



2024  
CONTEST  
GUIDE  

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NC GRANGE

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# GRANGE OF THE YEAR

## RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
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 Family Living Report, Community Service Report and Program Director Report to be eligible for the Grange of the Year contest. These three reports will be gathered and considered when judging Grange of the Year.

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_

- List below any donations your Grange made, who it went to and what was given: \_\_\_\_\_

- Net membership gain

Our Grange had a net membership gain of \_\_\_\_\_ members from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

- Start a new Junior Grange or have a net membership gain in an existing Junior Grange:

Our Junior Grange had a net gain of \_\_\_\_\_ members from July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024 OR Our Grange started a new Jr. Grange.

Junior Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_ Charter Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Our Grange sent \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_

- Sent representative to at least one National event (Legislative Fly-In, Grange Growth Summit, National Convention, Regional Conference, Regional Leaders Conference or Lecturer's Conference)

Our Grange sent \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_

- Our Grange had delegates at State Convention in 2023

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Update your Grange website provided by the National Grange to include at least your meeting time, days and location and contact information for at least one of your officers and a link to your Grange's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. (you may also redirect your National Grange website to your own site)

What is the URL for your site? \_\_\_\_\_

Social media addresses/handles \_\_\_\_\_

Submit at least one article with a high resolution photo to the National Grange communications department for print or web publication via email. Please provide a copy of this email sent. Date Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Host at least one Youth or Junior activity.  
Event Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of event \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in a Grange Month Open House/Activity in April.

Our Grange has filled out a Grange Month Report. YES NO

All 4 quarterly reports were on time to the State Office. YES NO

Host a legislative event, candidate forum, Grangers Organized to Vote event; make at least one legislative issue contact with a public official on the local, state or national level; AND submit at least one resolution to State Convention in 2020.

Event Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Local Official Contacted \_\_\_\_\_

Name of one resolution submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a list of all your officers with this form.

Briefly describe the fellowship your Grange offers. \_\_\_\_\_

Local Grange President Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Local Grange Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# FAMILY 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, 2024.
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 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

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, 2024.
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 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, 2024.
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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
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.
- Did your Grange participate in a Community Service, Family Living, or Government Affairs activity during Grange Month?  
Yes or No  
If yes, please list in detail.
- Any other info you wish to provide.

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Grange Members \_\_\_\_\_

8 Grange President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# COMMUNITY SERVICE & JUNIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

## RULES

1. The qualifying period for each project reported is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
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, 2024.
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 completing 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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
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.
- You may include one photo per activity.

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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
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 \_\_\_\_\_

# FAMILY LIVING REPORT

## RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Please complete the following information in a brief report. For question two, please complete your answer in three pages. One double-sided page will be considered two pages. Contest forms must be signed by the president of the local Grange sponsoring the nomination.
2. One page of three photos may also be submitted per activity listed in number 2.
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, 2024.
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 your report. This information will be read at the awards ceremony if the nominee is the recipient of the award.
- List ALL Family Living Activities.
- 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 completing 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.
- Did your members participate in baking or craft contests in the 2023 State Convention? Circle YES NO
- How did your Grange support families?
- Suggest any projects and programs you would like to see added in the NC Grange's Family Living program.

## This report should be formatted as follows:

- Page 1: This form
- Page 2-3: List of ALL Family Living projects and your 3-4 sentence summary of your 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)
- Page 16 : Suggested projects and programs

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Living Director \_\_\_\_\_

Family Living Director's Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

12 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, 2024.
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.

### SECTION 1: HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

List any hobbies and other interests you have.

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### SECTION 2: LEADERSHIP

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

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SECTION 3: GRANGE PARTICIPATION

List any state events, meetings and activities you have attended in the past year (since August 1, 2023)

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SECTION 4: SERVICE

Please list and describe service projects you have participated in over the past year for local, and state Grange (since August 1, 2023)

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SECTION 5: 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.

SECTION 6: PICTURES

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

SECTION 7: SUMMARY

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

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, 2024.
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 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, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dropped Junior Members since August 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings held since August 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

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, 2023).

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SECTION 2: EVENTS

Please list the number of Junior members from your Grange that attended the following State Grange events:

Family Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Grange Camp \_\_\_\_\_ State Convention \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 3: PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list and describe any meeting programs and special activities that your Grange offered its Junior members in the past year, since September 1, 2020.

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SECTION 4: RECRUITMENT

How has your Grange recruited new Junior members in the past year?

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SECTION 5: MEMBERS

Please provide a current roster of your Junior Grange members.

SECTION 6: PICTURES

Please include one page of 3 pictures from your Junior Grange activities this year.

SECTION 7: SUMMARY

**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.



# CHURCH OF THE YEAR

## RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
5. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_ Date Church Organized \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grange President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

## RULES

1. The qualifying period for each nomination is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
6. 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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
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, 2023 - June 30, 2024?
- 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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
6. 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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
6. 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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024.
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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
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 Place That Has A Special Draw"
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, 2024.
9. Judges have the right to not make an award. Decision of the judges is final.

## MONETARY AWARDS:

### Adult

1st: \$45  
2nd: \$35  
3rd: \$25

### Youth

1st: \$35  
2nd: \$25  
3rd: \$15

### Junior

1st: \$25  
2nd: \$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 is typically held at Family Conference and the online entry form and rules are available at [ncgrange.com](http://ncgrange.com). Entry forms will be shared when the talent contest has been planned.

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 2019 cannot win again until 2021.

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:	Out of the ordinary	Clouds/Inclement Weather
	Stairs	Things that make me grateful

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 completed since September 1, 2023.
5. Entries must be submitted online prior to convention, and no later than noon, September 12, 2024. To submit your entry, visit [www.ncgrange.com](http://www.ncgrange.com) after August 1, 2024.
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. Entries will be judged based on composition, arrangement, interest, presentation, quality and adherence to the contest entry rules.
9. 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.
10. 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, 2024.
6. Entries must be submitted online prior to convention, and no later than noon, September 12, 2024. To submit your entry, visit [www.ncgrange.com](http://www.ncgrange.com) after August 1, 2024.
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. Cake mixes may only be used in the "Cake with Mix" category.
5. Only one entry per person, per division and category, making for a total of 13 entries per person.
6. Entries must be submitted online prior to convention, and no later than noon, September 12, 2024. To submit your entry, visit [ncgrange.com](http://ncgrange.com) after August 1, 2021.
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. Individuals may not submit a previous winning recipe.
9. Baked goods must arrive in a disposable container. Any non-disposable containers used may not be returned to the owner.
10. No entries will be refrigerated. Do not submit any entries that require refrigeration.
11. Entries will be judged on flavor, texture, appearance, creativity and adherence to contest rules.
12. Judges are non-Grangers and their decisions are final.
13. All entries must be received at the designated location of convention. Times will be published prior to convention.
14. Entries will be made available on Saturday evening for the Annual Tasting Party.
15. All recipes become property of the NC State Grange, and selected recipes will be published in Grange News.

Divisions:	Cakes	Pound Cake	Breads/Muffins		
		Layer Cake		Apple	
		Cake with a mix		Blueberry	
	Pies	Apple	Nut	Pumpkin	
				Nut	Cookies
				Chocolate	Nut/Nut Butter
	Cobbler	Fruit		Oatmeal	
				Chocolate Chip	
				Miscellaneous	
				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, 2023.
5. Entries must be submitted online prior to convention, and no later than noon, September 12, 2024. To submit your entry, visit [www.ncgrange.com](http://www.ncgrange.com) after August 1, 2024.
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 nine craft entries per person.
8. All entries must be received at the designated location of convention. Times will be published prior to convention.
9. Judges are non-Grangers and decisions of the judges are final.

Divisions:	Crochet	Quilts
	Holiday	Recycled
	Jewelry	Sewing
	Knitting	Woodworking
	Miscellaneous	