



2023
CONTEST
GUIDE
NC GRANGE

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GRANGE OF THE YEAR

\$300 Prize

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. All questions must be briefly answered in a typed three page report. Double sided pages will be considered two pages. The report may be accompanied by one page of three photographs. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
2. A contest form must accompany each nomination submitted. The contest form must serve as the cover page for the report.
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023**.
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

REQUIRED INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN REPORT

Granges are to complete this form. Your Grange must enter a Community Service Report and Program Director Report to be eligible for the Grange of the Year contest. These reports will be gathered and considered when judging Grange of the Year.

Grange Name _____

Our Grange entered a Community Service notebook.

Our Grange entered a Program Director Report.

Net membership gain

Our Grange had a net membership gain of _____ members from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Sent representative to at least one State event (Family Conference, State Convention, Camp, Winter Youth Conference, Young Adult Meeting)

Our Grange sent _____ to the _____.

Our Grange had delegates at State Convention in 2022

Our Grange sent _____ as a delegate at State Convention.

Host at least 4 community service/educational events.

Project/event Name: _____ Date _____

Project/event Name: _____ Date _____

Project/event Name: _____ Date _____

Project/event Name: _____ Date _____

Does your Grange have a website?

What is the URL for your site? _____

Social media addresses/handles _____

Submit at least one article with a high resolution photo to the State Grange for print or web publication via email. Please provide a copy of this email sent. Date sent _____

Our Grange hosted a Junior activity.

Event Name _____ Date _____

Brief Description of event _____

Our Grange hosted a Youth activity.

Event Name: _____ Date _____

Brief Description of Event: _____

Our Grange host a Grange Month activity in the month of April.

Our Grange completed a Grange Month report.

Our Grange completed all quarterly reports of time.

Did you host a legislative event, candidate forum, voting event, make at least one legislative issue contact with a public official on the local, state or national level?

Event Name _____ Date _____

Local office contacted _____

Our Grange submitted at least one resolution to the State Conventioin in 2022.

Name of resolution. _____

Provide a list of all your officers with this form.

Briefly describe the fellowship, education, tours, etc. your Grange offers. _____

Did your Grange host any fundraisers from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023? If so, describe below:

Local Grange President Signature _____ Date _____

Local Grange Secretary Signature _____ Date _____

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

RULES

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4. All questions must be briefly answered in a typed three page report, along with this page first. Double sided pages will be considered two pages. The report may be accompanied by one page of three photographs. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

REQUIRED INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN REPORT

- REQUIRED:** Write a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- Length of Grange membership of each family member.
- List local, state, and/or national Grange offices held by any of the family members.
- Describe family members' involvement and accomplishments in Grange activities.
- Describe family members' involvement and accomplishments in non-Grange activities and organizations.
- List previous awards received by family members, both Grange and non-Grange.

MONETARY AWARD: \$150

Names of Family Members _____

Address _____

Email of Nominee _____

Sponsoring Grange _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

FARM OF THE YEAR

RULES AND INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN NOMINATION

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4. All questions must be briefly answered in a typed three page report, with this page in front. Double sided pages will be considered two pages. The report may be accompanied by one page of three photographs. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

REQUIRED INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN REPORT

- REQUIRED: Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- Length of Grange membership of each family member.
- List local, state, and/or national Grange offices held by any of the family members (Grange or otherwise).
- Describe family members' involvement and activities on the family's farm.
- For crop producers: list crops along with acreage for each crop.
- For livestock producers: list livestock amount raised.
- For horticulture producers: list types of horticulture enter prizes and the size of each operation.
- List each farm building along with its purpose.
- List any conservation practices incorporated into the operation.
- List management practices for environmental protection.
- List major pieces of machinery used in the operation.
- Describe new innovations adopted during the year (e.g. new technology, management or cultural practices, new machinery or equipment).
- List previous awards received by family members, both Grange and non-Grange.
- Include any additional information about your farm.

MONETARY AWARD: \$150

Farm Name _____

Names of Family Members _____

Address _____

Email of Nominee _____

Sponsoring Grange _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

GRANGER OF THE YEAR

RULES

1. This form must serve as the cover page for the report.
2. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
3. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
4. All questions must be briefly answered in a typed three page report, with this page in front. Double sided pages will be considered two pages. The report may be accompanied by one page of three photographs. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

ELIGIBILITY

Any adult members nominated by a local Grange are eligible. A local Grange may nominate one adult person in the Granger of the Year contest. Nominations must be made by the Grange where the Granger's membership exists.

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN REPORT

- REQUIRED: Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- Grange name and number
- Length of Grange membership
- Offices held in local, state, and/or National Grange
- Membership and/or offices held in other organizations
- Briefly describe accomplishments and activities in the Grange.
- Briefly describe accomplishments and activities in non-Grange activities or organizations. List any previous awards received.

MONETARY AWARD: \$150

Nominee Name _____

Address _____

Email of Nominee _____

Sponsoring Grange _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

GRANGE MONTH - APRIL

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is April 2023. All questions must be briefly answered in a typed three page report. Double sided pages will be considered two pages.
2. A contest form must accompany each nomination submitted. The contest form must serve as the cover page for the report.
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023**.
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

REQUIRED INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN REPORT

- REQUIRED:** Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- How many times did your Grange meet during Grange Month?
- Which members assisted in planning Grange Month?
- What specific activities/programs did your Grange plan/organize to celebrate Grange Month? Please list, with a brief description of each.
- Were any local officials invited to participate in your activities? Yes or No
If so, please list them.
Did they attend? Yes or No
- Did you hold an open house or booster night to encourage community members to visit your Grange? Yes or No
- Did any new members join your Grange as a result of Grange Month? Yes or No
If yes, how many? _____
- Did your Grange present any recognitions or awards during Grange Month? (Granger of the Year, Etc.) Yes or No. If so, please list.
- What was your Grange Month program? Describe.

- Any other info you wish to provide.

Grange Name _____

Number of Grange Members _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE & JUNIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each project reported is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
1. Questions must be answered on three pages. One double-sided page will be considered two pages.
2. Report not to exceed 15 pages.
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023**.
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

REQUIRED INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN REPORT FOR EACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:

- REQUIRED:** Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your entire report. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- List ALL community service projects your Grange completed in the qualifying period (no descriptions, just a simple list).
- Select your top three projects from your list. Answer the following about each project in three pages.
 - Chairperson for the project
 - Chairperson's email and phone
 - How did you plan and implement your project?
 - How many of your members worked on this project?
 - How many man hours did your Grange contribute?
 - On what day(s) was the project completed?
 - Did you partner with any other organizations for the project?
 - What challenges did you face completeing the project?
 - Did your Grange analyze the success of the project? Will you do it again? If so, what changes would you like to make to this project in the future.
 - Include one additional page of 3 photos per project.

This report should be formatted as follows:

- Page 1: This form
- Page 2-3: Your 3-4 sentence summary of your entire report. List of ALL community service projects your local Grange has completed. Your 3-4 sentence summary of your entire report.
- Pages 4-7: Project one (3 pages to answer questions, 1 page of 3 photos)
- Pages 8-11: Project two (3 pages to answer questions, 1 page of 3 photos)
- Pages 12-15: Project three (3 pages to answer questions, 1 page of 3 photos)

MONETARY AWARD:

First Place: \$250 Second Place: \$200 Third Place: \$150 Forth Place \$100

Junior Grange:

Grange Name _____

Number of Grange Members _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS REPORT

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. One double-sided page will be considered two pages. After addressing 1 and 2 below, there will be no limit to the number of attachments accompanying your entry. There is no limit to the number of events you can submit.
2. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
3. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
4. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN REPORT

- REQUIRED:** Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of this entry. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- Meetings attended**
 - A. What meeting was attended?
 - B. How many Grange members attended?
 - C. What topics were discussed?
- Host a “meet the candidates” night or debate**
 - A. Date, time and location
 - B. Type of election
 - C. How was the event publicized?
 - D. Number in attendance
 - E. Comments
- Attach the following that applies**
 - A. List governmental/legislative information presented to your local Grange and the handouts/supplemental information provided to members.
 - B. Include copies of letters sent to Representatives and/or Senators concerning state or national issues.
 - C. Include a short summary of how your Grange’s political activity has been of benefit to your members, community, North Carolina and/or the nation.
 - D. Include copies of Governmental Affairs articles sent for potential publication in Grange News.
 - E. Include any additional legislative or governmental efforts to be considered.
- Visit with your Representatives.** Laurie can help organize this activity. It is ideal for 4-5 people. .
- You may include one photo per activity.**

Does anyone in your Grange hold a public office? Yes No

If so, who and what office do they hold? _____

MONETARY AWARD: \$150

This report should be formatted as follows:

- Page 1: This form
- Page 2: Your 3-4 sentence summary of report
- Pages 3-6: Answers for bolded items above (meetings and meet candidates night/debate)
- Pages 7+: Attachments and photos

Grange Name _____

Legislative Affairs Chair _____

Legislative Affairs Chair’s Phone & Email _____

Grange President’s Signature _____ Date _____

PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.. Questions must be answered on three pages. One double-sided page will be considered two pages. There is no limit to the number of events you can submit.
2. One page of three photos may also be submitted per meeting planned.
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN REPORT

- REQUIRED: Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your this entry. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- A short description of the program at each of your meetings or an agenda.
- How you prepared and planned each meeting.
- Any handouts associated with each meeting.

MONETARY AWARD: \$150

This report should be formatted as follows:

- Page 1: This form
- Page 2 : Your 3-4 sentence summary of your report.
- Pages 3-6: Description of program one (3 pages for description, 1 page of 3 photos)
- Pages 7-10: Description of program two (3 pages for description, 1 page of 3 photos)
- Pages 11-14: Description of program three (3 pages for description, 1 page of 3 photos)
- Continued pattern for all programs, no limit -
- Final pages: Handouts associated with meetings

Grange Name _____

Program Director _____

Program Director's Phone & Email _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

JUNIOR OF THE YEAR

RULES AND INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN NOMINATION

1. This application must be submitted with any extra pages, the essay and 1 page of pictures in a 3-prong folder.
2. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
3. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

ELIGIBILITY

Any Grange Junior, ages 5-13, who is a member of a local Grange in North Carolina. Each Grange can sponsor one nominee for the award.

MONETARY AWARD: \$150

Nominee Name _____

Address _____

Birthday _____ Age _____

Email of Nominee _____

Parent/Guardian of Nominee & Email & Phone _____

School _____ Grade _____

Sponsoring Grange _____

Please complete the following sections by typing answers or using neat handwriting. You may also include up to 2 additional pages if you need more space. Additional pages should be typed.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

List any hobbies and other interests you have.

LEADERSHIP

List any local and state Grange offices you have held as a Junior Granger.

GRANGE PARTICIPATION

List any state events, meetings and activities you have attended in the past year (since August 1, 2022)

I attended Grange Camp.

SERVICE

Please list and describe service projects you have participated in over the past year for local, and state Grange (since August 1, 2022)

ESSAY

Please include an essay answer the question: "What does the Grange mean to me?" The essay needs to be a maximum of ½ a page. The essay should be included as part of your 2 additional pages.

PICTURES

Please include one page of 3 pictures that show your Grange involvement.

REQUIRED: Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.

JUNIOR GRANGE OF THE YEAR

RULES AND INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN NOMINATION

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ELIGIBILITY

Any local Junior Grange in North Carolina.

MONETARY AWARD: \$300

Junior Grange _____

Address _____

Junior Director & Email _____

Sponsoring Grange _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

Current # of Junior Members _____

Number of New Junior Members since August 1, 2022 _____

Number of Dropped Junior Members since August 1, 2022 _____

Number of meetings held since August 1, 2022 _____

Please complete the following sections by typing answers or using neat handwriting. You may also include up to 2 additional pages if you need more space. Additional pages should be typed.

SECTION 1: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please list and describe service projects your Junior Grange has held and /or participated in over the past year (since August 1, 2022).

CHURCH OF THE YEAR

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
2. A contest form must accompany each nomination submitted. The contest form must serve as the cover page for the report. Entire report should be a maximum of 5 pages (this form, 3 pages of description, 1 page of photos).
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
5. **Winning Granges must wait 2 years for re-entry. Ex: if a church won in 2021, they must wait to enter again in 2024.**
6. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR REPORT IN 3 PAGES (one page, front/back is considered 2 pages)

- REQUIRED: Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- Worship Service
- Teaching of the Bible
- Music
- Church Membership Training
- Fellowship
- Specialized Ministries
- Church administration/organization
 - List staff, officers, and workers
 - Sunday School Development
 - Stewardship Growth and Development
- Describe the church in the community (suggestions include, but are not limited to:)
 - Health/retirement work
 - Underprivileged/special needs
 - Denomination/interdenominational activities
 - World and home missions
 - Stewardship
- Any additional information you wish to include about the church
- One page of 3 photographs may be submitted with report

MONETARY AWARD: \$250

Church Name _____

Name of Pastor _____

Church Address _____

Pastor's Email & Phone _____

Denomination _____

Number of Members _____ Date Church Organized _____

Grange Name _____

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Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
2. This contest form must accompany each nomination submitted. Entire report should be a maximum of 5 pages (this form, 3 pages of description, 1 page of photos).
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. Nominee must be actively working as an educator.
5. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
6. **Nominee does NOT have to be a Grange member.**
7. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING IN A 3 PAGE REPORT (one page front/back is considered 2 pages)

- REQUIRED:** Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- Grade and or subjects taught.
- Any certifications the teacher has received.
- Membership in any professional organizations
- Positions held since the beginning of the educator's career.
- Trainings attended in the past year.
- Honors or recognitions received.
- Special initiatives or projects in which the educator has participated.
- A special success story.
- One page of 3 photographs may be submitted with report.

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Address _____

Nominee's Email & Phone _____

Teaching Location and Address _____

Number of years at current school _____ Total years as an educator _____

Grange Name _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
2. This contest form must serve as the cover page for the report. Entire report should be a maximum of 5 pages (this form, 3 pages of description, 1 page of photos).
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023**.
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR REPORT (one page front/back is considered 2 pages)

- REQUIRED:** Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- History of department
- Physical plant and equipment
- Training programs
- Fire prevention and safety programs
- How many fire calls has your station called on August 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023?
- How has your department been involved with the community this year? (School field days, car seat checks, etc.)
- One page of 3 photographs may be submitted with report

Fire Dept. Name _____

Fire Dept. Address _____

Captain's Email & Phone _____

Number of employees _____ Number of volunteers _____

Grange Name _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
2. This contest form must accompany each nomination submitted. Entire report should be a maximum of 5 pages (this form, 3 pages of description, 1 page of photos).
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. Nominee must be actively working as a paid firefighter or volunteer.
5. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
6. **Nominee does not have to be a Grange member.**
7. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR REPORT (one page front/back is considered 2 pages)

- REQUIRED:** Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- Any certifications the firefighter has received.
- Any volunteer work the firefighter has completed.
- Membership in any professional organizations.
- Positions held since the beginning of the fireman's career.
- Trainings attended in the past year.
- Honors or recognitions received.
- Special initiatives or projects in which the firefighter has participated.
- A special success story.
- One page of 3 photographs may be submitted with report.

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Address _____

Nominee's Email & Phone _____

Fire Station and Address _____

Fire Chief _____

Fire Chief's Phone & Email _____

Number of years at current station _____ Total years as a fireman _____

Grange Name _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
2. This contest form must accompany each nomination submitted. Entire report should be a maximum of 5 pages (this form, 3 pages of description, 1 page of photos).
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. Nominee must be actively working as a law enforcement officer.
5. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023**
6. **Nominee does not have to be a Grange member.**
7. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR REPORT (one page front/back is considered 2 pages)

- REQUIRED:** Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- Any certifications the officer has received.
- Any volunteer work the officer has completed.
- Membership in any professional organizations.
- Positions held since the beginning of the officer's career.
- Trainings attended in the past year.
- Honors or recognitions received.
- Special initiatives or projects in which the officer has participated.
- A special success story.
- One page of 3 photographs may be submitted with report.

MONETARY AWARD: \$100

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Address _____

Nominee's Email & Phone _____

Officer's Department, Division and Rank _____

Number of years at current department _____ Total years as an officer _____

Grange Name _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

MILITARY PERSON OF THE YEAR

RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please submit this entry in a 3-prong report cover.
2. This contest form must accompany each nomination submitted. Entire report should be a maximum of 5 pages (this form, 3 pages of description, 1 page of photos).
3. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
4. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
5. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**
6. **Nominee must be currently serving on active duty.**

DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR REPORT (one page front/back is considered 2 pages)

- REQUIRED:** Include a short 3-4 sentence summary of your nominee. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award. Any certifications the military person has received.
- Any volunteer work the military person has completed.
- Positions held since the beginning of the military person's career.
- Trainings attended in the past year.
- Honors or recognitions received.
- Special initiatives or projects in which the military person has participated.
- A special success story.
- One page of 3 photographs may be submitted with report.

MONETARY AWARD: \$100

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Address _____

Nominee's Email & Phone _____

Member's Rank, Division & Branch _____

Length of service in armed forces _____

Grange Name _____

Grange President's Signature _____ Date _____

WRITING CONTEST

RULES

1. Contestants must be members in good standing.
2. All entries must be the original work of the contestant.
3. All work must have been completed from August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
4. Only one entry per person, per division (2 maximum).
5. Essay topics are to be a minimum of one page, and maximum of 2 pages.
6. All entries must be typed and double-spaced.
7. All entries must follow the theme “**A Day I’ll Always Remember**”
8. All contest forms must be submitted to the State Grange office for review by the selection committee and must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023.**
9. **Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.**

MONETARY AWARDS:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Junior</u>
1st: \$45	1st: \$35	1st: \$25
2nd: \$35	2nd: \$25	2nd: \$15
3rd: \$25	3rd: \$15	3rd: \$10

CIRCLE ONE: ADULT YOUTH (AGES 14-20) JUNIOR I (AGES 5-8) JUNIOR II (AGES 9-13)

CIRCLE ONE: POEM CREATIVE WRITING (ESSAY)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone & Email _____

Grange _____

OTHER AWARDS / CONTESTS

Secretary of the Year: This award is given to the local Grange Secretary who demonstrates the most outstanding organizational and record-keeping skills in his/her Grange. This recognition is based on the timely manner in which the Secretary files his/her quarterly reports, and is selected by the NC Grange staff and State Grange Secretary. Monetary award is \$150.

Talent Contest: The talent show will be held at the 2023 Family Conference and the online entry form will be available on the Family Conference registration form, available late January 2023.

Rules:

1. Entrants must be dues-paying Grange members in good standing to participate in any Grange contest.
2. Only one talent entry per person.
3. Two points per minute, or a portion thereof, will be deducted from the total score for time exceeding 5 minutes.
4. Judges decisions are FINAL.
5. Sign language performances will not be permitted.
6. Previous winners are ineligible for 2 years past their winning performance. I.e.: a winner in 2021 cannot win again until 2024.

The best in show winner will go on to perform at National Grange Convention in Niagra Falls, New York in November.

Monetary Awards for talent, photography, art, baking, and crafts

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Junior</u>
1st: \$45	1st: \$35	1st: \$25
2nd: \$35	2nd: \$25	2nd: \$15
3rd: \$25	3rd: \$15	3rd: \$10

One Best of Show will be awarded per contest for \$50.

Photography Contest

Divisions: Gates On the ground
 Eyes Church windows

Rules:

1. Entrants must be dues-paying Grange members in good standing to participate in any Grange contest.
2. Age groups for entries are as follows: Junior I (5-8), Junior II (9-13), Youth (14-20), Adult (21+)
3. All entries must be a 5x7 printed photo, in a matted 8x10, white mat.
4. Entries must have been created since September 1, 2022.
5. Entries must be submitted online prior to convention, and no later than noon, September 13, 2023. To submit your entry, visit www.ncgrange.com after August 1, 2023.
6. Only one entry per person, per division, for a max of 4 photographs per person.
7. All entries must be received at the designated location of convention. Times will be published prior to convention.
- 8. Label the back of the entry with name, category and Grange.**
9. Entries will be judged based on composition, arrangement, interest, presentation, quality and adherence to the contest entry rules.
10. A printed copy of your entry form will be emailed to you following your submission. Print a copy, sign it, and bring it with your entry to convention.
11. Judges are non-Grangers and decisions of the judges are final.

Art Contest

Divisions: Watercolor Pen / Pencil / Ink
Pastel / Charcoal Oil / Acrylic

Rules:

1. Entrants must be dues-paying Grange members in good standing to participate in any Grange contest.
2. Age groups for entries are as follows; Junior I (5-8), Junior II (9-13), Youth (14-20), Adult (21+)
3. All entries must be the original work of the entrant.
4. Only one entry per person, per division for a maximum of four pieces of art.
5. Entries submitted for judging must have been completed since September 1, 2022.
6. Entries must be submitted online prior to convention, and no later than noon, September 13, 2023. To submit your entry, visit www.ncgrange.com after August 1, 2023.
7. A printed copy of your entry form will be emailed to you following your submission. Print a copy, sign it, and bring it with your entry to convention.
8. All entries must have a title.
9. All entries must be mounted or matted for stability.
10. All entries must be received at the designated location of convention. Times will be published prior to convention.
11. Judges are non-Grangers and decisions of the judges are final.

Baking Contest

Rules:

1. Entrants must be dues-paying Grange members in good standing to participate in any Grange contest.
2. Age groups for entries are as follows; Junior I (5-8), Junior II (9-13), Youth (14-20), Adult (21+)
3. Recipes may use pre-made pie crusts.
4. Only one entry per person, per division making for a total of 5 entries per person.
5. Entries must be submitted online prior to convention, and no later than noon, September 13, 2023. To submit your entry, visit ncgrange.com after August 1, 2023.
6. A printed copy of your entry form will be emailed to you following your submission. Print a copy, sign it, and bring it with your entry to convention.
7. Individuals may not submit a previous winning recipe.
8. Baked goods must arrive in a disposable container. Any non-disposable containers used may not be returned to the owner.
9. No entries will be refrigerated. Do not submit any entries that require refrigeration.
10. Entries will be judged on flavor, texture, appearance, creativity and adherence to contest rules.
11. Judges are non-Grangers and their decisions are final.
12. All entries must be received at the designated location of convention. Times will be published prior to convention.
13. Entries will be made available on Saturday evening for the Annual Tasting Party.
14. All recipes become property of the NC State Grange, and selected recipes will be published in *Grange News*.

Divisions: Cakes/Cupcakes

Cookies
Breads
Pies
Gluten Free

Craft Contest

Rules:

1. Entrants must be dues-paying Grange members in good standing to participate in any Grange contest.
2. Age groups for entries are as follows; Junior I (5-8), Junior II (9-13), Youth (14-20), Adult (21+)
3. All entries must be handmade by the entrant. Craft work from kits and commercially or mass produced items are not acceptable and will be disqualified.
4. Crafts must have been completed since September 1, 2022.
5. Entries must be submitted online prior to convention, and no later than noon, September 13, 2023. To submit your entry, visit www.ncgrange.com after August 1, 2023.
6. A printed copy of your entry form will be emailed to you following your submission. Print a copy, sign it, and bring it with your entry to convention.
7. Only one entry per person, per division is allowed, for a total of 7 craft entries per person.

Divisions:

Needlepoint (crochet, knitting & cross stitch)
Jewelry
Holiday
Sewing (includes quilts)

Woodworking
Pottery/Ceramics (no premade items)
Recycled

Matching Grants for Fundraisers

The NC Grange has approved a program to match funds raised between October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. The NC Grange is conducting this program to continue to help local Granges to recover since the pandemic in 2020. Submit applications to Jimmy Gentry at the state office via email, mail or hand delivery. A committee will review each application. In order to participate, please observe the following:

1. Only net profits raised will be matched.
2. The local Grange will need to provide financial documentation to verify amounts raised.
3. Application will need to be signed by both the President and the Treasurer of the Grange
4. The NC Grange will match amounts raised up to a maximum of \$10,000.

1. Describe the fund-raiser. Include date(s) conducted.

2. Net amount raised _____

3. Attach financial documents related to the fund-raiser.

President

Treasurer

