

# 2020 Bow Rotary Four Way Speech Contest

## I. Introduction

- A. Bow Rotary as part of Rotary District 7870 is sponsoring a speech contest based on the “Four Way Test” that is part of Rotary.
- B. Any high school age student, including home-schoolers, from within the towns attending Bow High School is eligible to participate.
- C. Rules for the speech
  - 1. Subject: the speech must be original in content and apply the Rotary Four-Way Test (**ALL FOUR QUESTIONS**) in our everyday relationships with other people
  - 2. Delivery: the speech may be given from memory, it should not be read, though adequate notes are acceptable
  - 3. Length: the speech shall be no **less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) minutes in length** or it is **automatically disqualified**

## II. Contest Dates

- A. Applications are due to Dean Cascadden at SAU 67, 55 Falcon Way, Bow, NH 03304, or submitted electronically to [dcascadden@bownet.org](mailto:dcascadden@bownet.org) by Thursday March 12, 3:00 pm.
- B. The Bow Contest will be held on Thursday March 19th at 5:30 pm at the Baker Free Library with sign in starting at 5:30 and ending at 5:50. Contest begins at 6pm.
- C. The 2016 District Semi-finals will be held on Sunday March 29 beginning at 1:00 pm at the Henniker Community Center at 57 Main Street, Henniker, NH. Competitors must sign in by 12:30 pm.
- D. The top four (4) scorers at the District Semi-finals will advance to the District Finals to be held at the District Conference at Sable Oaks in Portland, ME the weekend of May 1-3, 2020

## III. Winner Obligations

- A. Local winners are expected to participate in the District Semi-finals. Second place finisher in the local contests could participate in the District Semi-finals if for any reason the first place finisher is unable to compete.

## IV. Prizes

- A. Bow Rotary Club Awards the following prizes:  
First- \$500                      Second- \$300                      Third- \$200
- B. District Finalists compete for the following distribution of \$1700 prize money by placement:  
First - \$650                      Second - \$350                      Third - \$350                      Fourth - \$350

All 3 Bow Rotary winners will be invited to give their speech to the Bow Rotary Club on March 27 at 7:30 am.

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## CONTESTANT APPLICATION

- I. Contestants must be high school age students, including home-schoolers, from within Rotary District 7870.
- II. Contestants must be supplied the following items at the time they apply to the contest:
  - A. A copy of the Four-way Test (see below)
  - B. A copy of this page
  - C. A copy of the rules for the contest
  - D. A copy of the judges' scoring sheet
- III. The speech;
  - A. THE SPEECH SHOULD NOT BE READ, BUT ADEQUATE OUTLINE NOTES MAY BE USED
  - B. THE SPEECH MAY BE DELIVERED PARTLY OR ENTIRELY FROM MEMORY
  - C. THEY MUST SPEAK FOR NOT LESS THAN FIVE (5) MINUTES NOR MORE THAN SEVEN (7) MINUTES. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE
- IV. A contestant must prepare his or her own speech based on the Four-Way Test, showing **ALL FOUR (4)** of the questions as applied to his or her life or a segment of society and demonstrate its impact.
- V. Contestants must be prepared to attend any additional District 7870 contests for which they become eligible.
- VI. Contestant Information:

**Applicant's Name:**

**Age:**

**Mailing Address:**

**E-Mail:**

**Phone:**

**School:**

**Grade:**

**Sponsoring Rotary Club:** The Bow Rotary Club, Bow NH <http://www.bowrotary.org>

### The Rotary Four-Way Test:

**Of the things we think, say and do:**

- 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?

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## Contest Rules

1. Contestants must complete an application and submit it to Dean Cascadden by 3/21/18.
2. Contestants must sign in to the competition with the registrar at least 15 minutes prior to the start.
3. Scoring of the contest is blinded. Each speaker is given a number and no names should be mentioned until all of the speeches have been given. Speakers must refrain from giving their name during the presentation. Speakers will be called in by number to make their presentations, and may stay to hear others after theirs is given.
4. A timekeeper will display cards showing time that has elapsed. The minimum time is five minutes and the maximum time is seven minutes. Violating the time limit is grounds for disqualification. The timekeeper shall give an appropriate visual signal to each speaker to mark the 5-minute time, then 6 minutes, then 6 minutes 30 seconds and 6 minutes 45 seconds.
5. The registrar shall compile a list of all contestants, check each contestant upon arrival at the contest and allow each contestant to draw a speaking order number, which shall also be the assigned number for the judges' scoring. The registrar shall keep the listing of numbers and names, which shall not be made known to the judges, timekeeper or scorer(s) until they have completed all contest score sheets and time recording.
6. Judges are responsible for independently evaluating each speaker as to each element on the score sheet during or immediately after each contestant has spoken. The next speaker should not begin until all judges have completed scoring a contestant. Judges should not add the numbers of the scoring elements, but hand the score sheet to the scorer. Changing a scoring element after the initial completion is not recommended, except for serious error.
7. After the completion of each contestant's speech, the scorer(s) should obtain the score sheet from each judge. The scorer(s) will then add the scores from each element to obtain a total score for each judge, and then compute the average score of the judges, which will be the basis for selecting a winner. In case of a tie average score, judges and scorer(s) should attempt to break the tie by determining which contestant scored highest on the Four-Way Test element (judges' score sheet "Content A") as averaged.
8. At the completion of all speeches, the judges shall receive from the timekeeper any time violations. The judges and scorers will have a discussion to ensure that there are no errors in scoring or calculating. Judges should all confer concerning any violation or issue. The judges shall determine appropriate penalties for any contest violations by majority vote.
9. Once the scoring has been completed, the judges and scorer(s) should obtain the name that corresponds to each contestant's number and provide the highest ranked scores to the moderator.
10. Students with the highest three scores will receive a monetary award and be invited to give their speech to the Bow Rotary Club on Friday March 27 at 7:30 am. The winner will be expected to compete in the District Semi-Finals, and possibly finals.

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## JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

**Contestant Number:**

**Score:**

### 1) CONTENT

- A. Practical and effective demonstration of the Four-Way Test throughout  
\*Show all four of the 4-Way Test questions\* (1 – 8) x2 =
- B. Use of examples from peer group experience (1 – 8)
- C. Human interest appeal and color (1 – 8)
- D. Clarity and expressiveness of language (1 – 8)

**CONTENT TOTAL =**

### 2) ORGANIZATION

- A. Introduction – captures attention & establishes major theme (1 – 8)
- B. Development – ideas presented & explained clearly and logically  
With smooth transition (1 – 8)
- C. Conclusion – emphasizes major theme & leaves clear concise message (1 – 8)

**ORGANIZATION TOTAL =** \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) DELIVERY

- A. Clear enunciation and pronunciation (1 – 8)
- B. Good voice projection (easy to hear)  
and voice expressiveness (tone and pacing) (1 – 8)
- C. Good eye contact and rapport with audience (1 – 8)
- D. Relaxed, yet commanding gesture and posture (1 – 8)

**DELIVERY TOTAL =**

**OVERALL TOTAL POINTS =** \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's signature:

Date:

Judge's printed name: