



The Rotary District 7690 Four Way Test Speech Contest

To: All Rotary District 7690 Clubs

Your club is invited to send a contestant to the Rotary District 7690 Four Way Test Speech Contest. This is an opportunity for high school students in grades 9 through 12 to develop their public speaking and leadership skills while increasing awareness of Rotary in our communities.

As in the past the contest is scheduled to be held on the last Saturday in February (**February 27, 2021** this year) at the GTCC Applied Technologies Building Auditorium in Jamestown, NC. However, due to the persistence of COVID-19, we may have to change the date or location, with the option of holding the contest virtually. We are keeping all our instructions for contestants the same as in previous years for now but will let you know if anything changes.

High school speech contestants are asked to present a six-minute persuasive talk, directed toward their peers, to promote high ethical standards in daily life. The speech should clearly mention the application of Rotary's Four Way Test to facilitate positive and ethical behavior in youth and teens. If applicable, they may incorporate Rotary's theme for the current year into their speech.



Contestants' speeches will be judged for content and presentation. The content should be focused, clear, and accurate, and should be delivered in a logical, organized, and persuasive manner. Articulation, body language, creativity, and effectiveness in engaging peers in the message of ethical choices and behavior relating to the Rotary's Four-Way Test will be important criteria in judging the presentations.

District prizes will be:

- \$1000 for first place
- \$500 for second place
- \$250 for third place
- \$100 for fourth place

The speeches may be videotaped, and the top four presentations may be used on District 7690 social media at the District's discretion.

Additionally, the winner will be invited to present his or her presentation at our District Conference, to be held in Asheville, NC on April 16-18, 2021.

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to all students in high school grades 9 through 12 who are currently enrolled in a high school curriculum.
- All contestants must be physically present to compete in the contest on February 27, 2021.
- Each club is limited to one contestant.
- More than one student from the same school may compete if they are sponsored by different clubs.
- The speeches will be judged for
 - Content (knowledge of subject, logical development, clarity of ideas, and persuasiveness to peers).
 - Originality (captures audience interest and attention, effectively connects the information about ethics to the lives of teens today).
 - Delivery (enunciation/pronunciation, expression/poise, sincerity/tone, positive approach)
 - Staying within the 6 minute time limit.
- No props or PowerPoint presentations will be permitted, but notes on 3x5 cards are allowed.
- Speeches should be the original work of the contestant and should not be read.
- Contestants should remain anonymous, not revealing their name, town, school, etc. until after the contest to prevent any bias on the part of the judges.
- Each contestant must consent to Rotary District 7690 videotaping their presentation at the District contest on February 27.
- Each club must have their contestant determined and sent to Karen Morris by **February 10, 2021**.

An application form which must be filled out for each contestant is attached.

Questions or comments? Contact:
 Karen Morris, Chair
 Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest
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**The Rotary District 7690 Four Way Test Speech Contest
Contestant Registration Form**
February 27, 2021
Please **PRINT** all information clearly

Name	
Home Address (include city and zip code)	
Preferred phone contact number	
E-mail Address	
High School name and grade	
High School Principal Name	
High School Principal E-mail	
Sponsoring Rotary Club	
Rotary Club Contact Name	
Rotary Club Contact Phone & e-mail	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone	

Parent and Student Consent:

I agree to participate in, and to allow my child to participate in, the Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest as described above, and abide by all the ground rules set up for the contest.

At various times Rotary District 7690, films, video tapes, and photographs events. It then subsequently publishes or broadcast these materials. If you consent and grant permission for your child's likeness, work product, or electronic/media to be used/featured by Rotary District 7690, please sign in the appropriate space below.

Consent: I do consent and allow my child to be filmed, videotaped and/or photographed for use by Rotary District 7690 or the media. I also allow my child's likeness, work product, and electronic/media to be featured by Rotary District 7690.

Child Name (printed)/Signature/Date

Parent/Legal Guardian (circle one) Name(printed)/Signature/Date

Sponsoring Rotary Club Contact:

The Rotary Club of _____ is sponsoring the above candidate for the Four Way Test Speech contest and will be in charge of making sure the candidate complies with the ground rules of the contest and is able to get to the contest safely.

Signature of Club Contact _____