

# **GUIDELINES FOR CLUB CHAIRS**

## **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?

#### **DEADLINE:**

It is important for you to begin NOW to recruit student contestants from your public and private high schools. Local High School Counselors, English Teachers Speech teachers, drama teachers, and Interact Advisors should be contacted during the 2010-2011 school year for student participation in the 2010-2011 school years. Please indicate your club's participation to the District Chair by February 28, 2011. (Form is enclosed for this notification.)

#### **LOCATION:**

The District Scholarship Competition will be held March 26, 2011 at a site to be determined. The District Winners will be presented scholarships at the District Conference.

#### **CLUB WINNER:**

The first-place winner from each club will participate in the in the District Competition. If the first place winner cannot participate, the second or third place winner may represent the club.

#### **RULES OF COMPETITION:**

- A. The Scholarship Competition is open to students in grades 9-12 and be 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. In the event the contestant has participated in a previous Speech Scholarship Competition, that contestant shall not present a previously used speech and must development and present a new and contemporary speech. Use of previously presented speeches 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.
- F. Both the sponsoring club and scholarship contestant agree that, by registering the contestant in the District competition, the presentation and any video/audio recordings, and other photographs are the property of Rotary District 6780 and that District 6780 reserves the right to use these materials for non-commercial uses.

## **PROCEDURE:**

- A. Sponsoring clubs will give each contestant will receive a copy of “Guidelines for Contestants” and prepare a four to six minute speech based on the scholarship 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 likely be helpful to the contestant selected for District competition since it is open and utilizes a forensic competition format.
- D. District competition will be held March 26, 2011, at a neutral site; winners will be presented scholarships at the 2011 District Conference.
- E. The District contest is conducted using the format of forensic speech competitions. Each student will give his/her speech to a panel of judges. Contestants will be judged on content and delivery.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AND DISTRIBUTION:**

- A. Three 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.