



Rotary District 5280 Speech Contest 2023 - Scoring Rubric



Contestant Name: _____ Title/Topic: _____

Criteria	20-18 Exceptional	17-14 Very Good	13-10 Commendable	9-6 Competent	Score
Content Topic/Purpose	Fully focused topic with clearly communicated understanding of the speech's purpose: an application of the Rotary Foundation Motto: Doing Good In the World	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 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 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 Verbal & Nonverbal	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 ____min____sec	Minimum Time 3min 30sec Maximum Time 6min 30sec				<i>minus</i>
TOTAL Possible 100					

Judge initials _____

Comments: