

4H & FFA



Learning

Leadership

Fun

Friendship



Opportunity



Responsibility

WHO WE ARE

The Grange is a family, community organization with its roots in agriculture. Founded in 1867, the Grange was formed as a national organization with a local focus. Our members are given the opportunity to learn and grow to their full potential as citizens and leaders.

The family is the base of the organization with full membership beginning at age 14. Women have been equal members since the inception of the Grange. We have a Junior Grange program for children age 5 to 14, that has helped the youngest members of the family learn about community values and citizenship for more than 100 years. Our Grange Youth program develops the leadership skills of our young adults and young married couples.

The foundation of the organization is the Community Grange, which can be found in rural, suburban and urban communities. Faith, hope, charity, and fidelity are the basic lessons of the Community Grange.

The Grange has four levels, Community, County or District, State, and National to ensure that the membership's voice is heard at the appropriate place. Our membership sets the direction and activities for their Community Grange in true grassroots fashion, and those decisions seep up to the national level. Nonpartisan legislative advocacy, educational programs, service projects, and social interaction and networking are just a few of the ways local Granges serve their communities and members.

Spencer Creek Grange #855

4-H / FFA Youth Award Program: 2025 deadline November 28th, 2026.

Ages 13–18

Eligibility

To qualify for this award program, applicants must be:

- An active member of Lane County 4-H, or
- An active member of Lane County FFA

Application Submission:

- 1) Mail the completed application and all supporting materials to:

Spencer Creek Grange No. 855
PO Box 25425
Eugene, OR 97402

Program Overview

The Spencer Creek Grange #855 4-H/FFA Award Program is designed to support local youth in the Lane County and Spencer Creek area as they develop skills in agriculture, leadership, and community outreach, while also supporting their individual 4-H or FFA projects.

This program reflects the long-standing Grange tradition of supporting agriculture, youth development, and community service. Through the application and award process, the Grange hopes to further strengthen participants' leadership, writing, communication, and presentation skills.

Selection Process

- The Spencer Creek Grange Executive Committee will review and screen all submitted applications.
- The committee will select the top applicants.

- These applications will be presented to the Spencer Creek Grange membership.
 - Final selection will be determined by a popular vote of the Grange membership.
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Awards

- Award amounts range from \$75 to \$600, depending on the content, complexity, creativity, and effort demonstrated in the application essay and presentation.
- Proposed award amounts will be voted on and approved by the Grange membership.
- Award recipients will be invited to attend a Spencer Creek Grange monthly meeting for formal recognition.
- Applications and awards are offered on a semi-annual basis.

Spencer Creek Grange #855

4-H / FFA Award Program Application

Ages 13-18

Applicant

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

4H/FFA Leader

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Essay Requirements

Each applicant must submit a 500-word essay addressing the topics listed below. Essays may incorporate multimedia elements (photos, videos, presentations, etc.) if desired.

Applications will be evaluated based on content, complexity, creativity, and overall effort.

Submission must be the applicant's own independent work.

Required Essay Topics

Your essay must address **all** of the following:

- How did you develop your interest in agriculture, leadership, and/or community outreach through 4-H or FFA?
- What was your most recent 4-H or FFA project? What did you learn, what new skills did you develop, and how did the project impact you?
- What have you learned about yourself through participation in 4-H or FFA? What leadership and/or social skills have you gained?
- How would you use this award if selected?

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent: I consent to my child's participation in this scholarship application and the described information for their project. I assume all liability for my child's participation in this scholarship and project.

Essay Content

Important Dates

- **Postmark Deadline:** November 28th, 2026.
(The application form and all supporting materials must be included in the initial submission.)
- **Recipient Selection:**
Final award recipients will be selected by the Spencer Creek Grange membership within 30 days.

Applicants may apply **every year**, and each application is reviewed independently. We receive many applications and carefully consider each one. If you are not selected this time, please do not be discouraged—there will be many future opportunities.

We know you're excited to apply, and we want you to feel good about trying! Please remember to send in everything at once, like your application and any papers or pictures that help show what you've done. If you win, we'll let you know within 30 days after everyone has sent in their applications. You can apply every year, and each time we look at your application all on its own, so you always have a fresh chance! We get lots of entries and look at each one carefully. If you don't win this time, don't worry—there will be more chances to try again, and we hope you do!

Spencer Creek Grange 4H/FFA scholarship committee
For questions please contact: Mary Hurley at
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