



Rotary Club of Honolulu's FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST CONTEST RULES

I. **Goal:**

To develop the study, application and communication of the Rotary Four-Way Test as a moral and ethical model for behavior, decision making and life practice through a speech contest for high school age students

II. **Contestant Eligibility:**

Contestant must be attending high school on Oahu (including home schooled students)

III. **Rules for the Speech:**

- a. **Subject:** Contestants must prepare their own speeches. Each must be original in content and apply Rotary's Four-Way Test (**all four questions**) in everyday relationships with other people or situations. Any quoted, paraphrased or referenced content must be so identified during the speech presentation.
- b. **Delivery:** The speech will be conducted in English and should be delivered from memory. It should not be read through, however, a limited amount of notes are acceptable.

All contestants will speak from the same platform or area designated by the contest committee. All contestants and judges will be advised of the speaking area before the contest begins. A lectern/podium will be available, however, use of the lectern/podium is optional.

- c. **Length:** The speech shall be no less than three and one-half (3-1/2) minutes and no more than five (5) minutes in length. Points for speeches less than the minimum time or exceeding the maximum time limit will be reflected in the score. There will be a "hard stop" at six minutes.

Speakers will be alerted with warning signals on the remaining time available during the speech.

Upon being introduced, the contestant shall proceed immediately to the speaking position. Timing will begin with the contestant's first definite verbal or nonverbal communication with the audience. This usually will be the first word uttered by the contestant, but would include any other communication such as sound effects, a staged act by another person, etc. The speaker should begin speaking within a short time after arriving at the speaking area, and is not permitted to delay the contest unnecessarily.

IV. **Competition Procedures:**

- a. **Application Deadline:** Completed and signed Contestant Applications must be emailed to administrator@honolulurotary.com or postmarked by March 15, 2017 and mailed to the Rotary Club of Honolulu, 705 Queen Street Honolulu, HI 96813, ATTENTION: Four-Way Speech Contest Committee.

- b. The 2017 Preliminary Contest will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at a location to be determined and communicated to all Contestants. Contestants must check-in at the Registration Table by 8:30 a.m.
- c. Before the contest, at approximately 8:45 a.m., Contestants will be briefed on the rules by the Contest Chair. Contestants will then draw for their speaking position with the Contest Chair.
- d. Four judges and two timers will preside. In the event of a tie, the Judges will make the final determination.
- e. The top three (3) scorers in the Preliminary Contest will advance to the Final Competition to be held on May 2, 2017, at 12:00 noon at the Rotary Club of Honolulu's Luncheon Meeting at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Monarch Room, 2259 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii. Finalists must arrive by 11:45 a.m.

V. Prizes:

The Finalists will compete for the following distribution of \$4,250 in prize money, as follows:

- a. First Place: \$3,000.00
- b. Second Place: \$750.00
- c. Third Place: \$500.00

Winners will be required to complete a form providing his/her social security number. Per Internal Revenue Service rules, a Form 1099-Miscellaneous Income will be submitted.

VI. Winner Obligations:

Finalists are expected to participate in the Final Competition on May 2, 2017. The next highest place finisher in the Preliminary Contest could participate in the Final Competition, if for any reason, one of the top three Finalists are unable to compete.

VII. Identification of Contestants

In all contests, contestants will not be identified to the judges, except by number, until the judging is finished.

VIII. Final Interpretation

These rules are subject to final interpretation by the Rotary Club of Honolulu Four-Way Test Speech Contest Committee. All decisions of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Four-Way Test Speech Contest Committee are final.