## PA Junior Grange Ambassador Contest Guidelines

- 1. **The Junior Grange Ambassador** candidate must be a member of a PA Junior Grange or a Junior member of a PA Subordinate Grange (the 1+ program) for at least three consecutive years.
- 2. The Junior Grange Ambassador candidate must have their parents' or guardians' consent to compete. A form will be sent to the candidate after Camp Registration has been received, if they indicate on their form that they want to compete.
- 3. JG Ambassador candidates must have observed their 12th through their 15th Birthday by December 31 of the year they are competing at State Camp. (This means Junior Ambassador candidates may range in age from 11 to 14 during camp. Candidates are not limited to the number of times they may compete in these years.)
- 4. Ambassador Candidates will be take the Grange Ritual/Knowledge Test at State Camp. Depending on their score, they may be selected to continue with up to 3 other candidates (a maximum of 4 for each gender).
- 5. The Junior Grange Ambassador candidates will be judged in the following areas: an informal group interview, a personal interview, speaking ability (impromptu question), behavior and interaction around camp, and an essay titled, "Why I want to be the next PA Junior Grange Ambassador."

NOTE: Except in the case of an absolute 'tie' among judges, Grange Knowledge Test scores have no bearing on final choices - they are merely used to choose the contestants.

**Essays** are due to the PA Junior Director (<u>pajuniorgrange@gmail.com</u>) **by Sunday**, **June 25**. Essays must be at least one-page long in a standard font. Essays from potential candidates are due before camp to allow Ambassador contestants the time and ability to put time and thought into their essays, and to truly put their "best foot forward."

6. The PA Junior Grange Director and Committee reserve the right to make changes to the Junior Grange Ambassador Program as they deem appropriate, in the event that a change is needed or if one of the guidelines needs to be clarified or edited. The PAJG Director and Committee also reserve the right to remove any contestant from the competition, if behavior dictates.



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