



## The Rotary District 7690 Four Way Test Speech Contest

To: All Rotary District 7690 Clubs

Your club is invited to send a contestant to the Rotary District 7690 Four Way Test Speech Contest. This is an opportunity for high school students in grades 9 through 12 to develop their public speaking and leadership skills while increasing awareness of Rotary in our communities.

As in the past the contest is scheduled to be held on the last Saturday in February, **February 24, 2024** this year. The contest will take place at Randolph Community College in Asheboro, NC. The auditorium is located in the R. Alton Cox Learning Resources Center. In case of inclement weather, the contest will take place in the same location the following Saturday, March 2, 2024

High school speech contestants are asked to present a six-minute persuasive talk, directed toward their peers, to promote high ethical standards in daily life. The speech should clearly mention the application of Rotary's Four Way Test to facilitate positive and ethical behavior in youth and teens. If applicable, they may incorporate Rotary's theme for the current year into their speech.



Contestants' speeches will be judged for content and presentation. The content should be focused, clear, and accurate, and should be delivered in a logical, organized, and persuasive manner. Articulation, body language, creativity, and effectiveness in engaging peers in the message of ethical choices and behavior relating to the Rotary's Four-Way Test will be important criteria in judging the presentations.

District prizes will be:

- \$1000 for first place
- \$500 for second place
- \$250 for third place
- \$100 for fourth place

At the contest, Rotary District 7690 may videotape the contestants' presentations and may use them on the Rotary District 7690 website or other Rotary District social media at the District's discretion.

Additionally, the winner will be invited to present his or her presentation at our District Conference, to be held in New Bern on April 25 – April 28, 2024.

### Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to all students in high school grades 9 through 12 who are currently enrolled in a high school curriculum.
- All contestants must be physically present to compete in the contest on February 24, 2024.
- Each club is limited to one contestant. If the club has multiple students interested in participating, the club will be responsible for judging the presentations at the local level and should select one of those individuals to represent the club on February 24, 2024.
- More than one student from the same school may compete if they are sponsored by different clubs.
- The speeches will be judged for
  - Content (knowledge of subject, logical development, clarity of ideas, and persuasiveness to peers).
  - Originality (captures audience interest and attention, effectively connects the information about ethics to the lives of teens today).
  - Delivery (enunciation/pronunciation, expression/poise, sincerity/tone, positive approach)
  - Staying within the 6-minute time limit.
- No props or PowerPoint presentations will be permitted but notes on 3x5 cards are allowed.
- Speeches should be the original work of the contestant and should not be read.
- Contestants should remain anonymous, not revealing their name, town, school, etc. until after the contest to prevent any bias on the part of the judges.
- Each contestant must consent to Rotary District 7690 videotaping their presentation at the District contest on February 24, 2024.
- Each club must send the application for their contestant to Kathy Homiller by **Wednesday, February 14, 2023**.

Each club should contact the schools in the area they serve to invite them to solicit applicants. A letter is attached for that purpose. If necessary, clubs in the same school district should coordinate with each other to decide which club is responsible for contacting which schools in that area. In addition, an application form which must be filled out for the club's contestant is attached as well as a copy of the history of the Four Way Test.

Questions or comments? Contact:

Kathy Homiller, Chair

Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest

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**The Rotary District 7690 Four Way Test Speech Contest  
Contestant Registration Form**

February 24, 2024

**Please PRINT all information clearly**

Name	
Home Address (include city and zip code)	
Preferred phone contact number	
E-mail Address	
High School name and grade	
High School Principal Name	
High School Principal E-mail	
Sponsoring Rotary Club	
Rotary Club Contact Name	
Rotary Club Contact Phone & e-mail	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone	

**Parent and Student Consent:**

I agree to participate in, and to allow my child to participate in, the Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest as described above and abide by all the ground rules set up for the contest.

At various times Rotary District 7690, films, video tapes, and photographs events. It then subsequently publishes or broadcast these materials. If you consent and grant permission for your child's likeness, work product, or electronic/media to be used/featured by Rotary District 7690, please sign in the appropriate space below.

Consent: I do consent and allow my child to be filmed, videotaped and/or photographed for use by Rotary District 7690 or the media. I also allow my child's likeness, work product, and electronic/media to be featured by Rotary District 7690.

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Child Name (printed)/Signature/Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian (circle one) Name(printed)/Signature/Date

**Sponsoring Rotary Club Contact:**

The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ is sponsoring the above candidate for the Four Way Test Speech contest and will be in charge of making sure the candidate complies with the ground rules of the contest and is able to get to the contest safely.

Signature of Club Contact \_\_\_\_\_