

Talent Contest

Categories:

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

Rules:

- Each contestant must be a Grange member, but the accompanist for a vocal entry does not have to be a member.
- Groups need not be members of the same Grange.
- Groups can include Junior Grangers or 1+ Junior members; however, at least half must be Subordinate/ Community Grange members.
- Subordinate/Community Granges are **not** limited to one entry per category.
- Taped accompaniment for vocal entries must be instrumental only.
- Taped accompaniment is not allowed for instrumental acts.
- Sign language is permitted in the variety act category. However, two weeks notification must be given prior to the competition, so that a sign language judge can be at the performance.
- Judging will be held at the State Grange Convention in June. Contestants must make their own arrangements for attending the State Grange Convention.
- **NEW** Contestants must sign up with State Lecturer no later than noon on **Saturday June 23** and participate in a sound check at least two hours before the contest.
- Those who represent Oregon at the National Grange are not allowed to compete in the following year.

Judging Criteria:

Points

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

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

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

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