



SPEECH CONTEST

March 11, 2017 | Loyola Marymount University | 1 LMU Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90045

Speech Topic:

1. Rotary Motto – Serving Humanity. (Rotary Theme 2016/2017)
2. Contestants should structure a speech that explains, promotes or clarifies how Serving Humanity is a positive solution to life's challenges and problems. Contestants can choose a challenge within the nation, state, community, school, family or a personal challenge and apply Serving Humanity as the solution and message of the speech.
3. Speech must be an original work, composed by the contestant. The speech must be 4 to 6 minutes in length. Speakers will be given timing cards at 4 min., 5 min. and 6 min., and will be disqualified if they speak longer than 6 minutes 30 seconds.
4. Speech must not be read or delivered from notes. Contestants will be allowed one 3"x5" note card.

District Contest Cash Prizes:

1st Place	\$1,000.00*
2nd Place	\$ 500.00
3rd Place	\$ 250.00

* The First Place Winner is invited and expected to deliver his or her speech at the District 5280 Conference in Lake Arrowhead, May 4-7, 2017.

Official Rules:

1. Only one speech contestant per Rotary Club is allowed.
2. Contestant must be currently enrolled in high school or home schooled and of high school age.
3. Contestant will compete at the sponsoring Rotary Club by **February 11, 2017**. Clubs may determine awards for winners at club level competition.
4. Club winners will advance to the District finals to be held **March 11, 2017** at Loyola Marymount University by application coordinated by sponsoring Rotary Club.
5. Online Registration must be received by the Rotary District Office, no later than **February 11, 2017**.
6. Entry fees must be received by the District Office no later than **February 11, 2017**.
7. If there is only one contestant for the District Speech Contest, he or she must deliver the speech on **March 11, 2017**.
8. Parent or legal guardian permission required. See Registration/Application.

General Instructions:

1. Download necessary forms from District Web Site: Flyer, Rules, Registration/Application, and Rubric (evaluation form).
2. Begin contacting contestants/local schools in September. If your club plans to sponsor a speech contestant.
3. The Contestant Registration form must be filled out online on the District 5280 Website www.Rotary5280.org no later than **February 11, 2017**.

If the contestant is under 18 years of age, a copy of the **Contestant Registration Form** must be printed out and given to the Contestant to have their parent/guardian sign. This form must then be mailed to the District Office no later than **February 25, 2017**.

4. The **Entry Fee** must be received at District Office by **February 11, 2017**:

**Clubs 24 members or less - \$80.00
**Clubs 25-49 members - \$135.00
**Clubs 50+ members - \$190.00