

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
TALENT CONTEST RULES
2011

There are three classes in the talent contest:

A. Vocal

B. Instrumental

C. Variety - performances using skill, timing, gracefulness, dexterity of body movement, etc. These "novelty acts" would include dancing, skits, monologues, readings, etc. Vocal and instrumental music, except for background music, cannot exceed 30% of the total performance time.

Note: Contestants with speeches should enter the public speaking contest. Please refer to the Public Speaking Contest Rules in the Youth Department.

Note: Recitation performances in sign language should be entered in the sign-a-song contest. Please refer to the Sign-a-Song Contest rules in the youth department.

Contest Rules:

1. The Grange Talent Contest at the district level is open to both Grange members and non-members. If the district winners desire to advance to the State Grange Talent Contest, all participants must become Grange members by June 15.
2. All performers must be 13 ½ years of age by the time of the State Grange Talent Contest. Those under 13 ½ years of age are encouraged to enter the Junior Grange Talent Contest. All performers must be Grange members by the state contest..
3. Participants need not be members of the same Grange.
4. Taped accompaniment for vocal acts may include background voices, but it must be background voices only. No voices allowed on taped accompaniment for instrumental acts.
5. All costumes should be considered appropriate for the type of act being presented.
6. There is no minimum time limit. The maximum time limit is six minutes. Two points per minute, or portion thereof, will be deducted from the total points for performances going over time.
7. In acts consisting of more than one performer, no substitutions may be made for performers. The act may be performed with fewer participants, but may not add or replace "judged" performers at the next level of competition. Accompanists are not judged, therefore accompanists may change.
8. Any contestant displaying inappropriate behavior before, during or after the district and/or state contests may be disqualified from the contest and/or suspended from future contests at the discretion of contest officials.
9. If there is a National Grange Talent Show, the Best of Show winner in the state contest will be eligible to represent our state in that show. Flight and two nights lodging will be paid by the State Grange Talent Travel Fund.
10. Registration Process: All entrants must be registered with the Lecturer Team Member in charge of the District Contest. If there are no registered entrants by April 15, the district contest will be cancelled. No one will be allowed to enter once the district contest has started.
11. State Contest: Two entries will represent each district in each class of the state contest. The State Contest will be held during the Annual State Grange Convention.
11. The following score card will be used in the talent contest: Stage Presence - 15%; Appropriateness of Dress or Costume - 5%; Preparation and Skill of Presentation - 60%; Suitability of Number - 15%; and Audience Appeal - 5%.
12. Awards: Rosettes and/or ribbons will be presented to all entries in the district talent contest. The Grange Insurance Group will award \$50 to each entry in the state contest, \$50 to the first place winner in each of the three classes at the state contest, \$500 to the Best of Show winner in the State contest, and \$200 to the Best of Show Runner-up in the State contest. The WA State Grange will provide plaques to the first place winner in each class at the state contest and trophies for the Best of Show and Best of Show Runner-up in the state contest.

District Contests: There will be four district contests in 2011 at the following locations:

Northeast District: May 1, 2011 at 3 p.m. at the Williams Valley Grange Hall in Stevens County. Includes Chelan, Douglas, Excelsior, Ferry, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane and Stevens Pomonas. Coordinated by Ann Fackenthal.

Northwest District: May 1, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Tualco Grange Hall in Snohomish County. Includes Island, King, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Pomonas. Coordinated by Leslie Jo Wells and Jennifer Oliver.

Southeast District: May 1, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Burbank Grange Hall in Walla Walla County. Includes Adams, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas, Klickitat, Riverside, Sunnyside, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Pomonas. Coordinated by Laura Lyle.

Southwest District: May 1, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Violet Prairie Grange Hall in Thurston County. Includes Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Pomonas. Coordinated by Marilyn Armit.

GRANGE TALENT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(send by April 1 to your District Talent Contest Coordinator)

Class Entered: Vocal Instrumental Variety

Name of Contestant _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone _(_____) _____

Grange Member: yes no Grange Name _____

Briefly Describe Your Act _____

List Any Special Equipment or Requirements _____

Send entry form by April 1 to:

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