



January 23, 2023

Greetings from the Rotary Clubs of Wichita Falls,

The Rotary Club of Southwest Wichita Falls in partnership with the Wichita Falls Rotary Club North is excited to announce the 2023 **Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest**, and we're inviting all high school students to participate!

Our local clubs will award a generous cash prize scholarship of \$1,000 for 1st place; \$500 for 2nd place; and \$250 for 3rd place winners. The top three contestants will also advance to compete at the regional level, with opportunity to win additional scholarship prizes.

Please help us identify students who could benefit by participating in this competition. There's no entry fee. All that's required is a commitment to put forth an effort to compose and deliver a 5-minute speech surrounding the topic of Rotary's "Four-Way Test", which asks the following:

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the Truth?**
- 2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?**
- 3. Will it build Good Will and Better Friendships?**
- 4. Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?**

Rotary is a worldwide civic and philanthropic organization that supports local and international programs that promote peace, fight diseases, provide health education, support literacy, and assist local economies. The goals of the contest are to acquaint the community with the principles of the Rotary Four-Way Test and to provide participants the opportunity to gain experience and confidence from speaking publicly. The prizes are awarded to recognize and encourage the outstanding accomplishments of youth in our community.

Students will be mentored and coached by local Rotarians who will provide guidance on the development of the speech and its delivery. Participants will be asked to attend a minimum of two mentoring sessions. **We will be holding an orientation meeting to provide contestants, parents and Rotarians with the goals and expectations of the contest. This orientation will take place on Tuesday, February 14 at 6:00 pm at the Edgemere Church of Christ located at 4728 Neta Lane in Wichita Falls.** Weekly mentoring / sign-up session are offered at the same location on Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM beginning February 21st and will continue until the week of the event.

The contest date has been set for Saturday, April 1st (this is not an April Fools joke). It will begin with a meet-and-greet at 6:30 pm and the competition program begins at 7:00 PM. The top three winners of the local competition must commit to compete in one of the two regional contests which are currently scheduled for April 15th and April 22nd in the Dallas / Ft Worth area.



It's important that participants attend the orientation and as many mentoring sessions as necessary to prepare their presentation. For more information, a Google search of "Rotary 5790 Four Way Speech Contest" and numerous YouTube videos provide information about what is expected.

Included with this letter is a copy of the contest rules and two documents that must be completed and returned before a student can compete in either the local or regional Four Way Speech Contest event. The attached Four Way Speech Contest Participation form and Photography Consent form may be completed and signed electronically using a PDF reader, or by printing and legibly completing with ink.

Please ask interested students to read and sign the forms and return to Lee Gunter (gunter.lee@gmail.com) or hand deliver during one of the mentoring meetings.

Thank you for your help spreading the word, and we look forward to a great event!

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Location
14-Feb	6-6:45pm	Kick-off/Orientation	<i>All events will take place at:</i> Edgemere Church of Christ 4728 Neta Ln Wichita Falls, TX 76302
21-Feb	6-8pm	Weekly Mentoring Sessions* <i>*Participants are strongly encouraged to meet with their mentor for coaching at least two times before the contest date. The venue is available from 6-8pm each Tuesday, though it is not expected that mentoring sessions last the full two-hours.</i>	
28-Feb	6-8pm		
7-Mar	6-8pm		
14-Mar	6-8pm		
21-Mar	6-8pm		
28-Mar	6-8pm		
1-Apr	6:30-8pm	Contest	



ROTARY DISTRICT 5790
ROTARY CLUBS OF SOUTHWEST WICHITA FALLS & WICHITA FALLS NORTH
FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST
LOCAL PARTICIPATION FORM

Name of Club: Rotary Club of Southwest Wichita Falls & Wichita Falls North Club

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____

High School Sponsor / Teacher / Mentor (if applicable): _____

High School Sponsor Email: _____

The regional contests will be held in April at locations to be determined.

Arrangements been made for the student to participate in the regional contests? ____ Yes ____ No

Date form completed: _____

Form completed by: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE & EMAIL THIS FORM TO:

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ROTARY DISTRICT 5790

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants must be students from the 9th through 12th grade (public, private or home school)
2. The subject of "What the 4-Way Test Means to Me" should be closely followed.

Material must be original in content and be about applying the Rotary Four-Way Test to an important issue in our everyday relationships with other people. Contestants should write a speech with facts, statistics, stories, examples, and quotations. Contestants may add some humor and personal touches, but do not mention their names, schools or cities or the locations of their sponsoring Rotary Clubs. For important information about the 4-Way Test, go to www.rotary5790.org and click on "4-Way Contest".

3. Written Scripts are not allowed; 3 x 5 cards may be used.
4. No props of any kind will be allowed.
5. A five-minute time limit for each speech will be strictly enforced.
6. Speeches will be judged on the following criteria:
 - **CONTENT – Counts as 1/3 of total score**
 - The speaker addressed the topic "What the 4-Way Test Means to Me"
 - **DELIVERY – Counts as 1/3 of total score**
 - Vocal delivery including rate, volume, pronunciation, and variety; effective eye contact and gestures
 - **ORGANIZATION – Counts as 1/3 of total score**
 - Introduction of subject, main points, and conclusions

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Rotary Clubs of Southwest Wichita Falls & Wichita Falls North

Photography/Video Consent Form

The undersigned hereby agrees to accept all conditions set forth in this limited consent and release.

I, the undersigned, hereby give Rotary International, its districts and/or clubs (Rotary), specific permission to publish, copyright, distribute and/or display photographic images (photos) and/or videos of me. Usage shall be for displays and exhibits at official events/activities and for publication in Rotary-sanctioned print, video, or Internet publications or products. In addition, Rotary may authorize publication of said photos/videos in local, regional or national media publications such as Club newsletters, newspapers and magazines.

The permission granted herein is strictly limited to these photographs and videos and releases Rotary from any and all liability by virtue of distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion and/or use in composite form, whether the same is intentional or otherwise.

I understand that Rotary may use any process or procedure resulting in the completion of the finished product, publication, webpage, distribution, or public display, when photographs and/or videos of me are used in accordance with the usage listed above.

By signing this limited consent and release form, I, the undersigned, represent that I am over 18 years of age. (If under 18, a parent's signature is additionally required.)

Student name (printed) _____

Student date of birth _____

Student signature _____

Contact information for person giving consent:

Phone _____

Email _____

If Student is under 18 years of age:

Parent or Guardian name _____

Parent or Guardian signature _____

Contact information for Parent or Guardian: Phone _____

Email _____

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL THIS FORM TO:

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Contestant # _____

Judge # _____

**FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST
JUDGE SCORE SHEET**

A. General Comments

1. Speaker may use 3 x 5 prompt cards but no written scripts.
2. Speeches are limited to 5 minutes with a 30 second grace period.
3. No props allowed.

B. Judging Criteria

10= Superior 8=Excellent 6= Good 4= Average 2=Fair 1=Poor

1. **Content** – Speaker addresses the topic “What the Four Way Test means to me”.

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

2. **Delivery** – Speaker uses eye contact and gestures effectively. Rate of delivery, volume and pronunciation are appropriate.

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

3. **Organization** – Speaker introduces subject well, brings out the main points and concludes effectively.

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

** Penalty Deduction _____

TOTAL POINTS (maximum 30): _____

**Speeches are to be a maximum 5 minutes in length. However, a 30 second “grace period” is allowed. Any speech that exceeds 5 minutes, 30 seconds will be assessed a penalty deduction of 5.0% of the total score. The timekeeper will inform the judges when a penalty has been assessed.