

HOW IT WORKS

Any high school student, grades 9-12, residing within District 7780 is eligible (public, private, home-schooled, online). Previous District First Place Winner are not eligible.

Students should complete an application/release form for the contest and submit it to their nearest Rotary Club in District 7780. These forms may available in their high school office, guidance office, speech teacher's office, their local Rotary Club or on the District web site (<http://rotary7780.org/SitePage/literacy>) under 4 Way Test Contest.

Club must submit their applications to the District NO LATER THAN December 31, 2017.

The applicants will compete at the district final competition at the District Training Assembly, Saturday morning, April 8, 2018, held at USM Hannaford Hall in Portland.



THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

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Is it the truth?

2

Is it fair to all concerned?

3

Will it build goodwill
and better friendships?

4

Will it be beneficial
to all concerned?

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Rotary 
District 7780

FOUR –WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

First Prize: \$750



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

WHAT IS IN FOR ME?

What are you passionate about? Could you persuade others by giving a speech? Are you willing to challenge yourself and others while improving your critical thinking and ethical decision making skills? Take a step towards becoming someone who inspires and motivates others to have a positive influence upon their friends, their community and the world at large. While competing in a supportive, nonthreatening environment you will also have a chance to earn significant prize money as well as recognition and awards which could enhance your college resume.

Public Speaking



Fearful?



Confident!

RULES

The speeches must be the original work of the contestant. Each one of the questions of the Four-Way Test must be asked and answered in the student's speech as related to the student's topic. The answer must be about how you would guide your OWN actions, not how someone else would handle the situation.

Speeches must be at 5 minutes in length but no longer than 6 minutes. However, a 30 second "grace period" is allowed. Any speech exceeds 5 minutes; 15 seconds will be assessed a penalty deduction of 1 points of the total score.

The speech should not be read, but adequate speaker notes may be used. The speech may be delivered partly or entirely from memory.

Order of presentation – Determined by lottery. Contestants who arrive after the competition has begun will be disqualified

Speaker Notes: Contestants may speak from notes at the district level competition. At the final contest at the District Training Assembly only ONE 3x5 note card note may be used.

JUDGING

Several judges and one timekeeper will be used at the competition. Judging will be on a 100 point system, broken down into three categories as follows:

1. **CONTENT** (0-40 points) Application of the 4-Way Test, use of examples, language and vocabulary
2. **ORGANIZATION** (0-30 points) Introduction, development, conclusion
3. **DELIVERY** (0-30 points) Enunciation, projection, expressiveness, rapport with the audience **Penalty Points** – Any penalty points incurred will be deducted from the point total on each judge's score card.

(HOW TO ENTER: Contact your high school speech teacher, principal, or your local Rotary Club or contact the District Co-Chairs

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