

# GUIDELINES FOR CONTESTANTS

Rotary District 6780  
Four-Way Test Speech Scholarship Competition  
2011

## 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?

### RULES OF COMPETITION:

- A. The Scholarship Competition is open to students in grades 9-12 and sponsored by an active Rotary club in District 6780.
- B.. 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. **NOTE:** In the event the contestant has participated in a previous Speech Scholarship Competition, that contestant shall not present a previously used speech and must develop and present a new and contemporary speech. Use of a previously presented speech shall result in **DISQUALIFICATION**.
- C. Delivery: The speech is to be presented from memory **without** the aid of podium, notes, displays or props.
- D. Length: No less than four minutes, no more than six minutes. Any speech that falls outside either of these limits will be disqualified.
- E. 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 will receive a copy of "Guidelines for Contestants" from the sponsoring club and prepare a four to six minute speech based on the guidelines.
- B. Contestants will draw for positions for the order of their speeches in the club contest.
- C. Local club competition may be held in one round. Subsequent rounds can be held at the club's option. Presentation before a live audience will be helpful to the contestant selected for District competition.
- D. District competition will be held March 26, 2011 and winners will be presented

Scholarships at the District Conference.

- E. The District contest is conducted using the format of forensic speech competitions. Each student will give his/her speech before a panel of judges. Contestants will be judged on content and delivery.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AND DISTRIBUTION:**

- A. District scholarships will be awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> \$2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1500, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1000.
- B. Scholarship monies will be distributed in accordance with District 6780 procedures. Once the student has been enrolled in their college or university, that institution shall forward a statement for the scholarship amount to the District Chair-Vocational Services Committee for submission to the District Treasurer. Payments shall be made directly to the institution of higher learning.