

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

1. This contest is open to both Grange members and non-members. Non-members must be sponsored by a subordinate Grange.
2. All entries must be either typed or neatly written on 8 ½" x 11" paper. Illegible entries will be disqualified.
3. The following should be placed on the top right corner on the front of the entry: Name of entrant, Grange name and number, and Group/Class entered.
4. The **Poetry** Topic for 2018 is "**Water**". The maximum length is 300 words.
5. The **Short Story** Topic for 2018 is "**It happened in Washington State**". The maximum length is 500 words. Your short story should entertain the reader.
6. The **Essay** Topic for 2018 is "**Why everyone should visit Washington State**". The maximum length is 500 words. Your essay should provide information for the reader.
7. The **Book Review** should complete the statement "**I recommend this book because...**" The maximum length is 500 words. Remember, you don't re-tell the story of the book – you evaluate/critique the overall book.
8. All entries are due by April 1 to the State Lecturer.
9. Judging criteria: a team of judges will evaluate each entry using the following criteria: Originality and Organization; Adherence to Topic and Contest Rules; and grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness.
9. Prizes: All entries will receive blue, red and green ribbons. First, second, and third place in each class will receive rosettes. Cash prizes will be awarded as listed below.
10. Creative writing books, with selected entries printed, will be available at the State Grange Convention. Cost of the book will depend on the number of entries.

Group A – Adults, age 20 and over

The Best of Show entry in this group will received \$50 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25

- A-1 – Poetry – Metered
- A-2 – Poetry – Free Verse
- A-3 – Short Story
- A-4 – Essay
- A-5 – Book Review

Group B – Youth, ages 14-19

The Best of Show entry in this group will received \$50 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25

- B-1 – Poetry – Metered
- B-2 – Poetry – Free Verse
- B.3 – Short Story
- B-4 – Essay
- B-5 – Book Review