



## GUIDELINES FOR INTERACT SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

### General:

The Rotary District 5890 sponsors a district-wide essay competition for **active 12<sup>th</sup> grade Interact members** who are graduating in 2025 and are College, Trade or Vocational school bound. This year's Rotary District Governor, Nancy Anderson, has budgeted \$ 6000.00 for the 4-Way test Essay Contest. The competition focuses on all or any part(s) of Rotary International's 4-Way Test. These competition rules, coversheet and schedule will be made available for download from the Rotary District 5890 Interact website.

### Club and Participant Requirements

1. School Interact club must be in good standing and membership dues paid to D5890 Interact.
2. Student must be an active Interact member in good standing.

### Essay Requirements:

Entries should:

1. Include a title
2. Focus on one or more of the 4-Way Test elements:

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?

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 the student's name in a header 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 coversheet.
8. Submit their signed, completed coversheet and essay to their campus Interact Club Faculty Advisor electronically as a Word document **no later than February 3, 2025.**

### HS Interact Faculty Advisors' Submission Procedures

1. Review the forms for accuracy and completeness and sign the Cover Sheet indicating student's eligibility.
2. Scan and email the completed and signed **coversheet as a PDF** and the **essay as a Word** document to Erica Alderete ([ealderete.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:ealderete.rotary@gmail.com)) no later than **February 7, 2025.**
3. Only essays submitted in the specified electronic form will be considered.
4. Use the following filename conventions:  
**Coversheet:** School Interact Name\_Student's full name\_CS (ex: Example HS\_Bob Jones\_CS)

**Essay:** School Interact Name\_Student's full name\_Essay (ex: Example HS\_Bob Jones\_Essay)

*Do not send the essay as a PDF. Interact Co-chair, Erica Alderete, will replace the student's name in the filename and on the Word Document with a number, before submitting it to the judges.*

**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 (all deadlines are binding)**

February 3, 2025	Students should submit their essay entry and signed cover sheet to their HS Interact Club Faculty Advisor for verification and signature of eligibility.
February 7, 2025	Deadline for HS Interact Club Faculty Advisor to email essay entry and corresponding coversheet to Erica Alderete at <a href="mailto:ealderete.rotary@gmail.com">ealderete.rotary@gmail.com</a>
February 10, 2025	Judging process begins.
March 3, 2025	Judges submit essay ratings to the Essay Contest Chair to provide to D5890 Treasurer
March 7, 2025	Winners, HS Interact Faculty Advisor, and sponsoring Rotary club will be notified of results
March 22, 2025	Winners will be recognized at the District 5890 Interact Conference

Winners will be announced March 7, 2025, via e-mail to the winners and to their Interact Club Faculty Advisor. 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  
2024-2025 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 Advisor	_____
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 2025.

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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 Advisor Signature and Date