

Lenexa Rotary 4-Way Speech Scholarship
_____ (year) Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **text OK?** **Y** **N**

Email: _____

School: _____

(must be a Johnson County, KS school)

Grade Level: **Freshman** **Sophomore** **Junior** **Senior**

Preliminary speeches will be given _____ and _____ in the evening. Finals for the TOP 3 speakers will be _____ at a lunch meeting.

Lenexa Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Scholarship

- Any high school student attending school in Johnson County, KS may participate .
- The student will prepare a 5-7 minute speech on his/her topic of choice and will apply the Rotary 4-Way Test for decision making into that topic.

The 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?

- Two qualifying rounds will be held prior to the contest. Each participant is strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the help sessions to ask questions and review videos of past contestants.
- Each speech will be judged by Rotarian members.
- Participant's name or school will not be announced prior to the contest.
- The following criteria will be used in judging:
 - 50% of score is earned by the student incorporating and directly applying the 4-Way Test questions to the topic
 - 25% of score is earned by how well the topic is developed
 - 25% of score is earned by presentation style
- Scholarships will be awarded to the top three contestants:
 - 1st Place - \$2,500
 - 2nd Place - \$2,000
 - 3rd Place - \$1,500
- Scholarships are funded by the Lenexa Rotary Foundation. The funds are released upon request and are made payable to the university attended following high school graduation.

(over for Judging Criteria)

JUDGING CRITERIA

DIRECT APPLICATION OF 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?

The contestant can choose any topic, but is required to incorporate the 4-Way test of Rotary to that topic.

Questions a judge should consider in scoring:

1. Did the contestant clearly incorporate the 4-Way test of Rotary to his/her topic?
2. Did the contestant develop each application completely enough to demonstrate that any conclusions came with much thought on his/her part?
3. Did the contestant use relevant examples, illustrations, facts, or figures to support their conclusions?

Maximum Score: 50%

TOPIC DEVELOPMENT

Questions a judge should consider in scoring:

1. Did the contestant put ideas together so that the audience could understand them?
2. Is the speech structured around a purpose with an opening, body, and conclusion?
3. Did the contestant immediately engage the audience's attention and then move forward toward a significant conclusion?
4. Does the entire speech present the audience with a unified whole thought?

Maximum Score: 25%

PRESENTATION STYLE

Questions a judge should consider in scoring:

1. Did the contestant's appearance reinforce the speech?
2. Did the body language used (gestures, expressions, and body positioning) support the points of the speech?
3. Did the contestant have a flexible voice, moving from one pitch level to another for emphasis?
4. A good voice should be clearly heard and the words easily understood. Did the contestant use a variety of rate and volume to present his/her topic?
5. Did the contestant speak with enthusiasm and assurance, showing interest in the audience and topic, and confidence in their reactions?
6. Did the contestant use appropriate language? Language should promote clear understanding of thoughts and should fit the occasion and topic.

Maximum Score: 25%