



# The Four-Way Test Essay Contest

**WHERE:** The District 6690 Rotary Four-Way Test Essay Contest will be open from 1 February 2020 to 30 April 2020.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration should accompany the entry. Entries will be submitted via email to [fourwaytest6690@bright.net](mailto:fourwaytest6690@bright.net) and are due by 30 April 2020. Only one entry is allowed per student.

**PARTICIPANTS:** High School students (freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors) who live in Rotary District 6690 (Central & Southeast Ohio) are eligible to participate. Ask if you are unsure of your eligibility. Prior contest winners of the District 6690 essay or speech contest may participate but must have an essay different from a prior winning essay or speech.

**RULES:** The complete rules are in a separate attachment.

**PARTICIPATION at DISTRICT EVENTS:** The First Place winner's essay may be distributed to Rotary Club members and entry signifies permission to do so. All entries become the property of Rotary District 6690. Participation at the Rotary District 6690 Assembly and Conference may be asked if mutually convenient to the winner and Rotary.

**INTERNET:** All essay rules and forms are at <http://rotary6690.org/get-involved/four-way-test-speech-contest/> .

**PRIZES: FIRST PLACE \$100.** The number of prizes and amount may grow with future contests.

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# Rules of the Rotary Four-Way Test Essay Contest

## ***The Four-Way Test***

***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?***

### I. ELIGIBILITY:

Any high school Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior except a student who has won a previous State Four-Way Test Essay Contest. Prior contest winners of the District 6690 essay contest may participate but must have an essay different from a prior winning essay or speech.

### II. RULES OF THE ESSAY:

A. **ESSAY CONTENT:** The essay submitted by each contestant must be original in content and relate applying the Four-Way Test as much as possible to the lives of the age group of the contestant.

#### B. **FORMAT:**

1. The length of essay shall be between 500 and 1000 words. Over or under the word count will disqualify the essay.
2. 12 point font size and double line spacing (must be typed.)
3. One inch margins all around.
4. Pagination.
5. Adherence to MLA format.
6. Plagiarism results in disqualification.

#### C. **SUBMISSION:**

1. Time frame for submission shall be from 1 February to 30 April 2020.
2. Submit via email attachment sent to [fourwaytest6690@bright.net](mailto:fourwaytest6690@bright.net) with the subject "CONTEST ENTRY" and submit in a separate attachment the "ESSAY REGISTRATION." Entries will be anonymous to the judges.
3. Documentation (if any) must adhere to MLA format.
4. Student's name should NOT appear on the pages of the essay.

### III. CRITERIA:

A. Judging will be on both style and content. Judges will look for writing that is clear, articulate and logically organized. Winning essays must demonstrate an outstanding grasp of the Rotary Four-Way Test. Essays will be evaluated for the following: original voice, unique style, fresh point of view, creativity, descriptive language, appropriate word choice, interesting ideas, valuable content and/or research incorporated into the essay, clear organization, spelling/grammar/mechanics/usage/word count and use of strong writing and analytic skills outlined by the Ohio Language Arts Common Core State Standards.

IV. **PRIZES:** Submission of an essay does not guarantee an award. District prize will be **\$100**



**Club Information**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(will confirm receipt of contestant registration via email or phone)

**Contestant Information**

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Publicity**

Local Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return completed form with essay entry by 30 April 2020 by email to  
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