“4-Way Test”
Speech Contest

Student Information

2019 Cash Prizes at District Level
1st Prize: $3,500  2nd Prize: $2,000  3rd Prize: $1,500

*Additional prizes will be awarded at the preliminary club level!

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Coos Bay- North Bend_________________________

Primary Club Contact: Amy Bailey____________________________

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Date of Club Contest: March 26, 2019________________________

Entry Form must be received by: March 20, 2019________________________

Scan or send completed entry form to: Amy Bailey at abaily@themillcasino.com

More Information? Questions? Concerns? Call the Primary Club Contact
1. **THE PURPOSE** of the speech contest is to help youth, Rotarians and the community-at-large to more completely understand, encourage, and foster the principles of ethical behavior, Rotary and the objects of “Service Above Self.”

2. **ELIGIBILITY** is open to all high school age students, grades 9 - 12.

3. **THE CONTEST** is sponsored by your local Rotary club.

4. **ENTRY FORM:** (see attachment) To qualify for the contest, entry forms must be received by the club 4-Way Test Speech Contest chairperson.

5. **RULES OF THE SPEECH**

**SUBJECT:** Apply the 4-Way Test to everyday relationships with people:

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?

**DELIVERY:** The speech should be delivered in an extemporaneous manner. Notes will be permitted, but reading is discouraged. A memorized presentation is more impressive. Prompting from the audience will disqualify speakers.

**LENGTH OF SPEECH:** The speech should be not less than five minutes or more than seven minutes in length. Penalty points will be assessed if the speech length is outside these limits.

**CONTENT OF SPEECH:** The speech given by each contestant must be original in content and must show clearly the practical application of the Rotary Four-Way
Test to the subject of the speech and the lives of the age-group of the contestant when applicable.

Contestants should write a speech with facts, statistics, stories, examples and quotations. Humor and personal touches are appropriate. Examples of winning 4-Way Test speeches can be found on YouTube.

**Winner advances to Rotary District Competition:** Participants must be available for District competition in order to advance in the contest. The winner must commit to attending the District level competition on May 4, 2019 in Coos Bay, Oregon, should he/she win the Club competition. Transportation and a supervising Rotarian will be identified to accompany the winner at contest site.

**JUDGING CRITERIA — Same at all levels of competition**
A total of 100 points is possible for a contestant to be awarded (or deducted) as follows:

**CONTENT 0 - 40 points**
Use of example. Theme/subject adherence. Human interest, appeal, and color. Clarity and expressiveness. Persuasiveness.

**ORGANIZATION 0 - 10 points**

**DELIVERY 0-30 points**

**APPLICATION OF 4-WAY TEST 0-20 points**
* Is it the truth?
* Is it fair to all concerned?
* Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
* Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**POINT TOTAL max = 100**

*TIME PENALTY* 1 point for each 15 seconds (or fraction thereof) that the speech is under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes. (Subtract points)
4-Way Test Speech Contest
Student Entry Form

Student’s Name: ______________________________________________________

High School: ___________________ Grade: __________

Teacher/Coach (if applicable): _________________________________________

Student’s Speech Topic_______________________________________________

Student’s Address:____________________________________________________

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Student’s Telephone: _________________________________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________________________________

**First round: Tuesday, March 26th - 12:00pm at The Mill Casino during the
weekly Rotary luncheon.

If selected as the Club winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the
District Contest on: Saturday, May 4, 2019 in Coos Bay, Oregon.

I agree to abide by the rules of the Rotary International District 5110 Four-Way
Test Speech Contest. I certify that the speech is my original work.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature (print parent Name)

*Return to Amy Bailey at abailey@themillcasino.com by March 20, 2019.
CONTEST RULES in BRIEF

ELIGIBILITY - Contestants may be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in public, private or home school.

LENGTH OF SPEECH - 5 to 7 minutes.

DELIVERY - Speech may be memorized or notes may be used, but reading is discouraged. Memorized is certainly more impressive. Prompting from the audience will disqualify speakers.

TOPIC - Rotary’s current theme and how the 4-Way Test does apply to an important issue in our everyday world. The Rotary 4-Way Test asks the following questions:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Necessary information about the 4-Way Test may be found at www.rotary.org

Contestants should write a speech with facts, statistics, stories, examples and quotations. Add some humor and personal touches. At the District level of competition, contestants should not identify their Rotary Club sponsor. For reference, examples of past winners can be found on YouTube.

Specific questions should be directed to your local 4-Way Test Speech Contest chairperson: Amy Bailey. She can be reached at abailey@themillcasino.com or 541-756-8800, extension 1574.

ROTARY 4-WAY TEST (High ethical standards)

* Is it the truth?
* Is it fair to all concerned?
* Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
* Will it be beneficial to all concerned?