



Practice public speaking, critical thinking, and ethical decision-making while inspiring others regarding an issue you care about!

About the contest

- The purpose of the speech contest is to analyze a topic of interest according to the Rotary 4-Way Test and to then present your topic to Rotarians during a speech competition.
- The final speech contest will be held on April 20th, 2024 at the Hyatt on the Chesapeake Bay.
- To enter the contest, you must place in the top 4 of semifinals, which will be held at Glen Burnie High School on April 6th, 2024.
- Rotarians will vote at finals and determine contest winners.
- 1st place will be awarded \$1,500, 2nd place will be awarded \$1,000, 3rd place will be awarded \$750, and 4th place will be awarded \$500.

How to enter the contest

If you are interested in competing, you will be considered a sponsored student, student with a sponsoring Rotary club, or an “at-large student”, student without a sponsoring club.

Go to <https://rotary7620.org/youth-programs/four-way-test-speech-contest/> and fill out the appropriate registration form.

*At-large students will be matched with a Rotary club. *Per request, students will be matched with a Rotary mentor. *Contestant's parents cannot be Rotarians. *At-large students may be vetted through a YouTube video contest prior to semi-finals. Sponsored students may be vetted through their sponsoring club.

How to prepare for the contest

1. Go to: <https://rotary7620.org/youth-programs/four-way-test-speech-contest/> to watch winning students speech presentations, learn how to prepare a speech, and understand scoring criteria.
2. Pick a topic of interest. This will likely be related to a paper you wrote for a school assignment.
3. Connect with your Rotary mentor who will help refine your speech and work on your presentation skills.
4. Practice-Practice-Practice

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