

Talent Contest

Categories:

- A. Vocal
- B. Instrumental
- C. Variety Acts

Rules:

- Groups may include Junior Grangers or children too young for membership; however, at least half must be Subordinate/ Community Grange members.
- Participants need not be members of the same Grange.
- Taped accompaniment for vocals must be instrumental only.
- Live accompanist for vocals need not be a Grange member.
- No taped accompaniment for instrumentals.
- Sign language will be permitted in the variety act category. Two weeks notification must be given prior to the competition, so that a sign language judge can be at the performance.
- Each participant must perform at their Subordinate/Community Grange or at their Pomona Grange.
- Subordinate/Community Granges are **not** limited to one entry per category.
- Judging will be held at the State Grange Convention in June. Contestants must make their own arrangements for attending the State Grange Convention.
- Contestants must check in with the State Lecturer at least two hours before the Talent contest for a sound check.
- An entrant that represented Oregon in the National Grange "Evening of Excellence" will not be allowed to compete in the following year's contest.
- Each Subordinate/Community Grange Lecturer must contact the State Lecturer with their contestant's name, address and phone number, Grange name and number no later than **June 1**.

The Best of Show Talent winner will be provided with three nights' lodging and travel fare to the National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington in November, where they will represent Oregon and perform in the National Grange "Evening of Excellence." National Grange will award each participant \$100.

Judging Criteria:	Points
Personal appearance	5
Poise	15
Skill of presentation	60
Suitability of number	15
Audience appeal	5
Possible:	100

Maximum time is **5:00** minutes, which includes any time required to set up and take down props used in the act. Minimum time limit is **3** minutes. Two points per minute or portion thereof will be deducted from total points for all performances going over or under the time limit.

Prizes: 1st place: \$30, 2nd place: \$20, 3rd place: \$10 in each category.