

Rotary



District 5110

Annual 4-Way Test Speech Contest

PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE EVENT

The purpose of the 4-Way Test is to foster the principles of ethics in everyday life as well as in business. The Speech Contest is designed to introduce high school students to Rotary and the 4-Way Test by creating interest through a competitive speech contest, sponsored by the local Rotary club.

The specific goals of the Contest are to:

- Acquaint youth with Rotary and the tenets of the 4-Way Test with an understanding and appreciation of Rotary's ethical standards.
- Demonstrate and enhance Rotarians' commitment to youth.
- Heighten awareness of Rotary among parents, school officials, and the community at large.
- Recognize, encourage and reward hard work and accomplishment in our youth.
- Provide an opportunity for Rotarians to participate in a Community Vocational Service program that focuses on the 4-Way Test as our standard of ethical conduct.

EVENT OVERVIEW

This contest is an opportunity for any high school student (grades 9-12, including Charter School and Home Schooled) to compose and orally deliver an original speech based on the Rotary 4-Way Test. The student will compete for awards. Club and Area awards are discretionary.

Contestants will first be judged at the club level. If there is only one contestant in an area, the contestant should give their speech at a meeting of the sponsor club. The winner from each club will advance to the area competition (if needed) governed by assigned Assistant District Governor (AG). Area winners will compete in the finals at the district conference in May.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Local Club Level: Contests can be held in any participating Rotary Club of District 5110. Participants can receive plaques, certificates and/or cash awards at the club's discretion. Winners of local club contests will advance to Area Level competition, if needed to determine area semi-final candidate.