

**Rotary District 6670
GUIDELINES FOR CLUB CHAIRS**

**Rotary District 6670
Four-Way Test Speech Contest
2025**

The Rotary Four-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?**

DEADLINE:

It is important for you to begin NOW to recruit student contestants from your public and private high schools, and other places in your community. **Please indicate your club's participation to the District Chair by January 10, 2025.** (Registration form is on the District website.)

LOCATION:

The District Contest will be held on **Sunday, March 30, 2025, on the campus of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.**

CLUB WINNER:

The first-place winner from the District Competition will again present their winning speech at the District Gala Dinner on Friday, April 25, 2025. If the first-place winner cannot participate, the second or third place winner may represent the District.

RULES OF COMPETITION:

- A. **Topic:** Leadership, Service and the Four-Way Test
The contestant *must* apply the Rotary Four-Way Test to the concepts of leadership, service to others and life experience.
- B. **Delivery:** The speech is to be presented from memory without the aid of podium/lectern, notes, displays or props.
- C. **Length:** The speech must be no less than four minutes and no more than six minutes. Any speech that falls outside either of these limits will be disqualified.
- D. **Content:** The speech given by each contestant must be the work of the contestant alone. No more than 75 words may be quoted.

PROCEDURE:

- A. Each contestant should receive a copy of Guidelines for Contestants and prepare a four to six-minute speech based on the guidelines.
- B. It is suggested that contestants draw numbers to determine the order in which their speeches will be presented at the club contest.
- C. The local club competition may be held in one round. Subsequent rounds may be held at the club's option. Presentation before a live audience is essential in preparing the contestant who is selected for the District competition.
- D. Notification to the District of your Club's Participant in the District Contest should be received by March 17, 2025, but absolutely no later than March 21, 2025.
- E. The District competition will be held on **Sunday, March 30, 2025, beginning at noon, at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.**
- F. It is required and expected that the District winner be present at the District Gala Dinner on April 25, 2025, to present their winning speech.
- G. The first-place award prize will be awarded at the District Conference.
- H. The District contest is conducted using the format of forensic speech competitions. Each student will give his or her speech at least twice to different judges. The judges will be both Rotarians and Faculty and Students from Wright State University who have been trained in the concepts of the Rotary Four-Way Test. The four contestants with the highest scores will give their speeches in the final round. **Contestants will be judged on content and delivery in applying the concepts of the Rotary Four-Way Test. Failure to articulate all aspects of the Rotary 4 Way Test will result in disqualification.**
- I. In order to encourage your winning participant to attend the District Competition, it is recommended that your Club retain the dollar prizes to their winners until after the district Competition. Also, it may allow you to substitute the second or third place winner should you know the first-place winner is unable to participate on March 30, 2025.

PRIZES: Four District prizes will be awarded:

First Place:	\$400
Second Place	\$300
Third Place	\$200
Fourth Place:	\$100