

### **Four-Way Test Speech Zoom Edition! Contest Rules**

**Grades:** All contestants must be in the 9th-12th grades at the time of the club contest competition. The contest is open to public school, private school, and home-schooled students residing within the District 6760 area encompassing Middle and West Tennessee.

**Speech Topic:** Each contestant shall choose the topic of his or her speech. The purpose of the speech should be to address an ethical problem using the principles of the Rotary Four-Way Test. The problem to be addressed should be something from the speaker's personal experience or general knowledge. There are no restrictions regarding the choice of topic as long as it is not blatantly offensive. If a contestant or coach is in doubt about the appropriateness of a topic, he or she should check with the Club Contest Chair or Club President. The decision of the Contest Chair or Club President shall be final.

In the speech, the topic must be specifically related or connected to the Rotary Four-Way Test. This must be addressed during the body of the speech and not reserved for concluding statements only. Each one of the four parts of the Four-Way Test should be addressed during the speech. They should be specifically stated, as the purpose of the speech is to use the Four-Way Test to guide one's decision making about an issue. Examples of previous speeches can be found at [www.youtube.com/user/rotaryspeechcontest](http://www.youtube.com/user/rotaryspeechcontest).

These are to be speeches and not dramatic presentations. Content should be relevant and in good taste.

All speeches must be the original work of the speaker.

**Speech Length:** Speeches must be at least 4 minutes and no more than 6 minutes in length. Two penalty points will be deducted from the contestant's score for each 15 second violation of time constraints either under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes.

**Props:** No props are to be used. Audience participation will be considered a prop. Two points per infraction will be deducted for use of props.

**Notes:** Contestants may use note cards as an aid at the club level competition and in the District Finals. The use of note cards is to be done judiciously. A judge will deduct five points if he or she determines the use of note cards to be excessive.

Former District Winners are not eligible to compete.

**2021 FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST  
ZOOM EDITION!**

**Speaker's Registration**

Contestant's name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact Person's name, phone number, and email:

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By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above release and agree to be bound thereby. I hereby release any and all claims against any person or organization utilizing this material for educational or Rotary promotional purposes.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If this Release is obtained from a presenter under the age of 19, then the signature of that speaker's parent or legal guardian is also required.**

Parent's or Legal Guardian's name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Legal Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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