

WA STATE GRANGE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Theme – "2016 - MOUNTAINS"

Theme – "2017 - FARMERS"

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. There is a maximum of 300 words for poetry entries.
4. There is a maximum of 500 words for short story and essay entries. A short story is meant to entertain the reader. An essay is meant to inform the reader.
5. All entries are due by April 1 to the State Lecturer.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Judging criteria: a team of judges will evaluate each entry using the following criteria: Originality and Organization; Adherence to Theme 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. Age will be as of January 1 of the current year.

Group A – Adults, age 20 and over

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$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 Stories

A-4 – Essay

Group B – Youth, ages 14-19

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$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 Stories

B-4 – Essay

Group C – Juniors, ages 11-13

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$15.

C-1 – Poetry

C-2 – Short Stories

C-3 – Essays

Group D – Juniors, ages 8-10

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$15.

D-1 – Poetry

D-2 – Short Stories

D-3 – Essays

Group E – Juniors, ages 5-7

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$15.

E-1 – Poetry

E-2 – Short Stories

E-3 – Essays