



ROTARY YEAR 10 FOUR-WAY TEST PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Information for Schools and Participating Students 2017

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Rotary promotes honest and fair dealings in business and personal activities. To this end it developed a set of guidelines which it asks its members to observe.

The Four-Way Test requires us to consider of the things we Think, Say or Do:

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?

AIMS OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

1. To promote to young people the ideals and ethical values of Rotary by drawing attention to the wide applications and implications of Rotary's Four-Way Test.
2. To encourage and foster proficiency in the art of public speaking.
3. To develop confidence and self esteem in the young participants.
4. To provide opportunities for students to test their skills before an audience.
5. To develop relationships between Rotary and schools.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students are in Year 10 in 2017.

A commitment is required of finalists that they will be available for and will attend the District finals.

Schools and applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary Club.

A school may propose more than one applicant to the Rotary Club. A school that has more than three interested students will have to hold an internal contest to decide the representatives.

An application form must be completed and signed by the applicant, a parent and school representative.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB BEFORE CLOSING DATE OF FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2017

TOPIC

Participants may choose their own topic which they feel is current, interesting and important. **The speech must be based on the application of at least two (2) of the elements of the Rotary Four-Way Test. The theme must run clearly through the entire speech and not just be reserved for the concluding statements. Relevance of the speech to the Four-Way Test will be included in the assessment.**

SPEECH LENGTH

The duration of the speech should be four (4) minutes. Penalties will apply if time varies by more than 30 seconds either side of four (4) minutes. Participants will be given a three (3) minute warning.

ADJUDICATION

District heats, semi-finals and grand final will be adjudicated by accredited members of Toastmasters International.

ASSESSMENT

Points will be awarded on the following basis:

Impact on the intellect	50 points
Impact on the emotions	50 points
Discussion of at least two of the ideals of the '4 Way Test'	20 points

Impact on the intellect

Material:	Scope, accuracy, relevance, adequacy of substance especially reference to the Four Way Test.
Arrangement:	Introduction, body, conclusion, construction, clarity
Progression:	Cohesion, timing, logic, effective development of ideas
Language:	Rhythm, originality, appropriate use of humour.

Impact on the Emotions

Visual impact:	Stance, natural movement, eye contact, openness
Vocal Impact:	Quality, clarity, tone, pause, pace, punctuation, personality
Empathy:	Attitude, understanding, audience involvement.
Appeal:	Credible, entertaining, motivating, convincing

Entertainment value will be a focus, conveying the importance of using interesting and amusing substance and manner when communicating with an audience.

Palm cards are permitted but their use should not detract from the overall presentation. No other props are permitted. A stand-alone microphone will be provided where necessary, including the grand final.

PRIZES

A cash prize will be awarded to the Grand Final winner of \$200 and runners-up will receive \$100.

All contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

TIMING

The contest involves the following steps:

1. Candidates will be selected from participating schools. The school and candidates must be sponsored by a Rotary Club. If there are more than three nominations, a selection process should be held by the school.
2. Candidates will participate in heats held by Rotary at Mulgrave Country Club heat dates will start mid-September and Semifinal and Final contests will be held in October and November 2017. Candidates will be advised on which heat they have been allotted and of details prior to the heats. Six to eight participants will be selected for the semi-final, depending upon the number of heats.
3. The Semifinal will be held in October 2017 (date to be confirmed). Three or four finalists will be selected, depending upon the number of heats. A second semi-final may be required depending on numbers.
4. The Grand Final will be held in October/November 2017(date to be confirmed)
5. The winner of the Grand Final will be invited to present their speech at the annual conference of Rotary District 9810 to be held early in 2018 at Bendigo. Rotary will liaise with the winner to facilitate their attendance at the Conference.

Candidates may elect to present the same or different material at the successive heats and finals, however, if the winner presents at the Rotary District Conference in 2018, then the same winning speech is to be given. The same guidelines will apply, as outlined under “**TOPIC**”