

# Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest

## Information Packet

### **The 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 GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The purpose is to help youth. Rotarians and the community-at-large to more completely understand, encourage, and foster the principles of Rotary and the objects of "Service Above Self."
2. The contest is open to all Interact members unless there are not enough participants (4 or 5) at which time it may be opened up to other Westview students.
3. The topic for the speech is to be the student's choice. However, the speech must show clearly the practical application of all four points of the Rotary Four-Way Test. Student who do not follow this guideline should not advance beyond the high school competition and cannot compete on the Regional or District levels.
4. The speech may not be read verbatim, but notes may be used at the club and regional levels (limited to one 3 x 5 card at the regional level). It may not be less than four (4) minutes nor more than six (6) minutes in length. Penalty points will be assessed for any speech which is under time or overtime.
5. The competition will be held on March 15 at the Martin Rotary Club meeting at 12 noon in the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center Room 229. Transportation will be provided if needed to those students participating in the contest.
6. Awards – There will be cash awards given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST**  
**JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET (Revised 1997)**

**GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES**

1. The topics for speeches are the students' choices.
2. The speeches may not be read verbatim, but notes are permitted at the Club and Regional levels.  
No notes are permitted at the District finals.
3. Judges should sit apart from each other and will not communicate about their evaluations of speakers until the final rankings have been determined.
4. Speakers will be ranked from first through the number of speakers in the contest with no ties.
5. Speakers' names and schools will not be announced until after the judges' decisions are finalized.
6. Point Scale 10 = Outstanding, 8 = Excellent, 6 = Satisfactory, 4 = Lacks Some Essential Element.

**ITEMS TO BE JUDGED**

	Points Possible	Points Awarded					
		SPEAKERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
I CONTENT Use of example. Theme/subject adherence. Human interest, appeal, and color. Clarity and expressiveness. Persuasiveness.	0 – 10						
II ORGANIZATION Introduction. Logical development. Support of ideas. Smooth transitions. Conclusion.	0 – 10						
III DELIVERY Voice control, articulation, enunciation. Body language (gestures, facial expression). Sincerity.	0 – 10						
IV APPLICATION OF 4-WAY TEST Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?	0 – 10						
POINT SUBTOTAL	max = 40						
V PENALTY 1 point for each 15 seconds (or fraction thereof) that the speech is under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes.	(Subtract points)						
TOTAL POINTS							
RANKING							

Date

Judge's Signature