

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE TALENT CONTEST
2017

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, comedy, etc.

Note: Contestants with speeches should enter the public speaking contest. Please refer to the Public Speaking 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. Juniors may enter the District Contest and will go on to State Jr. Grange Talent 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 five 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: A maximum of five entries may represent each district in the state contest, regardless of class entered. The State Contest will be held during the Annual State Grange Convention.
12. 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%.
13. 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 to be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Locations for the district contests are:

Eastern District: April 23, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Five Mile Prairie Grange Hall in Spokane County. Includes Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Excelsior, Franklin, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Snake River, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman Pomonas. Coordinated by Carol Evans.

Northwest District: April 23, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Valley Grange hall in Snohomish County. Includes Island, King, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Pomonas. Coordinated by Gary and Tarey Kay.

Central District: April 23, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Buena Grange Hall in Yakima County. Includes Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Riverside, Sunnyside, and Yakima Pomonas. Coordinated by Terry Abbott, State Lecturer.

Southwest District: April 23, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the South Union Grange Hall in Thurston County. Includes Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Pomonas. Coordinated by Judy Steigmann and Davona Gwin.