



2020 STATE GRANGE CONTESTS PACKET

FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS:

Contests that are held at Winter Youth Conference!

Check out these contests for a chance to win trips to the Regional Youth Leadership Conference and the National Grange Convention.

Big Prizes are in store for contest winners, so don't miss out on your chance to show off your skills or learn some new ones!



**Public Speaking
Contest**

**Impromptu Public
Speaking Contest**

**Radio Spot Speech
Contest**

**Sign-a-Song
Contest**

**Sign Language
Contest**

**CONTEST DETAILS AND
ENTRY FORMS FOR
THESE FOUR
CONTESTS ARE
INCLUDED.**

Enter contests online
through the Winter
Conference registration by
January 30, 2020

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

RULES and DETAILS:

1. Participants MUST be Grange Members.
2. Participants can compete once in each Category for their age division.
3. Participants must follow the rules for each type of speech category.
4. Participants must follow time requirements for each category.
5. For state, regional and national public speaking contests, props will be allowed, but must be appropriately sized for the room. Points can be deducted for props.

AGE DIVISIONS

- Youth: 14 – 21 years of age
- Young Adult: 22 – 35 years of age

CATEGORY A: PREPARED SPEECH

Topic: Contestant's choice
Time Limits: Minimum 3 minutes, Maximum 5 minutes
Details: Contestants are required to answer an impromptu question at the end of their speech. Question will be related to the speech topic.

CATEGORY B: RADIO SPOT SPEECH

Topic: Pretend you are a DJ and you're doing a commercial for Grange.
Time: 60 seconds, exactly
Details: May include 1 – 2 people. May include music / sound effect introduction and/or background. Anything spoken must be done by the contestant(s). Must provide and operate own music / sound effects. Must provide a complete script (include sound notations). Music/sound effect intros and endings are part of the 60 seconds. Should relate to the Grange, be original, and be created by the contestant.

CATEGORY C: IMPROMPTU SPEECH

Topic: Participants draw 2 topics, select one of the two, and return the other topic not used.
Time: Minimum of 1 minute, maximum of 5 minutes.
Details: An impromptu speech is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. Participants can sign up for this contest at the conference.
Timekeeper: Timekeeper will hold up hand at the 1-minute mark, then again at the 4½ minute mark so speaker knows when to stop.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- **Technical Elements:** Waited till audience was ready; good use of hands; used good eye contact; used appropriate gestures (facial expressions, body language); good articulation; spoke loudly enough; used English appropriate to the speech context; dressed professionally.
- **Organizational elements:** captured the audience's attention immediately; formulated a clear thesis; followed an organizational pattern (introduction, body, conclusion); attempted appropriate specificity.
- *One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established.*

PRIZES

- **State Contest:** NC Grange will award ribbons to the top 3 contestants. First place winner in the prepared speech category will receive a trip to compete at the Regional Conference.
- **Regional Contest:** National Grange will provide ribbons to the top 3 contestants in each division and age category along with cash prizes: 1st place = \$20, 2nd place = \$15, and 3rd place = \$10, and Best of Show = \$25. Best of Show winner will present speech at the National Convention in November.
- **National Contest:** National trip provided by the NC Grange. National winner receives \$100 from National Grange.

SIGN-A-SONG CONTEST

DESCRIPTION:

Participants learn how to sign a song of their choice in sign language and perform it for the contest.

CATEGORIES:

- A. **SINGLE Sign-a-song:** one person signs a song in sign language
 - a. **Novice:** beginner; has had 3 or less sign language classes; entered contest 2 or less years
 - b. **Hobbyist:** signs occasionally for fun; entered contest more than 2 years
- B. **GROUP Sign-a-song:** 2 or more people sign a song together

RULES and DETAILS:

1. Participants choose a song and sign the words with the song.
2. Participants must provide their own music, either CD or ipod / mp3
3. Participants must be Grange Members.
4. Participants must provide 3 copies of the words they are signing (for both State AND Regional contests).
5. Props and costumes are permitted.
6. Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing may not enter.
7. Only one song may be signed during the competition performance.
8. Participants must sign their own name and song title.
9. Participants must inform the audience and judges what type of sign language they will be using (pidgin, ASL, ESL, etc).
10. Songs must be appropriate for a youth audience and must not contain vulgar language.

JUDGING GUIDELINES:

POINTS

• Use of total communication skills, sign language ability, signs clearly, correct interpretation	32
• Body expression, display emotion, express key thoughts with body movement, mouth words	30
• Presentation, interpret with confidence, uniformity (group)	25
• Appropriate song selection suitable for the participants' signing abilities	10
• Signed own name	1
• Signed title of song	1
• Informed judges and audience of type of sign language being used	1
TOTAL	100

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3. **National Contest:** Trip provided by the NC Grange. National winner receives \$100 from the National Grange.

SIGN LANGUAGE CONTEST

DESCRIPTION:

Participants compete by showing the proper sign for a word in sign language.

CATEGORIES:

- Youth (ages 14 – 20)
- Young Adult (ages 21 – 35)

RULES and DETAILS:

1. Participants must be Grange Members.
2. Participants will be given a word to sign using American Sign Language. One point is given for each word signed correctly.
3. Depending on the number of participants, the contest will be held in three rounds.
4. The person with the most points (most words correct) wins. There is one winner per age category.
5. A suggested list of words to learn is provided below to help as a guide.

JUDGING GUIDELINES

- Must show the correct sign for each word given in order to receive a point
- Points are not given unless the sign is completely correct, not half correct

PRIZES

State Contest: Held at Winter Youth Conference, the NC State Grange will award ribbons to the top 3 entrants in the contest in each age category. This contest is unique only to the NC State Grange Youth Program, therefore there is no regional or national contest to compete in.

WORD GUIDE

(100 words are listed below that you can learn to help in the contest!)

Amen	Cross	Heaven	Over	Sun
America	Crown	Help	Pain	Take
Army	Dark	Hot	People	Tall
Away	Day	In	Pig	Ten
Bathroom	Destroy	Island	Pizza	Thank you
Beautiful	Dinosaur	Lamb	Please	Toilet
Because	Dirt	Life	Red	Tree
Believe	Dream	Light	River	Truck
Bird	Earth	Make	Sad	Turtle
Blood	Father	Man	Save	Ugly
Blue	Fight	Moment	Shine	Under
Boat	Fire	Money	Sky	Wait
Brother	Friend	Monkey	Smart	Walk
Button	Go	Mother	Song	Want
Cheese	God	Mountain	Sorry	Water
Chicken	Gold	Name	Spoon	Woman
Church	Grace	Night	Stand	World
Close	Hamburger	No	Stars	Wow
Confusion	Happy	Now	Start	Yellow
Cow	Harmony	Orange	Strong	Yes

CONTEST ENTRY FORM

To sign up for contest entry, please visit the Grange Website at www.ncgrange.com and register for contests online when you register to attend the 2020 Winter Youth Conference.

NOTE:

All contests will be held at the Winter Youth Conference, Saturday February 8, 2020 at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. Depending on the contest(s) you enter, please do not forget to bring required items such as music, song lyrics, speech outlines and appropriate attire.

Contestants winning First Place in Prepared Public Speaking, Group and Individual Sign-a-Song will be invited to compete at the Regional Youth Conference in July 2020 in Virginia, for a chance to perform at the National Convention in November 2020 in Pennsylvania.

For questions about contests, contact Jennie Gentry, State Youth and Young Adult Director, jenniegentry@ncgrange.com.

Deadline to Enter: January 30, 2020