

Four-Way Test Speech Contest

The Four-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?

I. ELIGIBILITY:

Any high school Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior except a student who has won a previous State Four-Way Test Public Speaking Contest. Prior contest winners of the District 6690 contest may participate but must have a speech different from a prior winning speech.

II. RULES OF THE SPEECH:

- A. SUBJECT: Applying the Rotary Four-Way Test in our everyday relationships with other people.
- B. DELIVERY: The speech is best given from memory and may not be read verbatim. Notes are allowed but the use of notes will cause points to be deducted. No props or audience participation may be used. A lectern can be used by the speaker.
- C. LENGTH OF SPEECH: The speech should be no less than 5 minutes in length nor more than 7 minutes. Points will be deducted from the score if the speaker is under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes. The speaker will need to monitor their own time but a one minute warning will be given by the timer.
- D. SPEECH CONTENT: The speech given by each contestant must be original in content and relate applying the Four-Way Test as much as possible to the lives of the age group of the contestant.

III. SCHEDULING:

Contestants will be anonymous during the contest and will be assigned a number determined by a random drawing before the contest. Knowing that contestants have busy schedules and that distances to travel will vary, two registration times will be available. You will be notified if you have the 8:30 AM registration or the 9:30 AM registration.

IV. PRIZES:

District prizes will be:

First Place \$500, Second Place \$400 and Third Place \$300.