

Dear Teachers, Counselors and Administrators,

Rotary District 7410 is again sponsoring an essay contest as listed in the attached poster. Last year, teachers all over the region were kind enough to promote the contest to their junior and senior students. The schools who promoted the contest had successful entries. This letter is a request to see if you would be willing to offer participation to your students. The process is listed below.

1. Teachers decide to participate and display the posters, in person, or virtually. Usually, a local club member can come to the school to promote the contest.
2. Teachers decide on the process to follow for the students. In some schools, a peer review process has been used.
3. Essays are submitted individually by the student as a PDF attachment to the local club chair email by February 2nd.
4. Essays are reviewed by local Rotarians, who will score them.
5. The top three essay winners will be invited their local club to read their essays and be acknowledged, with their parents.
6. The essay of the top winner will be submitted to the Rotary District 7410 readers, from all over Northeastern Pennsylvania.
7. District readers will evaluate the essays and the top three will be notified. Those winners will be awarded prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 at a club meeting, held in their honor.

This year's topic addresses student identification of a major local public issue, as well as formulation of a possible solution (s).

Thank you for considering this project,