



NORTHEAST GRANGE TALENT CONTEST RULES

(Revised January 2010)

The Northeast Grange Regional Talent Contest will be held at the North East Grange Lecturers' Conference as part of the program on New England Night.

The act representing each state will be the "Best-of-Show" winner from each.

State's Talent Contest.

Besides ribbons, the First Place award will be \$100, the Second Place - \$75, and the Third Place - \$50. Each of the remaining entries will receive \$25, as well as their ribbons. The host state for the North East Grange Lecturers' Conference will supply the judges for the Regional Contest. Since each state will be sending only one act, there will not be any separate categories at the regional level.

RULES:

1. All performers being judged must be Grange members. Groups performing may include Junior Grangers and/or children too young to hold Junior Grange membership. However, at least half of the performers in the group **MUST** be Subordinate members.
2. Participants need not be members of the same Grange.
3. Taped accompaniment for vocal acts must be instrumental only. No additional voices allowed in the background.
4. When the accompanist is only the accompanist and not a performer in his/her own right, it is no longer required that the accompanist be a Grange member.
5. No sign language will be permitted in this contest.
6. **TIME LIMIT:** There is no minimum time. Maximum time is six (6) minutes. Two (2) points per minute, or portion thereof, will be deducted from the total points for all performances going over the maximum time limit.
7. The Best of Show entry from each State Grange will be eligible to compete in the North East Grange Regional Talent Contest held on New England Night at the North East Grange Lecturers' Conference. The State Best of Show is to be the overall outstanding act selected by the judges.
8. Only persons who performed in the state judging and were designated as Best of Show Act, or runner-up, Best of Show act, in certain circumstances, may represent the State Grange in the Regional Talent Contest.
9. The act judged at the State level **MUST** be the one performed at the North East Grange Regional Talent Contest. Those who have competed at the Northeast Level must skip a year before entering again.

SCORE CARD:

The following score card will be used at the New England Grange Regional Talent Contest:

Stage Presence.....	15 Points
Appropriateness of Dress or Costume	5 Points
Preparation and Skill of Presentation	60 Points
Suitability of Number	15 Points
Audience Appeal	5 Points

TOTAL POINTS 100 POINTS