

## Oregon/National Contests

Contestants must be Junior Grange members. Children between the ages 5 and 14 can join your Subordinate/Community Grange as 1+ members by paying an initiation fee of \$1 and \$1 annual dues. Your Master will administer the Junior Grange Obligation. Your Secretary will list the Junior's name, address, and birth date on your next quarterly report. Your Grange retains the \$2 payment.

Junior contestants in many National contests are not required to enter the Oregon contest before submitting an entry at National level. Download the entire National Junior Grange Program Guide from the National Grange website or the Junior section of the Oregon State Grange website to explore your opportunities. Although travel expenses to Regional and National contests are the responsibility of the contestant's family, participation at the Oregon State Grange Convention invites support from Granges and Grangers across the state. The deadline for National contest entries is **October 1**.

The Oregon Talent, Public Speaking, and Signing contests are part of the Lecturer's program the first day of the convention. Participants must register in the Junior Room at the Klamath County Fairgrounds by **noon on Saturday, June 20**.

If no one from your Grange is attending the convention, you can mail entries to the State Grange office (643 Union St. NE, Salem 97301) postmarked no later than **June 1**. Include with each entry the contestant's name, birth date, Grange name and number. Electronic entries may be sent by email to the Junior Director no later than **June 1**.

- Include with each entry the contestant's name, birth date, Grange name and number.
- If your Junior requires special exceptions from the standard rules, include a letter explaining the situation.
- Age groups (Age as of January 1)
  - 5 to 7 years
  - 8 to 10 years
  - 11 to 14 years
- Awards in each age group (except as otherwise noted): 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$5, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$2. Awards will be divided among participants in group entries.
- All participants will receive certificates.