

2024 GRANGE FAIR BOOTH CONTEST

The objective of the fair booth program is to improve public opinion of the Grange and the community it serves by telling the story of agriculture. Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Entries are due to the State Lecturer, postmarked by October 31.
2. The entry shall consist of a report (400 words maximum) describing the display and shall be accompanied by photographs and/or newspaper clippings. All photos and clippings shall be attached to a piece of paper/cardstock – in other words...no loose clippings or photos. Clear, concise photos are important since the judges cannot see the actual booth. The report shall be no more than 8 total pages. The entry must be in a folder of some type (No hard cover binders.) Judging will be done by three qualified judges.
3. The front page of the report shall include the following information: Grange name and number, name of the fair entered, contact person's name and mailing address, and division entered.
4. Subordinate Granges: There will be two divisions: Division I - Produce; and Division II - Project. Each subordinate Grange putting a display in any fair are eligible to enter the contest. Granges participating in multiple fairs may have multiple entries. Prizes in each division are sponsored by the Washington State Grange and will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.
5. Pomona Granges: There will be two divisions: Division I - Produce; and Division II - Project (either agricultural, educational, or informational). Each Pomona Grange putting a display in any fair is eligible to enter the contest. Pomona Granges participating in multiple fairs may have multiple entries. Prizes in each division will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.
6. Grange Youth Groups: Grange Youth (ages 14-35) Groups creating a display and entering it in the name of the youth group at any fair are eligible for this class in the state contest. All displays will be judged in one division using the Project Division Score sheet. Prizes, sponsored by the Washington State Grange, are: First Place - \$50; Second Place - \$30; and Third Place - \$20.
7. Judging criteria in the Produce Division: Booth Arrangement and Design - 200 points; Livestock Products (quality, quantity, and variety) - 200 points; Agricultural Products/Seeds/Grains (quality, quantity, and variety) - 200 points; Horticultural Products (quality, quantity, and variety of herbs, forest products, fruits, nursery stock, flowers, etc.) - 200 points; and Vegetables (quantity, quality, and variety) - 200 points; total of 1000 possible points.
8. Judging criteria in the Project Division: Choice of Message - 20 points; Supporting Data - 30 points; Visualization of Message/Design of Display - 30 points; and Originality - 20 points; total of 100 possible points.