



2025 National Grange Lecturer's Creative Writing Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

To inspire members and friends of the Grange to submit their writings which will promote creativity, encourage writing skills, and provide exposure for writers. Submitted writing entries will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications, marketing, merchandise, and virtual media.

RULES

- A. The National Grange Creative Writing Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers
- B. Writing entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 10MB via the link: <https://grange.biz/grangecreativewriting2025> by **September 1, 2025**.
- C. Classes
 - Class 1 – Poetry, maximum 300 words. Theme: “The Grange of the Future.”
 - Class 2 – Essay, maximum 1,000 words. The purpose is to inform the reader. Theme: “The Grange is Important Today Because...”
 - Class 3 – Short Story, maximum 1,000 words. The purpose is to entertain the reader. Theme: “It Happened In/At Grange.”
- D. Each individual is limited to one entry in each class. Each class entry must be submitted separately.
- E. Judging criteria: originality and organization; adherence to topic and contest rules; and grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness.
- F. Any entry deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Creative Writing Contest.
- G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2025 deadline will not be judged.

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for each division: 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20). The top three entries may be featured in future marketing or promotional items from the National Grange.

Questions? Contact Tom Gwin, National Lecturer, at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.