



## HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST - CASH PRIZES

District Winner receives \$1,750 total & Runner-Up \$1,500

2022-2023 Speech Contest Topic:

### **Why is Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Important?**

*Prepare & Deliver a five-minute speech which relates this topic to your life, school and Rotary values.*

*High School Age Students Only. Memorization not required.*

*Details at [www.rotary7850.org](http://www.rotary7850.org)*

**Club Round 1 – Prize \$200** - Club insert date, time, location & contact info for its speech contest –

**\*\* Club Instructions: Club Round 1 Speech Contest must be held by Feb 20, 2023 \*\***

**Area Round 2 – Prize \$300** - insert date, time, location & contact info for Area Round 2 Contest -

**\*\*Club & Area Governor instructions: Area Round 2 Contest MUST be held by March 15, 2023\***

**District Round 3 – Prize \$500 for the Two Finalists**

Up to ten other contestants from other Areas' Round 2 Contests at District 7850 Assembly held Sat April 1, 2023 at Northern VT University, Lyndonville, VT.  
Estimated time 10am-2pm.

**District Round 4 – Prize \$750 Winner & Prize \$500 Runner-Up**

Two Contestants from Round 3 will speak at District 7850 Conference held Saturday April 29, 2023 at Jay Peak Resort, Jay Peak VT. Estimated time 11am-1pm.

*Essential Speech Contest Rules, Registration Form and Other Contest Documents can be found at [www.Rotary7850.org](http://www.Rotary7850.org) Youth Services: Speech Contest*

*Contact the Rotary Club or Area Governor listed above for Round 1 & Round 2 details.*

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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7850  
Club Speech Contest Contestant Registration Form**

**Contestant's Information -Write Clearly, All Contestant's Information Must Be Readable:**

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant's Responsibilities:**

I realize and accept that I am responsible to make every effort to attend each Round of the Speech Contest if I am selected to do so; and that if I do not participate in the next Round of the contest which I have qualified for, I will not receive prize money from the previous Round. I have noted Contest Dates listed on this year's speech contest poster.

Contestant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of School Representative:**

While Rotary District 7850 is completely responsible for this contest, Rotary District 7850 and the Rotary Club listed below would like to ensure that the student's school is aware of this contest and has no objections to this student participating. Please sign approval below.

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position in School \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary Club Information:**

Sponsoring Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club Representative Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check one:**

This Contestant was the Winner \_\_\_ or First Runner-Up \_\_\_ in our Club's Contest.

**After a Winner and a Runner-Up are selected at the Club Level, a copy of this fully completed readable form must be Mailed Or Emailed to Club's Area Assistant Governor.**

**Original registration form should be maintained by the Sponsoring Rotary Club Secretary.**

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## **Rotary High School Speech Contest Eligibility & Rules for Contestants & Schools 2022-23**

The following outline is designed to provide students and teachers with the rules for being eligible to compete and to win prizes, and the rules governing the speech content.

### **I. We ask schools to announce the local Rotary Club Speech Contest and to distribute the following four documents to students:**

Contest Poster, Registration Form, Eligibility & Rules Sheet, and Judge Score Sheet.

### **A. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE & RECEIVE CONTEST PRIZES**

1. Any High School Student or high school aged student who resides in the club's service area is eligible, unless student has been a previous District 7850 Final Contest Winner.
2. All Contestants who win any Contest Round are responsible to participate at the next Contest Round or will not receive prize check from the previously Contest Round. Club Round 1 Prize is provided by Club is given at Area Round 2. District Round 2 Prize is given at District Round 3. District Round 3 Prize is given at Round 4 along with the Round 4 Contest Prize. See Contest Poster for details.

### **B. RULES OF CONTEST**

1. Subject: Apply this year's contest theme in everyday relationships with other people.
2. Delivery: A written copy of the speech should be presented prior to the presentation. The contestant may refer to a copy of the speech during its presentation, but should not be reading the speech word for word, nor does it have to be completely memorized.
3. Length of Speech: The speech should be no longer than 5 minutes. Penalty points will be given if the speech is under four minutes or over six minutes. If over seven minutes, the Contestant will be disqualified.
4. Speech Content: The speech given by each contestant must be original in content and related to the relevance of applying the chosen topic and Rotary values in one's everyday life.
5. Language: Since Rotary District 7850 is a bilingual district, the speech may be presented either in English or French as is appropriate for the sponsoring Rotary Club. English is required for speeches given at the Area and District Contests, Rounds 2, 3 & 4.
6. The Rules and Format for Speech Contests at each Round are the same whether there is one contestant or more than one, and whether the contest is held in-person or remotely.

### **C. CONTEST FORMS, RULES AND GUIDELINES**

**All contestants must have a registration form, current contest poster, this page of rules and a judge score sheet. All contest documents are on the district website.**

**The Contest Poster provides essential details about this year's topic, schedule and prizes, which can be viewed online or printed from the Rotary District 7850**

**Website: [www.rotary7850.org](http://www.rotary7850.org) Site Page Youth: Speech Contest**

Contact the Rotary Club or Area Governor listed on the Contest Poster for Round 1 & 2.

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## Judge Score Sheet for all Rounds of Rotary District 7850 Speech Contest

Circle which Round: **Club Round 1** or **Area Round 2** or **District Round 3**

<b>Items to be considered when scoring:</b> (Do not consider time within your scores.)	Point Range	# 7	# 6	# 5	# 4	# 3	# 2	# 1
<b>1. CONTENT</b> Adherence to chosen theme & Use of peer examples: <u>max 5</u>  Human interest, appeal, color, clarity & expressiveness: <u>max 5</u>  Practical application of subject throughout speech: <u>max 5</u>	1 - 15							
<b>2. ORGANIZATION</b> Introduction: captures audience attention: <u>max 3</u>  Development: Ideas presented, supported & explained in clear, logical order and smooth transitions: <u>max 6</u>  Conclusion: emphasizes major theme, leaving audience with clear, concise message or point of application: <u>max 6</u>	1 - 15							
<b>3. DELIVERY</b> Vocal projection, expressiveness & variety: <u>max 4</u>  Posture, good eye contact & rapport with audience: <u>max 3</u>  Gestures & facial expression appropriate to words stated and sincere & authentic: <u>max 3</u>	1 - 10							
<b>4. Speech Application of ROTARY PRINCIPLES &amp; VALUES:</b>	1 - 10							
<b>Please Tally Your Scores:</b>	<b>Max 50</b>							
Your First Place Winner is - write Contestant's number here:		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place has a five-point value.</b>						
Your Second Place Winner is - write Contestant's number here:		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place has a three-point value.</b>						
Your Third Place Winner is - write Contestant's number here:		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place has a one-point value.</b>						

Print Your Name & Date

*Thank you for volunteering to be a judge.*