

Applications Sought for the 2017 Clarence Sprague-John West Scholarships and Grants Program

The New Hampshire Grange Foundation invites applications for the 2017 Clarence Sprague-John West Awards, an educational scholarship and grant program. New Hampshire residents pursuing an education related to agricultural production, economics or education, in that order of priority, are welcome to submit applications. Preference is given to Grange members and their direct relatives.

The New Hampshire Grange was bequeathed a generous gift of money from Clarence Sprague, a successful businessman who benefitted from a local Grange scholarship in his youth. A separate NH Grange Foundation has been established by the NH State Grange to administer these funds and oversee the program. The scholarships are named the Clarence Sprague-John West Awards, after the benefactor and a dedicated Grange member and teacher.

Awards are available in five categories of Scholarships and grants:

Post-Secondary: student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education leading to a degree

Continuing Re-certification: enrolled in a program to meet requirements of re-certification for a licensed position

General Equivalency Diploma: for the cost of classes or testing for a GED diploma

Adult Education Enrichment: course, seminar or program designed to improve skills

Farm Internship and Agricultural Program: an informal education program related to farming or agribusiness.

One application form may be used to apply for any of the five categories. The application may be submitted electronically, or printed and mailed. Awards will vary up to \$1000 each. Visit the NH Grange Foundation website to download an application and criteria,

<http://www.nhgrange.org/Grange%20Foundation/default.html>. The 2017 application deadline is May 20th. For more information contact the NH Grange Foundation at nhgrangefoundation@gmail.com.

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