



ROTARY CLUB INSTRUCTIONS

SPEECH CONTEST

CLUB LEVEL COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

- Before any contestant can participate in the District-level competition on April 13, they must first compete in a club-level contest.
- Each student competing at the club level should complete the "Contestant Registration & Consent Form" (page 3 of this document) and return to their sponsoring Rotary Club.
- Rotary Clubs should retain a copy of completed registration forms, which will be helpful in completing the online application (see next section).
- Rotary clubs send their winning contestant from their club-level contest (only one student per category) to advance to the District-level competition on April 13, 2024.

DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

Rotary Clubs: Please complete the steps below ONLY for students that are advancing to the District-level competition on April 13, 2024.

- **PAYMENT**

- Rotary Clubs (not student) should send the entry fee for each contestant advancing to the District-level competition by **March 31, 2024**.
 - **Small Clubs** (20 members or less): \$90 per contestant
 - **Medium Clubs** (21-49 members): \$150 per contestant
 - **Large Clubs** (50+ members): \$200 per contestant
- Send payment to Rotary District 5280 Office:
 - 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 210, Los Angeles, CA 90045

- **ONLINE APPLICATION**

- Rotary Clubs (not student) must complete the online application for all contestants advancing to the District-level competition by **March 31, 2024**.
- The online application can be found at www.rotary5280.org/page/pageant-of-the-arts/
- **Note:** The online application is ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS ADVANCING TO THE DISTRICT-LEVEL COMPETITION.

Visit the Pageant of the Arts website for more information:

www.rotary5280.org/page/pageant-of-the-arts/





OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

SPEECH CONTEST

GENERAL CONTEST RULES

- District Finals, also known as the Pageant of the Arts, will be held **April 13, 2024** in person.
- Location: First United Methodist Church of Glendale, 134 N Kenwood St, Glendale, CA, 91206
- Time of each contest will be sent prior to the competition.
- Contestants must be currently enrolled in high school, home schooled, or an alternative program and of high school age.
- To qualify for the District Contest, the contestant must have won 1st place at a Rotary Club Speech Contest prior to **March 31, 2024**, or be sponsored by a Rotary Club.
- Only one contestant for the Speech Contest may be sent to the District Speech Contest per Rotary Club.
- Speech contestants may enter the other District Contests should they qualify and have the sponsorship of a Rotary Club. Separate Rules and Application apply.
- Prizes for each section of the competition:
 - 1st Place - \$1,000.00 | 2nd Place - \$500.00 | 3rd Place - \$250.00
- The Contestant Registration & Parent/Guardian Consent Form must be signed by the contestant and their parent/guardian. This form must be returned to your Sponsoring Rotary Club.
- Your Sponsoring Rotary Club will retain a copy and email a copy to the Speech Contest Chair.

SPEECH CONTEST RULES

- Speech Topic: **"Create Hope In The World"** (The motto of Rotary International).
- As a contestant, you should structure a speech that explains, promotes or clarifies how this theme is a positive solution to life's challenges. You may choose a challenge within the nation, state, community, school, family or a personal challenge and apply "Create Hope In The World" as the message of the speech.
- Speech content must be original to the contestant. Quotes may be used but must be limited to 10% or less of the speech.
- All performances/presentations/exhibits must be live, in person at the venue.
- Speech must not be read or delivered from notes. One 3"x5" note card will be allowed.
- Speech must be between 4 to 6 minutes. Timing cards will be shown at 4 minutes, 5 minutes, and 6 minutes. There is a grace period of 15 seconds. At 6 minutes 15 seconds they will be asked to stop.
- Speaking order is determined by randomization.
- The winner will be announced the day of the contest.

We're looking forward to your participation!

For questions or clarification, contact:
Agnes Lewis, Pageant of the Arts Speech Chair
818-804-0095 | ajlewis7@gmail.com

Visit the Pageant of the Arts website for more information:

www.rotary5280.org/page/pageant-of-the-arts/





CONTESTANT REGISTRATION & CONSENT FORM

SPEECH CONTEST

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

This form must be filled out for each and every participant

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School/Alternative Study: _____

Address: _____ Grade: 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th ☐

SPEECH PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Title of Speech: _____ Length of Speech (not to exceed 6 minutes) _____

Brief Description of Speech: _____

CONTESTANT CONSENT

I have read and agree to abide by the Rotary District 5280 Official Speech Contest Rules. If I have questions, I will reach out to the Speech Contest Chair, Agnes Lewis at 818-804-0095 | ajlewis7@gmail.com

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

If the above named contestant qualifies at the Rotary Club level for the District contest, I/we give permission for them to compete in the Rotary District 5280 Pageant of the Arts Contest to be held April 13, 2024. I/we give permission for their presentation/performance to be photographed and/or videotaped, to be used by Rotary District 5280.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Students: Please complete this form and return to your sponsoring Rotary Club.

Rotary Club: Please fill in the Rotary Contact info below. If your club selects this student to advance to the District Competition, complete the Rotary Club Submission Form at the Pageant of the Arts website, www.rotary5280.org/page/pageant-of-the-arts/

Rotary Club: _____ Rotary Club Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



JUDGE'S EVALUATION FORM

SPEECH CONTEST

Contestants and Rotary Clubs:

This form will be used in judging art contestants at the 2024 District-level Speech Contest and may be used by Rotary Clubs when judging their own speech contests.

Contestant Name: _____ Title/Topic: _____

Criteria	20-18 Exceptional	17-14 Very Good	13-10 Commendable	9-6 Competent	Score
Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topic Purpose 	Fully focused topic with clearly communicated understanding of the speech's purpose: "Create Hope In The World" , the theme of Rotary International.	Appropriate focused topic with understanding of speech's purpose.	Focused topic with some understanding of speech's purpose.	Some sense of topic with a vague sense of the speech's purpose.	
Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation Organization 	Commanding grasp of related facts & information within full development of points; clearly & logically organized with distinct introduction, body, & conclusion, with appropriate transitions linking the sections.	Clear use of related facts & information with development of major points, organized with a sense of beginning, middle, and end. Some transitions used.	Facts & information relate to topic, but explanations lack connections & organization falters.	Facts & information loosely connect with topic; however, explanations are limited or incomplete; poorly organized.	
Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of Language (includes appropriateness & correctness) 	Use of sophisticated & varied language suited to topic & audience; language is well-chosen, concise & grammatically correct.	Use of appropriate, varied & somewhat sophisticated language, well-chosen & grammatically acceptable.	Use of appropriate language yet lacks a level of sophistication, originality & expressiveness; few if any grammatical errors.	Use of language unsuitable to topic, audience, & purpose; word choice does little to convey an appropriate tone; noticeable errors.	
Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal Non-verbal 	Combination of appropriate & effective eye contact, vocal clarity, & projection, tone, pace, & gestures serves to enhance speaker's words. Speech fully memorized.	Good use of a combination of appropriate eye contact, vocal clarity & projection, tone, pace & gestures add to speech's effect. Minimum use of notes.	Some use of eye contact; vocal clarity & projection adequate; pacing & gestures somewhat contrived. Some use of notes.	Inconsistent use of eye contact, vocal clarity, & projection, poor pacing & awkward gestures interrupt the flow of the speech. Reliance upon notes.	
Overall Effect:	Speaker maintains enthusiasm & audience attention throughout; purpose is clearly achieved.	Speaker shows some enthusiasm; audience interest is maintained most of the time; purpose of speech is achieved.	Speaker shows limited enthusiasm; audience interest falters at times; purpose of speech only partially achieved.	Speaker lacks enthusiasm around topic & no clear purpose emerges.	
Time: _____	Minimum Time: 3 min 30 sec Maximum Time: 6 min				
Total Points: (out of 100)					
Judge's Signature					