.com](mailto:robinkindberg5@gmail.com)) or USPS mail by the deadline of 9:00PM **February 29, 2024**. Remember the recommendation letter should be sent directly to me from the President or another member if parent is President. Winners will be selected at the March 7, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting.

Be sure to follow the guidelines that are enclosed and remember this is a Grange Scholarship so Grange involvement accounts heavily towards the selection process.

Applications will be evaluated on the following: Grange Involvement (40%), Academic Performance (20%) School Activities (20%), and Community Activities (20%). At the Executive Committee meeting in March the decision pertaining to scholarships will be made, notification of the decision will be shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact me via email or text and leave a message 815-978-0452 or [robinkindberg5@gmail.com](mailto:robinkindberg5@gmail.com)

Fraternally,  
Robin Kindberg  
Illinois State Grange Secretary

Enclosures - Scholarship Guidelines and Information  
- Personal information  
- President Recommendation Form

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES and INFORMATION

Applicant must be an active member in good standing of a Subordinate Grange for at least one year prior to selection date.

Applicant must be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student in a college, university, vocational, technical or trade school program.

Applicant MUST:

1. Complete all necessary forms
2. Include most recent school transcripts (an original or a copy of an original transcript that is certified or stamped by Registrar or Admissions office. This is a requirement for all scholarship applicants.
3. On a separate sheet of paper include a detailed list of Grange Activities – include State, Regional, Pomona, Subordinate and Junior (if applicable) for at least the past two years. This is very important.
4. On the page with Grange Activities include a list of extra-curricular activities for school, community service and work if related to community service
5. Answer the following essay in a minimum of 250 to maximum of 500 words:  
**“What keeps you Rooted in the Grange? “**
6. Furnish 3 letters of recommendation from 3 separate sources other than parents or relatives and 1 of those letters must be from your Subordinate Grange President – (form for them is enclosed ) and they can be emailed to the Illinois State Grange Secretary ([robinkindberg5@gmail.com](mailto:robinkindberg5@gmail.com)).
7. Applicant must return completed application and all supporting documentation to the Illinois State Grange Secretary via email ([robinkindberg5@gmail.com](mailto:robinkindberg5@gmail.com)) before 9:00PM on **February 29, 2024**.
8. Applicant **MUST ATTEND** a Statewide Grange Event/Activity-For example: Spring Fling (March 2024), Statewide Grange Picnic (May 2024) or Midwestern Regional Conference (June 2024), State Session (Sept 13-15, 2024), GRIT (Oct 2024), or the Leadership Conference (TBD) in order to receive your Scholarship check.

## INFORMATION

The President, Vice-President, and Executive Committee of the Illinois State Grange shall have complete control over awarding of the scholarships.

If the applicant is awarded a scholarship but is unable to use it for any reason this current academic year then the applicant will be given 30 days to repay the scholarship in full back to the Illinois State Grange. If after 30 days it is not repaid the applicant will be charged 2% interest until it is totally repaid back. Applicant can come before the Executive Committee for an appeal.

Personal Information Form

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address, City, State, Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
4. Parents' or Guardian Names (if applicant under 18) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of Grange \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of years – Subordinate member \_\_\_\_\_, Junior Member \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> (\_\_\_\_), 6<sup>th</sup> (\_\_\_\_), 7<sup>th</sup> (\_\_\_\_) degree?
8. Name of High School graduated from and year \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name of College, University, Vocational, Technical or Trade School you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture or related fields, \_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Education, \_\_\_\_\_ Nursing or medical field or \_\_\_\_\_ Other.

Name of field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

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Failure to do so will eliminate the applicant's name as scholarship candidate.

Applicant hereby certifies that all information provided is true and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge and any falsification of information will cause the application to be forfeited.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

This section of the Illinois State Grange Scholarship application is to be completed by the President of the Subordinate Grange of the applicant and must be emailed ([robinkindberg5@gmail.com](mailto:robinkindberg5@gmail.com)) to the Illinois State Grange Secretary prior to the date of **February 29, 2024**.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

If the President is a relative to the Applicant then please ask someone else who is not a relative to the applicant to complete this form. May use a separate sheet of paper include the following, sign and date it and email it to address above.

In the letter of recommendation include the following information about the applicant:

- ◆ Attendance at meetings
- ◆ Offices held
- ◆ Membership promotion
- ◆ Ritualism - Degree work – do they hold an office or fill in sometimes
- ◆ Committee participation
- ◆ Community Service involvement
- ◆ Other Comments

This can be emailed to me on separate piece of paper but be sure to include above information and sign the form or mail it to me.

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Signature of President/Representative  
Grange Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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If necessary mail it to : Illinois State Grange Secretary

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