



Rotary District 5890 4-Way Test Essay Competition  
Rules for Interact School Year 2023-2024

General:

Rotary District 5890 is sponsoring a district-wide essay competition for **active 12<sup>th</sup> grade Interact members** who are graduating in 2024 and are College, Trade or Vocational school bound. This year's Rotary District Governor, Heather Rimato has budgeted \$ 6,000.00 for the 4-Way test Essay Contest. The competition focuses on all or any part(s) of Rotary International's 4-Way Test:

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Deadline for entries:

1. Students must submit their completed essay as an electronic Word document and the signed cover sheet to their HS Interact club Sponsor no **later than Saturday, February 18, 2024**.
2. **HS Interact Club Sponsors** should do the following:
  - Review the forms for accuracy and completeness.
  - Sign the Cover Sheet indicating eligibility and send it in as a PDF attachment or mail it in separately.
  - E-mail the essay as an electronic Word Document and the Completed Cover sheet to Erica Alderete at [ealderete.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:ealderete.rotary@gmail.com) no later than **February 25, 2024**.
3. These deadlines are **binding**.

**Essay Contest:**

Entries should:

1. Include a title
2. Focus on one or more of the 4-Way Test elements.
3. Contain between 300 and 600 words in length (including title), not counting the Cover Sheet.  
**Essays containing more than 600 words will not be accepted.**
4. NOT identify your high school or Rotary Club by name in the essay!
5. Contain student's name in the upper left corner of each page.
6. Be typed in 12-point font and double-spaced.
7. Be accompanied by the signed, completed Cover Sheet.
8. Be submitted to the Interact Club Sponsor electronically as a Word document no later than February 18, 2024.

9. Be forwarded to the Rotary District Co-chair Erica Alderete at [ealderete.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:ealderete.rotary@gmail.com) which will be then forwarded to Karla Christman, Chair of the 4 Way Test Essay Contest by the Interact Club Sponsor no later than February 25, 2024.

### **Essay Judging:**

Evaluation and scoring will be conducted by a panel of judges from D5890 and will focus on the following criteria:

1. How well the topic is covered.
2. Originality.
3. Personal Experience.
4. Grammar, spelling and title.
5. Overall quality of writing.

### **Awards:**

Three levels of awards will be made in the form of financial scholarships. Winners will be contacted with instructions on how to claim their prizes. All financial awards will be sent directly by the Rotary District Treasurer to the student's college or school of choice.

1<sup>st</sup> Place will receive a \$3,000 scholarship

2<sup>nd</sup> Place will receive a \$2,000 scholarship

3<sup>rd</sup> Place will receive a \$1,000 scholarship

### **Schedule:**

These competition Rules, Cover Sheet and Schedule will be made available for download from the Rotary District 5890 Website.

1. February 18, 2024 Students should submit their essay entry and signed Cover Sheet to their HS Interact Club Sponsor for verification and signature of eligibility.
2. February 25, 2024 HS Interact Club Sponsor should email each essay and Cover Sheet to Erica Alderete at [ealderete.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:ealderete.rotary@gmail.com)
3. February 25, 2024 Judging process begins.
4. March 11, 2024 Judges submit essay ratings to the Essay Contest Chair
5. March 15, 2024 Winners and HS Interact Sponsors will be notified of results.
6. March 23, 2023 Winners will be recognized at the District 5890 Interact Conference

### **Information for HS Interact Sponsors:**

Procedures for submission of each essay:

1. Send the essay with the completed and signed Cover Sheet to Erica Alderete, assistant to the 4 Way Essay Test Chairperson by February 23, 2024.
2. Scan the completed and signed **Cover Sheet** and email as a **PDF attachment** (or if scanning is not available, mail it separately to Erica Alderete. **If mailing the Cover Sheet separately, the postmark deadline is also February 25, 2024.**
3. Although the Cover Sheet may be submitted separately by mail, only essays submitted in the specified electronic form will be considered. In an E-mail to Erica Alderete, attach the essay as a Word Document. **Use the Student's name as the filename.** (Please do not send the essay as a PDF.) the contest committee will replace the student's name in the filename and on the Word Document by a number, before submitting it to the judges.

Winners will be announced March 15, 2024, by E-mail to the winners and to their Interact Club Sponsors. Winners must then provide the name and address of their college, trade, or vocational school, and any student identification number as soon as possible after this so that arrangements can be made for payment of the scholarships directly. Scholarship award recognition will be provided to sponsoring Rotary Clubs at the Interact and Rotary District Conferences.

Cover Sheet  
Rotary District 5890  
2023-2024 Interact 4-Way Test Essay Competition  
E-mail to: Erica Alderete [ealderete.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:ealderete.rotary@gmail.com)

Please print neatly:

Name of Interactor	_____
Address – Street	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
Phone Number	_____
E-mail Address	_____
Sponsoring Rotary Club	_____
Name of High School	_____
Name of Interact Sponsor	_____
Phone Number	_____
E-Mail Address	_____

By signing below, I certify this information to be true and fully correct, that I am an active member of Interact and will attend college or vocational/trade school in Fall 2024.

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Student Signature and Date

By signing below, I certify this information to be true to the best of my knowledge and that this person is a current Interact member.

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Interact Sponsor Signature and Date