



District 5890 4-Way Test Essay Competition

Rules for School Year 2015 / 2016

General:

The Vocational Services committee of Rotary District 5890 will again sponsor a district-wide essay competition for active 12th grade Interact members who are graduating in 2015 and are College, Trade or Vocational school-bound. This year DG Nick Giannone has budgeted the awards to \$3,000, \$2000 and \$1,000. 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 and signed cover sheet in pdf format to their HS Interact Club Sponsor to be received **no later than November 9, 2015.**
2. **HS Interact Club Sponsors** should sign the cover sheet and e-mail it and the essay to rfitzwater@alvinisd.net to be received **no later than November 20, 2015.** HS Interact sponsors must review the forms for accuracy and completeness, check the cover sheet box stating eligibility and sign accordingly.
3. These deadlines are **binding.**

Essay Content:

Entries should:

1. Include a title.
2. Focus on one or more of the 4 Way Test elements.
3. Contain between 300 and 500 words in length (including Title), not counting the cover page - **Essays containing more than 500 words will not be accepted.**
4. Contain student's name in the upper left corner of the each page.
5. Be typed in Times New Roman 12 point font and double spaced.
6. Be accompanied by the signed, completed cover sheet.
7. Essay will be submitted to sponsor electronically as a "Word" Document and sent to district electronically.



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 / personal experience.
3. Use of grammar and spelling.
4. 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 District Treasurer to the student's college or school of choice.

1. 1st place will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.
2. 2nd place will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.
3. 3rd place will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Schedule:

The flyer, coversheet and competition rules can be downloaded from the Rotary 5890 District website.

1. **September 30, 2015** General competition announcement and kick-off at Interact Round Up.
2. **November 9, 2015** Students should submit their essay entry and signed cover sheet to their Interact sponsor for verification and signature of eligibility.
3. **November 20, 2015** Sponsor should **e-mail** essay and cover sheet to Ron Fitzwater at rfitzwater@alvinisd.net.
4. **December 1, 2015** Judging process begins.
5. **January 2016** Winners will be announced.
6. **TBA 2016** Winners Awards presentation at District 5890 Interact Conference.



Cover Sheet
Rotary District 5890
2015 / 2016 Interact 4-Way Test Essay Competition
E-mail to rfitzwater@alvinisd.net
281-245-2694

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 _____

Email address _____

By checking the box below I certify this information to be true and fully correct, that I am an active member of Interact and will graduate and attend college or vocational / trade school in 2016.

By checking the box below I certify this information to be true to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature and Date

Interact Sponsor Signature and Date

District use only. Number assigned to essay. _____



For Interact Sponsors:

Procedures for submission

- 1. Complete sending to Ron Fitzwater by November 20**
- 2. Scan coversheet and send as an PDF attachment (or mail it to Ron Fitzwater, Alvin High School, 802 South Johnson, Alvin, TX 77511). If mailing the coversheet, the postmark deadline is November 20.**
- 3. In an email, attach the essay as a “Word” document. (do not send it as a PDF).**