



RI State Grange Junior Department

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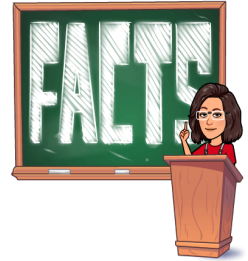
Website: juniors.rigrange.org

Public Speaking Contest

When: May 9th @ 10am

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange Hall

Age Categories: Under 5, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14



Speech Categories & Time Limits:

- **Short Story:** present a published short story or poem.
 - **Time Limit:** MUST be at least 1 minute and no longer than 3 minutes
- **Prepared Speech:** present a prepared speech written by the contestant.
 - **Time Limit:** MUST be at least 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes.
 - **MUST BE** on one of the following topics:
 - *Topics may change when 2026 National Junior Program received*****
 - How I can be the difference in my community.
 - What makes a good leader?
 - Why the Junior Grange is important to me.
 - How/Why becoming a young advocate is an important step for my future.
- **Copy of Speech or Short Story MUST be submitted - labeled with the following:**
 - Name
 - Age
 - Speech title
 - Speech category
 - State
 - Grange Name and Number

Description/Rules:

- Must be a Junior Member within the State of RI
 - If under the age of 5, MUST have a relative who is a Junior Member in RI
- Age group is determined by age as of January 1st of the current year



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Judging Criteria:

- **Text:**
 - Content: Information gathered and included in speech
 - Composition: The speech was compiled in a manner that was easy to understand.
 - Topic: Topic was clearly researched, and personal connection was made.
- **Delivery:**
 - Voice: spoke clearly and was easy to understand.
 - Command of Audience: speaker can engage and captivate the audience with the message of the speech.
 - Stage Presence: speaker is dressed neatly and appropriately, poised, and reduced nervousness.
 - Expression: speech delivered with enthusiasm and emotion.
 - Mannerisms and Gestures: Does not have any distracting mannerisms or gestures that are not purposeful and effective.
- **Time:** 1 point deducted for every 30 seconds under/over the time limit.
- **Outline:** A copy of speech was presented to the judges.