

Rotary High School Speech Contest Eligibility & Rules for Contestants & Schools 2022-23

The following outline is designed to provide students and teachers with the rules for being eligible to compete and to win prizes, and the rules governing the speech content.

I. We ask schools to announce the local Rotary Club Speech Contest and to distribute the following four documents to students:

Contest Poster, Registration Form, Eligibility & Rules Sheet, and Judge Score Sheet.

A. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE & RECEIVE CONTEST PRIZES

1. Any High School Student or high school aged student who resides in the club's service area is eligible, unless student has been a previous District 7850 Final Contest Winner.
2. All Contestants who win any Contest Round are responsible to participate at the next Contest Round or will not receive prize check from the previously Contest Round. Club Round 1 Prize is provided by Club is given at Area Round 2. District Round 2 Prize is given at District Round 3. District Round 3 Prize is given at Round 4 along with the Round 4 Contest Prize. See Contest Poster for details.

B. RULES OF CONTEST

1. Subject: Apply this year's contest theme in everyday relationships with other people.
2. Delivery: A written copy of the speech should be presented prior to the presentation. The contestant may refer to a copy of the speech during its presentation, but should not be reading the speech word for word, nor does it have to be completely memorized.
3. Length of Speech: The speech should be no longer than 5 minutes. Penalty points will be given if the speech is under four minutes or over six minutes. If over seven minutes, the Contestant will be disqualified.
4. Speech Content: The speech given by each contestant must be original in content and related to the relevance of applying the chosen topic and Rotary values in one's everyday life.
5. Language: Since Rotary District 7850 is a bilingual district, the speech may be presented either in English or French as is appropriate for the sponsoring Rotary Club. English is required for speeches given at the Area and District Contests, Rounds 2, 3 & 4.
6. The Rules and Format for Speech Contests at each Round are the same whether there is one contestant or more than one, and whether the contest is held in-person or remotely.

C. CONTEST FORMS, RULES AND GUIDELINES

All contestants must have a registration form, current contest poster, this page of rules and a judge score sheet. All contest documents are on the district website.

The Contest Poster provides essential details about this year's topic, schedule and prizes, which can be viewed online or printed from the Rotary District 7850 Website: www.rotary7850.org Site Page Youth: Speech Contest

Contact the Rotary Club or Area Governor listed on the Contest Poster for Round 1 & 2.

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