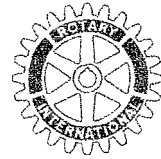


**Speak Up! 2020**  
**A Scholarship Challenge presented by the Arvada Sunrise Rotary**



***Speak Up 2020***

A speech presentation scholarship challenge for local Arvada  
Colorado high school students

Arvada Sunrise Rotary coordinator for this event:

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**Presented by:**  
**Arvada Sunrise Rotary**

The Arvada Sunrise Rotary is seeking candidates for our annual scholarship challenge. Each student application must be submitted no later than Friday, March 6, 2020. Please submit applications to the Arvada Sunrise Rotary coordinator (above). The student candidates may begin preparing their presentations immediately after notifying the Arvada Sunrise Rotary coordinator.

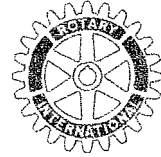
All Arvada local high schools are invited to provide candidates. The schools are Arvada HS, Arvada West HS, Pomona HS, Ralston Valley HS, The Early College of Arvada.

The event will be held on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 at:  
**Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities**  
**6901 Wadsworth Blvd.**  
**Arvada, CO 80003**

Candidates must be present by 7:10AM. Candidates are invited to arrive 30 minutes early to meet the Arvada Sunrise Rotary members. Each candidate may bring their parents.

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The event will begin with a short introduction by the Arvada Sunrise Rotary event coordinator, followed by a buffet breakfast. The presentations will begin shortly thereafter.

Each candidate will individually interview with the Arvada Sunrise Rotary *Speak Up* team prior to the event on April 21st. These informal interviews serve to guide the candidate and ensure that the content is on track and meets the established criteria and rules. Up to eight candidates will be selected from the pool of candidates after the interview process is complete and move on to become eligible to present their speeches on April 21st for scholarship awards.

Each candidate interview will be arranged directly with the Arvada Sunrise coordinator at a mutually convenient time for the student and the *Speak Up* team members. The *Speak Up* team will be available in the late afternoon/early evenings at a local business conference room. The times and places for these individual interviews will be arranged at a later date.

Individual interview meetings between the candidates and the Arvada Sunrise Rotary *Speak Up* team will take place in March-April 2020.

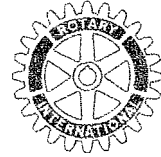
### Schedule Deadlines:

March 6, 2020	Final date to submit candidates
March-April 2020	Individual candidate meetings
April 21, 2019	Student Presentations and Awards

### Awards:

One (1)	\$2000 scholarship
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Four (4)	\$500 scholarships

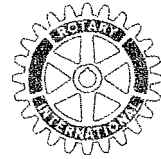
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Receipt of the Awards:

Once the student award recipient is enrolled in a college, the student may request the Arvada Sunrise Rotary send the award directly to the student's college account. Instructions will be provided at the time the award is made.

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**Topic:** The theme for *Speak Up!* 2020 is **"Connect The World."**

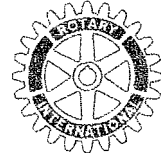
Any topic related to this theme will be acceptable, provided that it is not profane, obscene, unpatriotic, politically divisive, or racist.

**Criteria:**

The speech thesis must be directly related to the Rotary Four-Way Test, which is the primary focus of the speech. The relationship of the Four-Way Test to the speech thesis must not be reserved for concluding statements only.

**The Rotary 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:**

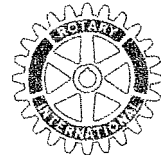
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- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



## **Contest Rules**

1. **Length:** Speeches must be at least 6 minutes and no more than 8 minutes in length. Penalty points will be subtracted for time infractions, at the rate of two points for every fifteen seconds or fraction thereof that a contestant's speech runs either under the 6-minute minimum or over the 8-minute maximum.
  
2. **Props:** No props are to be used. Audience participation will be considered a prop. Penalty points will be subtracted for use of props or encouragement of audience participation, at the rate of two points per infraction.
  
3. **Speaker Aids:** Lecterns and microphones are available for speakers to use.
  
4. **Speaker Notes:** Contestants may speak from 3" x 5" note cards.

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## **Judging Criteria**

Four judges will be used and the lead Judge will be the Timekeeper. Judging will be on a 100-point system, broken down into four criteria categories as follows:

1. **Personal Qualities (0-15 points)** - This includes appearance, poise and attitude.
2. **Material Organization (0-40 points)** - This includes subject adherence, use of the Four-Way test tenets, theme, flow, logic, etc.
3. **Delivery and Presentation (0-30 points)** - This includes voice control, articulation, enunciation, diction, animation, sincerity, pizzazz, etc.
4. **Overall Effectiveness (0-15 points)** - This includes overall appeal, impression, persuasiveness, etc.

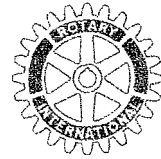
### **Scoring Procedures**

Judges will total points for each speaker, subtract penalty points (if any) and enter net points on their individual score sheets. They then rank speakers 1 through 8, by net points. If a tie exists on a judge's score sheet, the first tie-breaker is points scored in "Material Organization." If a tie still exists, the second tie-breaker is incorporation of the Four-Way Test.

The winner of the contest will be decided by *cumulative rank order*. If a contestant ranks #1 on 3 or more of the judge's score sheets, then he or she is declared the winner. If this does not occur, then each contestant's rankings will be totaled and the speaker with the lowest total rankings earned will be declared the winner.

If a tie still exists, the first tie-breaker is *total net points*. The contestant with the highest total of net points on the judges' cards will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the second and final tie-breaker will be by vote of the judges. The contestant receiving a majority vote of the judges will be declared the winner and the judges' decision will be final.

The same process will be repeated to determine the 2nd place winner.



## **Judge's Scoring Sheet**

### **THE FOUR-WAY TEST**

Of the things we think, say or 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?

### **Instructions to judges**

1. Judges will be seated at a table and will not communicate about their evaluations of speakers until after the event has concluded.
2. Each speaker will be awarded points according to the judges scoring sheets. Record points immediately after each speech.
3. Columns should be added and rankings computed after all speeches have been given and the judges have left the room.