



**Rotary District 5890 4-Way Test Essay Competition  
Rules for School Year 2019 / 2020**

**General:**

The Vocational Services Committee of Rotary District 5890 will again sponsor a district-wide essay competition for **active 12<sup>th</sup> grade Interact members** who are graduating in 2020 and are College, Trade or Vocational school-bound. This year Rotary District Governor Gary Gillen has budgeted \$6,000 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 February 14, 2020.**
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 as a PDF attachment.
  - E-mail the essay as an electronic 'Word' document to [jack@jackhardin.com](mailto:jack@jackhardin.com) to be received **no later than February 21, 2020.**
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 500 words in length (including title), not counting the cover page. **Essays containing more than 500 words will not be accepted.**
4. **Do 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 14, 2020.
9. Be forwarded by e-mail to the Rotary District by the Interact Club Sponsor no later than February 21, 2020.

**Essay Judging:**

Evaluation and scoring will be conducted by a panel of judges of Rotarians from District 5890 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 can be downloaded from the Rotary District 5890 website.

1. February 14, 2020 Students should submit their essay entry and signed Cover Sheet to their HS Interact Club Sponsor for verification and signature of eligibility.
2. February 21, 2020 HS Interact Club Sponsor should **e-mail** each essay and Cover Sheet to Jack Hardin at [jack@jackhardin.com](mailto:jack@jackhardin.com).
3. February 22, 2020 Judging process begins.
4. March 7, 2020 Judges submit essay ratings to chair.
5. March 12, 2020 Winners will be announced.
6. April 4, 2020 Winners Awards Presentation at District 5890 Interact Conference.



**Cover Sheet**  
**Rotary District 5890**  
**2019 / 2020 Interact 4-Way Test Essay Competition**  
**E-Mail to [jack@jackhardin.com](mailto:jack@jackhardin.com)**  
**713-667-0222**

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 2020.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature and date

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Interact Sponsor Signature and Date

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**District use only:**    Number assigned to essay: \_\_\_\_\_



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**For HS Interact Sponsors:**

Procedures for submission of each essay:

1. **Send the essay with a completed and signed Cover Sheet to Jack Hardin, Rotary District 5890 Vocational Service Chair, by February 21, 2020.**
2. Scan the **Cover Sheet** and e-mail as a **PDF attachment** (or mail it to Jack Hardin, 3605 Katy Freeway, Suite 211, Houston, Texas 77007). **If mailing the Cover Sheet separately, the postmark deadline is also February 21, 2020.**
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 [jack@jackhardin.com](mailto:jack@jackhardin.com), attach the essay as a 'Word' document. **Use the student's name as the filename.** (do NOT send the essay as a PDF.) The student's name will be replaced by a number for judging.

Winners will be announced March 12, 2020 by E-mail to the winners and to their Interact Club Sponsors. Winners will provide information about their college, trade or vocational school as soon as possible after this so that arrangements can be made for payment of the scholarships directly. Scholarship award presentations will be made at the Interact District Conference on April 4, 2020.