



The 4-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a guide used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. It has been translated into more than 100 languages. Rotary clubs recite it at their meetings, and can be applied to almost every aspect of life.

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Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end. Learn more about Rotary International at www.rotary.org, and what your local Rotary clubs in the district are doing in their communities at www.rotary7730.org.

ROTARY DISTRICT 7730

essay contest

Submissions Due:

15 March 2024

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Writing Prompt:

The 4-Way Test -

What it means to me.

Students will submit essays to the sponsor club for the first round of competition. Essays are due to the club by March 15th.

Sponsoring clubs will select their winning essay and submit it to the District by March 31, 2024. The Rotary District representatives will select the winning essays.

The District will award the following:

1st place winner receives \$500.
Student's teacher will receive \$500.

2nd place receives \$300

3rd place receives \$200.

All three winners will be recognized by Rotary District 7730 at a special event.

Clubs are strongly encouraged to recognize their club winners, parents and teacher(s) and award certificates/prizes at the discretion of the Club.

Essay Contest Rules:

Eligibility: 7th & 8th Grade Students.

Format: The essay should be typed, double spaced, in 12-point font (Arial or Times New Roman are preferred), with 1" margins. Do not insert identifying information such as a name or school on any sheet except the cover sheet. Do not insert graphics.

Submission: Submit to the sponsoring Rotary Club
Length: The essay must not exceed 750 words in length.

Cover Sheet: A cover sheet must be attached to each essay. The form is available on our website under the 4-Way Test Essay Contest tab.

www.Rotary7730.org/4WayTest.php

Original Work: The essay must be the original work of the student submitting the essay for competition. They **MUST** adhere to ALL guidelines or the essay will not be accepted for review. Artificial Intelligence (AI), team writing, parental participation, and the use of works written by other sources, even if foot-noted, is not authorized. Participating students will sign a pledge on the Cover Sheet stating that the essay is their original work.



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“THE 4-WAY TEST - WHAT IT MEANS TO ME”

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROTARY CLUB

1. Agree to sponsor the contest.
2. Identify and contact the Team Lead or 7th and 8th grade Social Studies Department for both public and private schools in your area. If there is a resource or point of contact for home-schooled students, consider reaching out to these students as well.
3. Appoint a club committee (3 people recommended) to evaluate all submitted essays. The students submit the essays to their club contact or through their teacher who will submit the essay to the club contact. Club provide contact email and phone number.
4. Select the Club winner(s) and submit your top winner's essay and cover sheet to the district committee by April 1, 2024 via DACdb or [click here](#).
5. Clubs should recognize their Club winners, parents and teacher(s) and award certificates/prizes at the discretion of the Club.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT

1. The district 4-Way Test Essay Test Committee will evaluate the winning essays submitted by the Clubs and select the district winners.
2. Display the winning essays on the district website and invite them to the District Conference on April 19th at Hotel Ballast
3. Provide cash awards for the district winners.

TIMELINE AND SUGGESTED ACTIONS

Below is a suggested calendar to conduct your contest. The dates in bold are deadlines/due dates. The remainder are suggested timelines/deadlines, but your club can exercise discretion in how it conducts its contest and chooses its winner(s) that is submitted to the district.

January 2024 - Organize your Club's contest. Create a committee, set deadlines, and introduce the Essay Contest to the schools (public, private and home-schools). Find a point of contact at the school who will work with you to introduce the contest to the 7th and 8th graders.

February 2024 - students write their essays, complete cover sheet, and submit to sponsoring club.

March 15, 2024 - Essays with cover sheet are submitted to your club either through the teacher or directly by the student.

Pick a date before **March 31, 2024** for the committee to judge the essays and honor your Club's winning essay writer(s), including his or her parents/guardians and teacher. Be sure to space the deadline for essay submissions to your Club and the Club meeting to give yourself, and your judging panel, sufficient time to evaluate the essays and notify the winner(s).

April 1, 2024 - Last date for essays to be submitted to District Office.

April 12, 2024 - District 4-Way Test Essay Contest Committee announces District winners.

April 19, 2024 - Winning essay is read at the District Conference