

2020-2021 District Speech Contest Speech Contest Rules

This year's theme for our Rotary speech contest:
“Turning challenges into opportunities as we create transformative change”

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Time:	5-7 Minutes
Entrants:	Must be from District 5190 clubs and a student grades 9 – 12
Club Prizes:	To be determined by club
Area Prizes:	To be determined by participating clubs
District Prizes:	\$1,000 for 1 st Place, \$750 for 2 nd Place, \$500 for 3 rd Place and \$50 for 4 th Place

CONTEST RULES

Notes:	Contestants may use written notes at the club contest ONLY, speeches must be memorized at the District level
Microphone:	A microphone must be used at the District contest
Props:	No displays, props or prompting is allowed
Judges:	Use 4 judges and 1 tiebreaker at all contests. They may be Rotarians
Arrival Time:	All contestants MUST arrive at contest location NO LATER than 10 minutes before the start of the contest. Late arrivals will be DISQUALIFIED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

SUGGESTED COMPETITION TIMELINES

Club Contest:	February – March 2021 Deadline
Area Contest:	February – April 15, 2021 Deadline

All Area Speech contestant finalist names and contact information is due to Jeanne Schmidt Herron no later than April 15, 2021 (FIRM).

District Speech contest is on May 1, 2021, Time TBD at Harrah's Hotel in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Contestants must be available to speak at both the Area and District contests in order to enter the club contest. A student may only speak at one club in their area.



2020 – 2021 STUDENT ENTRY FORM

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Student's Name: _____

High School: _____

Teacher / Coach: _____

Student's Address: _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT BOTH THE AREA AND DISTRICT CONTESTS IN ORDER TO ENTER THE CLUB CONTEST.

I will be available for the _____ Rotary Club contest on _____.
If selected as the club winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the Area Contest on _____. If selected as the area winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the District 5190 Speech Contest at Harrah's Hotel in Lake Tahoe, Nevada on May 1, 2021.

I agree to abide by the rules of the Rotary District 5190 Speech Contest and to create an original speech for delivery.

Student Signature _____

Please return this completed form to _____ in Room _____ by _____

2020-2021 District Speech Contest Instructions for Teachers and Students

Thank you for participating in the 2020-2021 Rotary District 5190 Speech Contest.

Important Points to Know

1. In most areas, the speech contest has three levels. First is the local club contest, held between February and March 2021. The second is an Area contest, held between March and April 15, 2021. The final level is the District Speech Contest, to be held at the District Conference on May 1, 2021, time TBD, at Harrah's Hotel in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. **STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL THREE LEVELS TO ENTER IN THE COMPETITION.**
2. Only the winner at each level advances to the next level. Club and Area contests usually have 3-7 contestants; the District contest has 9-11. The cash prizes at the district level are \$1,000 (1st), \$750 (2nd), \$500 (3rd) and \$50 (4th).
3. Contest rules are available at your local school or Rotary club. Official rules can also be found on the Rotary District 5190 website at:

<https://district5190.org/page/district-speech-contest>

4. Your local Rotary club is responsible for furnishing you with all of the information needed to compete at each level of the contest.
5. A student may enter only one club contest in their own Area, determined by their School's location. Each high school belongs to an assigned Area.

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