



**ROTARY DISTRICT 6760**  
**FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST**  
**ROTARY YEAR 2025**

To: Club Presidents  
CC: Current Club Speech Contest Leaders RYLA Club Leaders  
Interact Club Leaders RYE Club Leaders

From: Daniel Burgess, District Chairman

Subject: Four Way Test Speech Contest for 2025

It is time to start the process of selecting your contestant to represent your club in the District Four-Way Test Speech Contest. The District Semi-Finals will be **Saturday, May 10th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM**. The **Finals** will be in person on **Saturday, June 7th, 2025, at the District Conference, to be held at the Lodge at Paris Landing (State Park), 400 Lodge Road, Buchanan, TN 38222**. The District Winner will receive a **\$2,500.00 award**. The main goal of this contest is to develop future leaders promoting ethical behavior.

The method of selecting the club's winner is left up to the discretion of each individual club. Complete contest rules are found on page 2 of this document. Additional support material is provided for club coordinators in a separate addendum on the district website: Select "Four-Way Test Speech Contest" under the "Resources" section of the District 6760 website at [www.rotary6760.org](http://www.rotary6760.org).

In all instances, your club should furnish prize money for the local winners. Recommended minimum amounts are: **1st \$200.00; 2nd \$100.00; 3rd \$75.00**. Larger clubs have offered 1st place prize amounts in the **\$400.00 - \$500.00** range.

Each club should have a local winner selected by **Friday, May 2nd, 2025**. Your club winner should be reported to me on the attached speaker registration form, **page 5**. **The top three (3) selected in the Semi-Finals will receive \$100.00 each** and will compete at the **District Conference**. At the District Conference, the Winner will be awarded **\$2,500.00**, 1st Runner-up **\$1,500.00**, and 2nd Runner-Up **\$1,000.00**.

I encourage participants to view examples of previous speech winners, which can be found at [www.youtube.com/user/rotaryspeechcontest](http://www.youtube.com/user/rotaryspeechcontest).

**The Rotary or Interact Sponsor should send the "winner's registration form" (page 4) to:**

Daniel Burgess, 624 Brentwood Pointe, Brentwood, TN 37027 or email to [Daniel.Burgess@multiyline.com](mailto:Daniel.Burgess@multiyline.com). Questions? Call 217-719-9658

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Rotary District 6760  
Four Way Test Speech Contest  
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## Rotary District 6760 Four Way Test Speech Contest 2025 Contest Rules

Grade: All contestants must be in the 9-12th grade at time of club contest competition.

Speech Topic: Each contestant shall choose the topic of his/her speech. The purpose of the speech is to address an ethical problem using the principles of the 4-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 will be final.

In the speech, the topic must be specifically related (connected) to the Rotary 4-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 intent 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, Semi-finals and Finals. The use of note cards is to be done judiciously. **Use of note cards may result in point deductions if a judge determines it to be excessive. Five points for excessive use of note cards will be deducted.**

Former District Winners are not eligible to compete.

The Four-Way Test:

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?

**Judge's Scoring Sheet**

<b>Items to be Judged</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b><u>CONTENT</u></b>							
Practical application of the 4-Way Test 5 points for each point covered—all four points should be covered	<b>20</b>						
Uses examples from peer group experience	<b>8</b>						
Human interest appeal and color	<b>8</b>						
Clarity and expressiveness of language and vocabulary	<b>8</b>						
<b>SUBTOTAL OF POINTS FOR CONTENT</b>	<b>44</b>						
<b><u>ORGANIZATION</u></b>							
Introduction: captures audience attention and establishes major theme of the speech	<b>8</b>						
Development: ideas presented, supported and explained in clear logical order with smooth transitions	<b>8</b>						
Conclusion: emphasizes major theme in the speech, leaving the audience with a clear, concise message or point of application	<b>8</b>						
<b>SUBTOTAL OF POINTS FOR ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>24</b>						
<b><u>DELIVERY</u></b>							
Clear enunciation of words; limited use of unnecessary expressions i.e. "uh, you know, OK"	<b>8</b>						
Good vocal projection, voice expressiveness, tone and pace	<b>8</b>						
Good eye contact and rapport with the audience	<b>8</b>						
Relaxed yet commanding use of posture and gestures	<b>8</b>						
<b>SUBTOTAL OF POINTS FOR DELIVERY</b>	<b>32</b>						
<b>MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>						
(Less) Penalty points (if any) reported by the timekeeper.							
(Less) Penalty points (if any) for use of props. (-2 points per infraction) or excessive use of note cards (-5 points).							
<b>NET POINTS</b>							

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ROTARY YEAR 2025

Speaker Registration

Contestant's Name:  
(Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest(s) Attending the Competition:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Sponsoring Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Contact Person's Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Educational videos

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

Mail or email by Friday, May 2nd, 2025 to:

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