Rotary
District 5580
2026 - 2027



4-WAY TEST

ESSAY CONTEST

SPONSORED BY ROTARY DISTRICT 5580

DISTRICT CASH PRIZES

$1,500 USD	$1,000 USD	$500 USD	$250 USD
1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th – 7th place

LOCAL CASH PRIZES

$500.00	$300.00	$200.00
1st place	2nd place	3rd place

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN THE FINAL TWO YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL

TOPIC

Any topic may be chosen that will utilize the Rotary 4-Way Test. Focus on one, two, or all four principles. Begin with a 1–3 sentence preamble connecting your topic to all four questions. Explain its impact on your life or your subject's life.

THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

LENGTH

500 – 1,000 words, double-spaced.
Exclude the preamble and reference notes. Include a title, omit names and club identification, and cite outside sources.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Four-Way Test correlation, choice of topic, thought organization, language usage, and grammar and spelling.

DEADLINE

SUBMIT BY
NOVEMBER 30, 2026

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