



# FOUR-WAY SPEECH TEST

## CONTEST RULES

**WHO:** Contestants may be a freshman, sophomores, junior, or senior, in public, private, or home school.

**LENGTH:** 5-7 Minutes in length (5 points taken off for going over or under).

**DELIVERY:** Speech may be memorized or notes may be used but reading is discouraged. (Memorized at District Level is certainly more impressive.)

**TOPIC:** Material must be original in content and be about applying the Rotary Four Way Test to an important issue in everyday relationships with other people.

The test asks the following four questions:

1. Is it the TRUTH ?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL Concerned ?

Necessary information about the Four-Way Test may be found at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), do a search on 'four-way test'.

Contestants should write a speech with facts, statistics, stories, samples, & quotations. Add some humor and personal touches, but do not mention your name, school or city! (If you go onto District level do not mention your Rotary club.) Students competing in this project can win Scholarship Prizes of First Place \$500, Second Place \$300 and Third Place \$200. If they place first at the local level, they will be entered in the District Level for additional scholarship prizes.

The audience for the local level is approximately 25 to 100 people at a luncheon meeting. The District Level audience contains a few parents, coaches, judges, & other contestants. The top winners are often asked to present their winning speeches at the Rotary District Convention. Once a contestant wins at the local club they will be required to attend the District Contest, unless they placed in the District event last year, in that case they are not eligible to compete at District.



# FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School you represent: \_\_\_\_\_

## Competition Rules:

- Speech time limit per applicant: 5-7 minutes. Points will be deducted for speeches shorter or more than this time limit.
- Dress is to be suitable for a school academic presentations
- No copies of participant's presentation are to be submitted to judges
- All cell phones should be in the off position
- Dedicated applicants should review [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for 4-way speech tips
- Your school sponsors should have copies of all necessary information

## Deadlines and Dates:

- March 26, 2025 - Deadline for submitting your application and speech
  - Submit via email to [kwilliams@geus.org](mailto:kwilliams@geus.org)
- April 2, 2025 – Greenville Rotary Competition
  - 11:30 a.m. at The Landmark, 2920 on Lee Street, Greenville, Texas
- April 19, 2025 – District 5810 Competition
  - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
    - speakers and their guests will need to arrive between 8:45-9:20 am
  - The location is the North Texas Performing Arts Center in West Plano.  
<https://ntpa.org/plano/>
  - The Greenville Rotary Club will pay the \$50 entry fee.

We are available to help you prepare for this contest with any additional information you may need.

Greenville Rotary contact for Information: Kami Williams - [kwilliams@geus.org](mailto:kwilliams@geus.org) 903-456-2550.

We look forward to having you participate in this prestigious event.